

l. Deadline for filing additional study requests and requests for cooperating agency status: March 16, 2009.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Additional study requests may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) under the "eFiling" link. After logging into the eFiling system, select "Comment on Filing" from the Filing Type Selection screen and continue with the filing process.

m. This application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

n. **Project Description:** The existing dam and integral powerhouse are owned by the City of Nashua (City) and were constructed in 1917 and used for power generation until 1965. The City is proposing to rehabilitate the project and install new turbine generators and associated equipment. The proposed project would consist of: (1) An existing 15.5-foot-high concrete dam with a 258-foot-long spillway equipped with four 6-foot-high taintor gates, a 6-foot-high control gate, and three 4-foot-high flashboards; (2) an existing 405-acre reservoir with a normal full pond elevation of 960.1 feet above mean sea level; (3) an existing 50-foot-wide concrete intake structure connected to; (4) an existing powerhouse to contain four new turbine generating units with a total installed capacity of 800 kilowatts; (5) a new 75-foot-long, 13.8-kilovolts overhead transmission line; and (6) appurtenant facilities. The proposed project would generate an estimated average annual generation of 3,285 megawatt hours.

The project would operate in a run-of-river mode.

o. A copy of the application is on file with the Commission and is available for public inspection. This filing may also be viewed on the Web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number, excluding the last three digits in the docket number filed to access the documents. 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. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

p. You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via

email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

q. **Procedural schedule and final amendments:** The application will be processed according to the following Hydro Licensing Schedule. Revisions to the schedule will be made as appropriate. The Commission staff proposes to issue one environmental assessment rather than issue a draft and final EA. Comments, terms and conditions, recommendations, prescriptions, and reply comments, if any, will be addressed in an EA. Staff intends to give at least 30 days for entities to comment on the EA, and will take into consideration all comments received on the EA before final action is taken on the license application.

Issue Acceptance or Deficiency Letter.	April 2009.
Issue Scoping Document	May 2009.
Notice of application is ready for environmental analysis.	August 2009.
Notice of the availability of the EA.	March 2010.

Final amendments: Final amendments to the application must be filed with the Commission no later than 30 days from the issuance date of the notice of ready for environmental analysis.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project Nos. P-2403-056; P-2721-020; P-2312-019]

Penobscot River Restoration Trust; Notice of Application for Surrender of Licenses Accepted for Filing, Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene and Protests, Ready for Environmental Analysis

January 26, 2009.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

a. **Type of Application:** Surrender of Licenses.

b. **Project Nos.:** P-2403-056, P-2721-020, P-2312-019.

c. **Date filed:** November 7, 2008.

d. **Applicant:** Penobscot River Restoration Trust (Trust). PPL Maine, LLC is the licensee for the Veazie (P-

2403) and Howland (P-2721) Projects and PPL Great Works, LLC is the licensee for the Great Works Project (P-2312). Pursuant to the transfer orders issued January 6, 2009, the Trust is to become the licensee once the instruments of conveyance are signed. Pursuant to the Lower Penobscot River Basin Comprehensive Settlement Accord filed on June 25, 2004, the transfer of ownership to the Trust is contingent upon the issuance of the license surrender order.

e. **Name of Projects:** Veazie, Howland and Great Works Hydroelectric Projects.

f. **Location:** The Veazie and Great Works Projects are located on the Penobscot River in Penobscot County, Maine. The Howland Project is located on the Piscataquis River in Penobscot County, Maine.

g. **Filed Pursuant to:** Federal Power Act 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).

h. **Applicant Contact:** Ms. Laura Rose Day, Penobscot River Restoration Trust, P.O. Box 5695, Augusta, Maine 04332, Telephone (207) 430-0114, e-mail laura@penobscotriver.org.

i. **FERC Contact:** Ms. Brandi Sangunett, Telephone (202) 502-8393, and e-mail brandi.sangunett@ferc.gov.

