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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

FPL Energy Maine Hydro, LLC

Project Nos. 2325-046, 2329-053, 2519-037, 2529-049, 2527-032, 2552-057, 2556-042, and 2671-041

ORDER AMENDING LICENSES

(Issued June 14, 2002)

On September 28, 2001, FPL Energy (licensee) filed a request to establish the filing date of annual cultural resources reports for nine projects per a 1993 Programmatic Agreement (PA). The projects are located on the Kennebec, Presumpscot, Saco, and Sebasticook Rivers and the Messalonskee Stream, a tributary of the Kennebec River.¹

In 1993, a PA was signed between the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (Council), and the Maine Historic Preservation Commission, Preservation Officer for Managing Historic Properties (SHPO). This agreement is contained in the license articles of: P-2325, Article 411; P-2329, Article 414; P-2519, Article 406; P-2529, Article 416; P-2527, Article 415; P-2552, Article 415; P-2556, Article 414; and P-2671, Article 414.

Licensee requests to establish February 15 as the due date for the annual cultural resources filings. Such a date will allow both the licensee and the SHPO to review the study results of the multiple projects covered by the PA, plan for the next year, and provide a single report to the Commission.

The SHPO, in a telephone conversation with FERC staff, indicated that it did not object to making February 15 the filing date for the annual reports. As the later date would provide the needed time for a thorough review of the projects and has the concurrence of the SHPO, the licensee request should be approved.

¹The projects include: Weston (P-2325); Wyman (P-2329); North Gorham (P-2519); Bonny Eagle (P-2529); Skelton (P-2527); Fort Halifax (P-2552); Messalonskee (P-2556); and Moosehead (P-2671). The submittal date for the ninth project, Gulf Island-Deer Rips, FERC No. 2283, will need to be determined after the PA is incorporated into its new license.

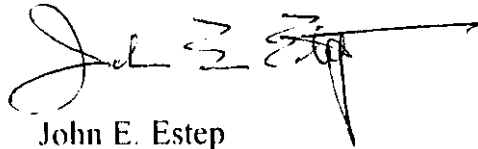
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The Director Orders:

(A) The filing date for the annual cultural resource reports for the above listed projects is established as February 15 of each year.

(B) This order is issued under authority delegated to the Director and constitutes final agency action. Requests for rehearing by the Commission may be filed within 30 days from the date of issuance of this order, pursuant to 18 C.F.R. 385.713.

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John E. Estep
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