Appendix 9

Recreation

The FERC license recommends that the Applicant (PUF) provide access for public utilization of fish and wildlife resources whenever possible. (see Appendix 1-1)

In conjunction with the City of Concord, the Penacook Upper Falls Hydroelectric Project helped to develop a recreational facility known as the Penacook Downtown River Park (see Appendix 9-1). The park borders and overlooks the project’s impoundment area and has two focal points; the first, a stone structure on site which is used as a theater and stage, and the second, the Contoocook River itself, the major emphasis of the park being the benches and grassy areas which allow visitors to enjoy the visual and audio aspects of the river. The Penacook Downtown River Park was developed using grants provided by the Penacook Upper Falls Hydroelectric Project and numerous other donors and is maintained by the City of Concord (see Appendix 9-2). The park is open twelve months a year and is provided free of charge to visitors.

In 2008 the Project granted to the City of Concord certain easement rights on the eastern riverbank that will permit the City of Concord to develop a river walk immediately downstream of the Main Street Bridge. This river walk will provide direct access to the eastern riverbank immediately upstream of the powerhouse fore bay.