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Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2142-031-Maine]

FPL Energy Maine Hydro, LLC; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

March 21, 2003.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 FR 47897), the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the application for a new major license for the Indian Pond Hydroelectric Project (P-2142-031), located on the Kennebec River in Somerset and Piscataquis counties, Maine, and has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) for the project. The EA contains the staff's analysis of the potential environmental impacts of the project and concludes

that licensing the project, with appropriate environmental protective measures, would not constitute a major federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

A copy of the EA is available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room of the Commission's offices at 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. The EA may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "FERRIS" link—select "Docket #" and follow the instructions. For assistance, please contact FERC online support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll-free 866-208-3676 or (202) 502-8659 (for TTY).

Any comments should be filed within 30 days from the date of this notice and should be addressed to Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Please affix "Indian Pond Project No. 2142-031" to all comments.

Comments may also 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 under the "e-Filing" link. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings.

For further information, contact John Costello at (202) 502-6119.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

March 21, 2003.

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

a. *Type of Application:* Preliminary permit.

b. *Project No.:* 12428-000.

c. *Date filed:* December 17, 2002, supplemented February 26, 2003.

d. *Applicant:* Universal Electric Power Corporation.

e. *Name and Location of Project:* The Melvern Dam Hydroelectric Project would be located on the Marais Des Cygnes River in Osage County, Kansas. The project would utilize the U.S. Army

Corps of Engineers' existing Melvern Dam and Reservoir.

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

g. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Raymond Helter, Universal Electric Power Corporation, 1145 Highbrook Street, Akron, OH 44301, (330) 535-7115.

h. *FERC Contact:* James Hunter, (202) 502-6086.

i. *Deadline for filing comments, protests, and motions to intervene:* 60 days from the issuance date of this notice.

The Commission's rules of practice and procedure require all interveners filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person in the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervener 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.

j. *Description of Project:* The proposed project, using the Corps' existing Melvern Dam and Reservoir, would consist of: (1) An 80-foot-long, 114-inch-diameter steel penstock, (2) a powerhouse containing one generating unit with an installed capacity of 2.0 megawatts, (3) a 1,500-foot-long, 14.7-kilovolt transmission line connecting to an existing power line, and (4) appurtenant facilities. The project would have an average annual generation of 12 gigawatthours.

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l. *Competing Preliminary Permit—* Anyone desiring to file a competing application for preliminary permit for a proposed project must submit the competing application itself, or a notice of intent to file such an application, to the Commission on or before the specified comment date for the particular application (see 18 CFR 4.36). Submission of a timely notice of intent allows an interested person to file the competing preliminary permit application no later than 30 days after the specified comment date for the particular application. A competing