j. **Deadline for filing motions to intervene and protests, comments, recommendations is 30 days from the issuance of this notice.** All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

k. **Description of Request:** The applicant proposes to surrender the licenses for the Veazie, Great Works and Howland Hydroelectric Projects. In addition, the applicant proposes to decommission and remove the dams at the Veazie and Great Works Projects. Further, the applicant proposes to decommission the powerhouse, generating units, and existing fish ladder at the Howland Project. The applicant proposes to keep the Howland dam in place but remove the flashboards to lower the reservoir by 0.8 feet and create a nature-like fish bypass reach around the south end of the dam. This application is part of a four phase program to restore native sea-run fish through improved access to 1,000 miles of their historic habitat in the Penobscot River watershed while also accommodating the continued generation of hydroelectric power at specified locations.

l. **Locations of the Application:** A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE., Room

2A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 502-8371. This filing may also 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. You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/subscription.asp> to be notified via e-mail of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, call 1-866-208-3676 or e-mail FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, for TTY, call (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item (h) above.

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

n. *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 or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

o. *Filing and Service of Responsive Documents:* All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "PROTEST", or "MOTION TO INTERVENE"; (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, motions to intervene or protests must set forth their evidentiary basis and otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.34(b). All comments, motions to intervene or protests should relate to project works which are the subject of the license surrender. Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. A copy of any protest or motion to intervene must be served upon each representative of the applicant specified in the particular application. 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. A copy of all other filings in reference to this application must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed in the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b) and 385.2010.

p. *As provided for in 18 CFR 4.34(b)(5)(i), a license applicant must file, no later than 60 days following the date of issuance of this notice of acceptance and ready for environmental analysis:* (1) A copy of the water quality certification; (2) a copy of the request for certification, including proof of the date on which the certifying agency received the request; or (3) evidence of waiver of water quality certification.

q. *e-Filing:* Comments, motions to intervene or protests 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 <http://www.ferc.gov> under the "e-Filing" link.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP08-454-000]

Liberty Gas Storage, LLC; Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Liberty Gas Storage Expansion Project

January 26, 2009.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared this environmental assessment (EA) for the natural gas pipeline facilities proposed by the Liberty Gas Storage, LLC (Liberty) in the above-referenced docket.

The EA was prepared to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. The FERC staff concludes that approval of the proposed project, with appropriate mitigating measures, would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The EA assesses the potential environmental impacts resulting from construction and operation of Liberty's proposed Liberty Gas Storage Expansion Project. This project would involve the conversion of three salt dome caverns

for natural gas storage, the creation of a new salt dome cavern for natural gas storage, the construction of one, approximately 18,940 horsepower compressor station, a 5.1-mile-long, 36-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline, a 4.0-mile-long, 16-inch-diameter brine disposal pipeline, and associated facilities in Cameron and Calcasieu Parishes, Louisiana.

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 Room, 888 First Street, NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 502-8371.

Copies of the EA have been mailed to interested federal and state agencies, individuals who requested to remain on the FERC staff's environmental mailing list 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 note that the Commission strongly encourages electronic filing of any comments or interventions or protests to this proceeding. See Title 18 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Internet Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the link to "Documents and Filings" and "eFiling." eFiling is a file attachment process and requires that you prepare your submission in the same manner as you would if filing on paper, and save it as a file on your computer's hard drive. New eFiling users must first create an account by clicking on "Sign up" or "eRegister." You will be asked to select the type of filing you are making. This filing is considered a "Comment on Filing." In addition, there is a "Quick Comment" option available, which is an easy method for interested persons to submit text-only comments on a project. The Quick Comment User Guide can be viewed at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling/quick-comment-guide.pdf>. Quick Comment does not require a FERC eRegistration account; however, you will be asked to provide a valid e-mail address. All comments submitted under either eFiling or the Quick Comment option are placed in the public record for the specified docket.

If you are filing written comments, 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: Kimberly D. Bose,