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Information concerning the involvement of the FS is available from John Oppenlander at (970) 346-5005. Information concerning the involvement of the FWS is available from Dan Mulhern at (785) 539-3474 (ext. 109).

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2574-032 Maine]

Merimil Limited Partnership; Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment

October 3, 2003.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 FR 47897), the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the application for license for the Lockwood Hydroelectric Project, located on the Kennebec River in Kennebec County, Maine, and prepared a draft environmental assessment (DEA). The DEA contains staff's analysis of the environmental effects of the proposal and concludes that licensing the project, with additional staff recommended measures, would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the human environment.

A copy of the DEA is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room, or it may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number, excluding the last three digits in the docket number field, to access the document. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-

free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

Please file any comments (an original and 8 copies) within 45 days from the date of this letter. The comments should be addressed to Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Please affix the Project No. 2574-032 to all comments. Comments 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 at www.ferc.gov under the "e-filing" link). The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2000-036]

Power Authority of the State of New York ; Notice of Comment Deadline

October 3, 2003.

On September 30, 2003, pursuant to Rule 602 (18 CFR 385.603) the Power Authority of the State of New York (PASNY) filed an offer of settlement on behalf of itself, the Allegheny Electric Cooperative, Inc., Public Power Association of New Jersey, Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission, and the Vermont Department of Public Service, in the relicensing proceeding for PASNY's St. Lawrence Hydroelectric Project No. 2000.

The offer of settlement was not joined in by intervenor Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company.

Comments on the offer of settlement may be filed not later than 10 days after the filing of the offer, and reply comments may be filed not later than 15 days after the filing of the offer.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. PL03-6-000]

Natural Gas Markets Conference; Supplemental Notice of Public Conference and Agenda

October 3, 2003.

1. As announced in the Notice of Conference issued September 23, 2003, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) will convene a public conference on October 14, 2003. To provide sufficient time for the agenda, the meeting time has been changed, and will now start at 9 a.m. in the Commission Meeting Room. This year's conference on natural gas markets will focus on the findings and recommendations contained in the National Petroleum Council's (NPC) report: *Balancing Natural Gas Policy—Fueling the Demands of a Growing Economy*.¹ All interested persons are invited to attend. No registration is required for attendance. All visitors must check-in at the First Street entrance and have picture identification readily available to ensure quick admittance.

2. The conference will consist of two sessions. The first session will feature three panel presentations by the NPC study team. Panel 1 will address gas supply. Panel 2 will address gas demand. Panel 3 will address infrastructure issues. A question and answer period will follow the presentations, with an opportunity for audience participation.

3. The second session will feature an open forum to discuss any issues the Commission should consider in shaping its future regulatory policies concerning the natural gas industry. The open forum will consist of oral presentations by interested parties, limited to five minutes, followed by responsive discussion.

4. To assist in organizing the conference, parties wishing to participate in discussions regarding the NPC presentations or to speak at the open forum are requested to submit an expression of interest by October 10, 2003, via e-mail to Robert Flanders at robert.flanders@ferc.gov. Parties should identify the speaker and indicate

¹ The NPC Report's summary of findings and recommendations was released by the NPC on September 25, 2003, and is available on the NPC Web site at www.npc.org. The entire integrated report is scheduled to be released by the NPC on or about the day of the conference on the NPC Web site. Printed copies of the integrated report will not be distributed at the conference.

whether they wish to participate in the NPC-related presentations or raise other issues at the open forum. Parties may also sign up to speak at the open forum on the day of the conference, subject to time constraints.

5. The purpose of this conference is to discuss generic issues and not contested cases pending before the Commission. If any comments raise specific issues concerning pending contested cases, those comments will be subject to the Commission's Off-the-Record Communications rules located in subpart V of part 385 of the Commission's regulations, including the public notice requirements and sanctions listed in sections 385.2201(h) and (i).

6. The conference will be transcribed. Those interested in acquiring the transcript should contact Ace Reporters at 202-347-3700 or 800-336-6646. Transcripts will be placed in the public record ten days after the Commission receives the transcripts. Additionally, Capitol Connection offers the opportunity for remote listening and viewing of the conference. It is available for a fee, live or over the Internet, via C-Band Satellite. Persons interested in receiving the broadcast, or who need information on making arrangements should contact David Reininger or Julia Morelli at Capitol Connection (703-993-3100) as soon as possible or visit the Capitol Connection Web site at <http://www.capitolconnection.gmu.edu> and click on "FERC."

7. For additional information, please contact Robert Flanders at 202-502-8442 or at robert.flanders@ferc.gov.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-2003-0298; FRL-7325-5]

Plant-Incorporated Protectants; CBI Substantiation and Adverse Effects Reporting; Renewal of Pesticide Information Collection Activities and Request for Comments

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) this notice announces that EPA is seeking public comment on the following Information Collection Request (ICR): Plant-

Incorporated Protectants; CBI Substantiation and Adverse Effects Reporting (EPA ICR No. 1693.03, OMB Control No. 2070-0142). This is a request to renew an existing ICR that is currently approved and due to expire July 31, 2004. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection activity and its expected burden and costs. Before submitting this ICR to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval under the PRA, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the collection.

DATES: Written comments, identified by the docket ID number OPP-2003-0298, must be received on or before December 15, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted electronically, by mail, or through hand delivery/courier. Follow the detailed instructions as provided in Unit III. of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nancy Vogel, Field and External Affairs Division (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (703) 305-6475; fax number: (703) 305-5884; e-mail address: vogel.nancy@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Does this Action Apply to Me?

You may be potentially affected by this action if you are a person or company involved with agricultural biotechnology that may develop and market plant incorporated protectants. Potentially affected entities may include, but are not limited to:

- Pesticide manufacturers (NAICS 325320), e.g., Establishments primarily engaged in the formulation and preparation of agricultural and household pest control chemicals.
- Seed companies (NAICS 111), e.g., Establishments primarily engaged in growing crops, plants, vines, or trees and their seeds.
- Colleges, universities, and professional schools (NAICS 611310), e.g., Establishments of higher learning which are engaged in development and marketing of plant-incorporated protectants.
- Establishments involved in research and development in the life sciences (NAICS 54171), e.g., Establishments primarily engaged in conducting research in the physical, engineering, or life sciences, such as agriculture and biotechnology.

This listing is not intended to be exhaustive, but rather provides a guide for readers regarding entities likely to be

affected by this action. Other types of entities not listed above could also be affected. The North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) codes have been provided to assist you and others in determining whether this action might apply to certain entities. To determine whether you or your business may be affected by this action, you should carefully examine the applicability provisions in the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) section 3 and sections 25(a) and (b) and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA) sections 346a and 371. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.**

II. How Can I Get Copies of this Document and Other Related Information?

A. Docket

EPA has established an official public docket for this action under docket identification (ID) number OPP-2003-0298. The official public docket consists of the documents specifically referenced in this action, any public comments received, and other information related to this action. Although a part of the official docket, the public docket does not include Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. The official public docket is the collection of materials that is available for public viewing at the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA. This docket facility is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The docket telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

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