

the same location in Middlesex County, New Jersey.

The applicants also request the abandonment of certain Transco pipeline facilities by transfer to Cross Bay.

The EA has been placed in the public files of the FERC. A limited number of copies of the EA are available for distribution and public inspection at: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, N.E., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 208-1371.

Copies of the EA have been mailed to Federal, state and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, newspapers, and parties to this proceeding.

Any person wishing to comment on the EA may do so. To ensure consideration prior to a Commission decision on the proposal, it is important that we receive your comments before the date specified below. Please carefully follow these instructions to ensure that your comments are received in time and properly recorded:

- Send an original and two copies of your comments to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426;
- Label one copy of the comments for the attention of the Gas Group 1;
- Reference Docket No. CP00-412-000; and
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before August 30, 2001.

Comments, protests and interventions may also be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the "e-Filing" link and the link to the User's Guide. Before you can file comments you will need to create an account which can be created by clicking on "Login to File" and then "New User Account."

Comments will be considered by the Commission but will not serve to make the commentor a party to the proceeding. Any person seeking to become a party to the proceeding must file a motion to intervene pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.214)¹. Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decision.

Affected landowners and parties with environmental concerns may be granted

intervenor status upon showing good cause by stating that they have a clear and direct interest in this proceeding which would not be adequately represented by any other parties. You do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.

Additional information about the proposed project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at (202) 208-1088 or on the FERC Internet website (www.ferc.gov) using the "RIMS" link to information in this docket number. Click on the "RIMS" link, select "Docket #" from the RIMS Menu, and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to RIMS, the RIMS helpline can be reached at (202) 208-2222.

Similarly, the "CIPS" link on the FERC Internet website provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings. From the FERC Internet website, click on the "CIPS" link, select "Docket #" from the CIPS menu, and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to CIPS, the CIPS helpline can be reached at (202) 208-2474.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Settlement Agreement and Soliciting Comments

August 1, 2001.

Take notice the following Settlement Agreement has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

a. *Type of application:* Settlement on New Major License Application

b. *Project No.* 2142-031

Project Name: Indian Pond

Applicant: FPL Energy Maine Hydro, LLC

c. *Date Settlement Agreement filed:* July 26, 2001

d. *Location:* On the Kennebec River, near the town of The Forks, Somerset and Piscataquis counties, Maine. The project would not utilize federal lands.

e. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. §§ 791(a)—825(r).

f. *Applicant Contact:* Robert C. Richter III, Senior Environmental Coordinator; FPL Energy Maine Hydro, LLC; 100 Middle Street; Portland, ME 04101; (207) 771-3536.

g. *FERC Contact:* Kevin Whalen (202) 219-2790.

h. *Deadline dates:* Comments due: 30 days from the issuance date of this notice. Reply comments due: 45 days from the issuance date of this notice.

i. *All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with:* David P. Boergers, Secretary; Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; 888 First Street, NE; Washington, DC 20426. Comments, protests and interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site under the "e-Filing" link.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person whose name appears on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

j. A Settlement Agreement was filed with the Commission on July 26, 2001. The agreement is the final, executed Indian Pond Hydroelectric Project Settlement Agreement for Project No. 2142. The Settlement Agreement is comprehensive resolving issues among the signatory parties related to project operations, minimum flow, fisheries enhancement, wildlife and wetlands, recreation, and land-use, as well as other resolved subjects. Comments and reply comments on the Settlement Agreement are due as indicated in item h. above.

l. Copies of the Settlement Agreement are available for review in the Public Reference Branch, Room 2-A, of the Commission's offices at 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. The Settlement Agreement may also be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "RIMS" link, select "Docket#" and follow the instructions (call 202-208-2222 for assistance). A copy of the Settlement Agreement is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item f. above.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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¹ Interventions may also be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See the previous discussion on filing comments electronically.