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Scoping comments may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. 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.

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

l. *Project Description:* The existing Forest City Project comprised an earth embankment dam containing a gated timber spillway and two impoundments (East Grand and North lakes). There are no generating facilities located at the project. Approximately one-quarter of the 544-foot-long dam (*i.e.*, approximately 147 feet) is within the United States; the remaining section of the dam is located in Canada. The United States (western) section of the dam is an earth embankment measuring approximately 110-foot-long with a maximum height of 12 feet. The center section of the dam (*i.e.*, that portion located in the river channel) contains a 55-foot-wide gated timber crib spillway structure with three wooden gates (gates 1 and 2 are located within the United States). The spillway is approximately 33-foot-wide with an elevation of 426.61 feet msl. A 5-foot-wide vertical slot design fishway is located in Canada. The eastern (Canadian) embankment is an earth structure approximately 397-foot-long, 30-foot-wide with a crest elevation of 437.27 feet msl. No new construction is planned.

m. *Locations of the Application:* A copy of the application 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 "eLibrary" 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](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll-free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction by contacting the applicant using the contact information in item (h) above.

You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/esubscribenow.htm> to be notified via e-mail of new filings and issuances related to this or other

pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

n. *Scoping Process:* The Commission intends to prepare a single environmental assessment (EA) for the project which will include the West Branch Project (FERC No. P-2618-020) (no draft EA would be prepared) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act. The EA will consider both site-specific and cumulative environmental impacts and reasonable alternatives to the proposed action.

#### Scoping Meetings

Commission staff will hold two scoping meetings in the vicinity of the project at the time and place noted below. The daytime meeting will focus on resource agency, Indian tribes, and non-governmental organization concerns, while the evening meeting is primarily for receiving input from the public. We invite all interested individuals, organizations, and agencies to attend one or both of these meetings and to assist staff in determining the scope of the environmental issues to be addressed in the environmental assessment. The times and locations of these meetings are as follows:

##### Daytime Scoping Meeting

*Date:* August 13, 2009.

*Time:* 10 a.m. (EST).

*Place:* Conference Room, Domtar Maine Administration Building.

*Address:* Domtar Maine Corporation, 144 Main Street, Baileyville, Maine 04694.

##### Evening Scoping Meeting

*Date:* August 13, 2009.

*Time:* 6 p.m. (EST).

*Place:* Conference Room, Domtar Maine Administration Building.

*Address:* Domtar Maine Corporation, 144 Main Street, Baileyville, Maine 04694.

The scoping document, which outlines the subject areas to be addressed in the environmental assessment, was mailed to the individuals and entities on the Commission's mailing list. Copies of the scoping document will be available at the scoping meetings or may be viewed on the Web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link (see item m above). Based on all oral and written comments, a revised scoping document may be issued.

#### Site Visit

We will hold a site visit to the project on Wednesday, August 12, 2009, beginning at 9 a.m. (EST). To attend the site visit, meet at Domtar Maine

Corporation's Administration Building located at 144 Main Street, Baileyville, Maine 04694. All participants are responsible for their own transportation and lunch. Anyone with questions about the site visit (or for directions) should contact Scott Beal at (207) 427-4004. Those individuals planning to participate in the site visit should notify Mr. Beal of their intent, no later than August 6, 2009.

Note that Commission staff may hold a site visit and/or meeting at the project at a later date to discuss any project-related effects to archaeological, historic, or traditional cultural properties.

#### Meeting Objectives

At the scoping meetings, staff will: (1) Summarize the environmental issues tentatively identified for analysis in the EA; (2) solicit from meeting participants all available information, especially quantifiable data, on the resources issues; (3) encourage statements from experts and the public on issues that should be analyzed in the EA, including viewpoints in opposition to, or in support of, the staff's preliminary views; (4) determine the resource issues to be addressed in the EA; and (5) identify those issues that require a detailed analysis, as well as those issues that do not require a detailed analysis.

#### Meeting Procedures

Scoping meetings will be recorded by a stenographer and will become part of the Commission's formal record for this proceeding.

Individuals, organizations, and agencies with environmental expertise and concerns are encouraged to attend the meetings and to assist staff in defining and clarifying the issues to be addressed in the EA.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No.: 2618-020]

#### Domtar Maine Corporation; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment and Notice of Scoping Meetings and Site Visit and Soliciting Scoping Comments

July 10, 2009.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed

with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

a. *Type of Application:* New License.

b. *Project No.:* 2618–020.

c. *Date Filed:* March 19, 2009.

d. *Applicant:* Domtar Maine Corporation.

e. *Name of Project:* West Branch Project.

f. *Location:* On Grand Lake Stream, a tributary of the St. Croix River in Penobscot, Washington and Hancock Counties, Maine.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Scott Beal, Domtar Maine Corporation, 144 Main Street, Baileyville, Maine 04694, (207) 427–4004.

i. *FERC Contact:* John Costello, (202) 502–6119 or [john.costello@ferc.gov](mailto:john.costello@ferc.gov).

j. *Deadline for filing scoping comments:* September 11, 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.

