

i. A copy of the settlement agreement is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "FERRIS" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

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Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Unlicensed Project Review and Soliciting Comments, Protests and Motions To Intervene¹

December 30, 2002.

Take notice that the following review has been initiated by the Commission:

- a. *Review Type:* Unlicensed Project.
- b. *Docket No:* UL02-2-000.
- c. *Owner:* Indian River Power Supply LLC.

d. *Name of Project:* Russell/Westfield Paper Company Dam Project.

e. *Location:* The project is located on the Westfield River, in the town of Russell, Hampden County, Massachusetts. This project does not occupy federal lands or tribal lands.

f. *FERC Contact:* Any questions on this notice should be addressed to Henry Ecton (202) 502-8768, or e-mail address: henry.ecton@ferc.gov.

g. *Deadline for filing comments, protests, and/or motions to intervene:* January 31, 2003.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: Magalie R. Salas, 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. Any questions, please contact the Secretary's Office. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov>.

¹ The purpose of this notice is to gather information to determine whether the existing project meets any or all of the jurisdictional criteria noted in paragraph (h).

Please include the docket number (UL02-2-000) on any comments, protests, or motions to intervene filed.

h. Pursuant to section 23(b)(1) of the Federal Power Act (FPA), 16 U.S.C. 817(1), a non-federal hydroelectric project must (unless it has a still-valid pre-1920 federal permit) be licensed if it (1) Is located on a navigable water of the United States; (2) occupies lands of the United States; (3) utilizes surplus water or water power from a government dam; or (4) is located on a body of water over which Congress has Commerce Clause jurisdiction, project construction occurred on or after August 26, 1935, and the project affects the interests of interstate or foreign commerce.

i. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

j. *Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene—* Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any protests or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

k. *Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—* Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "PROTEST", OR "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Docket Number of the particular review.

l. *Agency Comments—* Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described review. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RM98-1-000]

Regulations Governing Off-the-Record Communications; Public Notice

December 30, 2002.

This constitutes notice, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2201(h), of the receipt of exempt and prohibited off-the-record communications.

Order No. 607 (64 FR 51222, September 22, 1999) requires Commission decisional employees, who make or receive an exempt or a prohibited off-the-record communication relevant to the merits of a contested on-the-record proceeding, to deliver a copy of the communication, if written, or a summary of the substance of any oral communication, to the Secretary.

Prohibited communications will be included in a public, non-decisional file associated with, but not part of, the decisional record of the proceeding. Unless the Commission determines that the prohibited communication and any responses thereto should become part of the decisional record, the prohibited off-the-record communication will not be considered by the Commission in reaching its decision. Parties to a proceeding may seek the opportunity to respond to any facts or contentions made in a prohibited off-the-record communication, and may request that the Commission place the prohibited communication and responses thereto in the decisional record. The Commission will grant such requests only when it determines that fairness so requires. Any person identified below as having made a prohibited off-the-record communication should serve the document on all parties listed on the official service list for the applicable proceeding in accordance with Rule 2010, 18 CFR 385.2010.

Exempt off-the-record communications will be included in the decisional record of the proceeding, unless the communication was with a cooperating agency as described by 40 CFR 1501.6, made under 18 CFR 385.2201(e)(1)(v).

The following is a list of exempt and prohibited off-the-record communications recently received in the Office of the Secretary. These filings are available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "FERRIS" 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.

Exempt Requester

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1. RP00-241-000 11-18-02 John F. Riordan
2. RP00-241-000 12-9-02 James H. Farrell, Jr.
3. CP02-396-000 12-20-02 Inge S. Terrill, M.En.
4. Project No. 2069-007 12-26-02 Steven L. Spangle.
5. Project No. 2086-000 12-26-02 Thomas T. Taylor

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY [OW-FRL-7435-7]

Nutrient Criteria Development; Notice of Ecoregional Nutrient Criteria

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of ecoregional nutrient criteria for lakes and reservoirs, and rivers and streams.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 304(a) of the Clean Water Act (CWA), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announces two actions: (1) The finalization of nine section 304(a) ecoregional nutrient criteria documents for lakes and reservoirs, and rivers and streams within specific geographic regions (ecoregions) of the United States; and (2) a request for significant scientific information on three new section 304(a) ecoregional nutrient criteria documents. These documents serve as recommendations for States, Territories and authorized Tribes¹ to use as they develop nutrient criteria to

protect designated uses and adopt these criteria into water quality standards.

For Which New Documents Is EPA Requesting Significant Scientific Information From the Public?

EPA invites the public to provide scientific views on three new ecoregional nutrient criteria documents: Lakes and reservoirs in ecoregions 1 and 10, and rivers and streams in ecoregion 13. EPA requests significant scientific information pertaining to the derivation of the draft criteria. EPA will accept significant scientific information submitted to the Agency within 90 days of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. Written significant information to: Robert Cantilli, U.S. EPA, Health and Ecological Criteria Division (4304), Office of Science and Technology, Ariel Rios Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington DC 20460. You may also send comments by e-mail to: *cantilli.robert@epa.gov*.

What Are the Criteria Recommendations for These Three Ecoregions?

AGGREGATE ECOREGIONAL (AGG. ER) CRITERIA RECOMMENDATIONS

Parameter	Agg. ER I	Agg. ER X	Agg. ER XIII
TP µg/L	55.00	60.00	15.00
TN mg/L	*0.66	0.57	1.44
Chl a µg/L	4.88	5.47	
Secchi/Turbidity**	2.55	0.77	1.49

*Calculated—a value for TN was not available, so TN was calculated based on measurements of Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen (TKN), and Nitrate + Nitrite (NO_2+NO_3).

**Secchi depth (m) is applicable to the values in Agg. ER's I and X. Turbidity (FTU) is applicable to Agg. ER XIII.

Which Documents Are Final?

The nine documents being finalized today represent nutrient criteria recommendations for lakes and reservoirs in ecoregions 3, 4, 5, and 14 and nutrient criteria recommendations for rivers and streams in ecoregions 1, 4, 5, 8, and 10. EPA announced the availability of these documents in the

Federal Register on February 28, 2002. These documents have undergone external peer review and have been reviewed by the public.

What Are the Nutrient Criteria Recommendations for Those Ecoregions?

The following tables summarize criteria recommendations for lakes and

reservoirs and rivers and streams, respectively. Table 3 of each document also provides values for each of the subcoregion (level III) within each Aggregate ecoregion.

AGGREGATE ECOREGIONAL (AGG. ER) CRITERIA RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LAKES AND RESERVOIRS

Parameter	Agg. ER III	Agg. ER IV	Agg. ER V	Agg. ER XIV
TP µg/L	17.00	20.00	33.00	8.00
TN mg/L	0.40	0.44	0.56	0.32
Chl a µg/L	3.40	2.00 (S)	2.30 (S)	2.90
Secchi (m)	2.70	2.00	1.30	4.50

Chl a—Chlorophyll a measured by Fluorometric method, unless specified. S is for Spectrophotometric.

¹ Hereafter, this **Federal Register** Notice refers to these entities as "States and authorized Tribes."

Throughout this document, reference to States and authorized Tribes is intended to include Territories.