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

l. *Project Description:* The existing West Branch Project includes two developments (Sysladobsis and West Grand) comprising two dams and a dike. The 23,500 acre impounded waters are comprised of West Grand, Junior, Pocumcus, Pug, Bottle, Norway, and Scraggly lakes.

The Sysladobsis development includes the 250-foot-long by 9-foot-high Sysladobsis Dam (the furthest upstream), an earth embankment structure with a timber gate and fish facility. The dam impounds the 5,400-acre Sysladobsis Lake and discharges directly into the West Grand development.

The West Branch development includes the approximately 487-foot-

long West Grand Dam comprises a 105.9-foot-long gate structure with five gates. A vertical slot design upstream fish passage facility is located adjacent to the dam's waste gate No.1

The West Grand development includes approximately 535-foot-long by 15-foot-high Farm Cove Dike is located approximately 3.5 miles west of the main outlet dam to West Grand Lake. The dike comprises a 10-foot-wide by 30-foot-long fishway. The dike has no gates or other flow controls; the only flow passing capability is through the fishway. No new construction is planned.

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**Kimberly D. Bose,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP09-420-000]

#### **Gulf South Pipeline Company, LP; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Haynesville/Perryville Expansion Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues**

July 10, 2009.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of the Haynesville/Perryville Expansion Project involving the construction and operation of facilities by Gulf South Pipeline Company, LP ("Gulf South") in Bienville and Madison Parishes, Louisiana. The Haynesville/Perryville Expansion Project involves the construction of additional compression facilities at two existing compressor stations. This EA will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity.

This notice announces the opening of the scoping process we will use to gather input from the public and interested agencies on the project. Your input will help determine which issues need to be evaluated in the EA. Please note that the scoping period will close on August 10, 2009.

This notice is being sent to the Commission's current environmental mailing list for this project, which includes affected landowners; federal, state, and local government representatives and agencies; elected officials; environmental and public

interest groups; Native American tribes; parties to this proceeding; and local libraries and newspapers. State and local government representatives are asked to notify their constituents of this proposed project and to encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

A fact sheet prepared by the FERC entitled "An Interstate Natural Gas Facility On My Land? What Do I Need To Know?" was attached to the project notice Gulf South provided to landowners. This fact sheet addresses a number of typically asked questions, including how to participate in the Commission's proceedings. It is available for viewing on the FERC Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>).

### Summary of the Proposed Project

Gulf South proposes to construct on land owned by Gulf South two new turbine compressor units totaling 31,913 horsepower (HP) at their existing Hall Summit Compressor Station located in Bienville Parish, Louisiana, and one new turbine compressor unit rated at 17,558 HP at their existing Tallulah Compressor Station in Madison Parish, Louisiana. Associated yard and station piping would be constructed at each station. In addition, three existing compressors at the Tallulah Compressor Station would be re-wheeled, and several valves within the existing Tallulah Compressor Station yard and station piping would be replaced with similar valves capable of accepting higher discharge temperatures.

Maps showing the location of the proposed project are included as Appendix 1.<sup>1</sup>

### Land Requirements for Construction

Construction would temporarily impact a total of approximately 42 acres for both compressor station sites combined. The new facilities would add a total of approximately 7 acres of permanent impacts to the existing station footprints. All temporary and permanent impacts would occur on land owned by Gulf South.

### The EA Process

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires the Commission to take into account the environmental

<sup>1</sup> The appendix referenced in this notice is not being printed in the **Federal Register**. Copies of the appendix are available on the Commission's Web site at the "eLibrary" link or from the Commission's Public Reference Room, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 502-8371. For instructions on connecting to eLibrary, refer to the "Additional Information" section of this notice. Copies of the appendix were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail. Requests for detailed maps of the proposed facilities should be made directly to Gulf South.

impacts that could result from an action whenever it considers the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. NEPA also requires us to discover and address concerns the public may have about proposals. This process is referred to as "scoping." The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis in the EA on the important environmental issues. By this notice, the Commission staff requests public comments on the scope of the issues to address in the EA. All comments received will be considered during the preparation of the EA.

In the EA, we<sup>2</sup> will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the construction and operation of the proposed project under these general headings:

- Geology and soils;
- Land use;
- Water resources, fisheries and wetlands;
- Cultural resources;
- Vegetation and wildlife;
- Air quality and noise;
- Threatened and endangered species; and
- Public safety.

We will also evaluate reasonable alternatives to the proposed project or portions of the project, and make recommendations on how to lessen or avoid impacts on various resource areas.

Our independent analysis of the issues will be in the EA. Depending on the comments received during the scoping process, the EA may be published and mailed to those on our environmental mailing list (see discussion on how to remain on our environmental mailing list on page 5). A comment period will be allotted for the review if the EA is published. We will consider all comments on the EA before we make our recommendations to the Commission. To ensure your comments are considered, please carefully follow the instructions in the public participation section below.

With this notice, we are asking agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues to formally cooperate with us in the preparation of the EA. These agencies may choose to participate once they have evaluated the proposal relative to their responsibilities. Agencies that would like to request cooperating agency status should follow the instructions for filing comments provided under the Public Participation section of this notice.

<sup>2</sup> "We," "us," and "our" refer to the environmental staff of the FERC's Office of Energy Projects.