

Affected landowners and parties with environmental concerns may be granted intervenor status upon showing good cause by stating that they have a clear and direct interest in this proceeding which would not be adequately represented by any other parties. You do not need intervenor status to have your environmental comments considered.

#### Environmental Mailing List

This notice is being sent to individuals, organizations, and government entities interested in and/or potentially affected by the proposed project. It is also being sent to all identified potential right-of-way grantors. By this notice we are also asking governmental agencies, especially those in Appendix 3, to express their interest in becoming cooperating agencies for the preparation of the EIS.

#### Additional Information

Additional information about the project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at 1-866-208-FERC, or on the FERC Internet Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) using the FERRIS link. Click on the FERRIS link, enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the Docket Number field. Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance with FERRIS, the FERRIS helpline can be reached at 1-866-208-3676, TTY (202) 502-8659, or at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov). The FERRIS link on the FERC Internet Web site also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

Magalie R. Salas,  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2000-036]

#### Notice of Settlement Accord and Soliciting Comments

February 11, 2003.

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

a. Type: Comprehensive Relicensing Settlement Accord With Explanatory Statement.

b. Project No.: P-2000-036.

c. Date Filed: February 6, 2003.

d. Applicant: Power Authority of the State of New York.

e. Name of Project: St. Lawrence-FDR Power Project.

f. Location: Located on the St. Lawrence River near Massena, in St. Lawrence County, New York. There are no Federal lands located within the project boundary.

g. Filed Pursuant to: Rule 602 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.602.

h. Applicant Contact:

Mr. Joseph J. Seymour, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Power Authority of the State of New York, 30 South Pearl Street, Albany, NY 12207-3425, (518) 433-6751.

Mr. John J. Suloway, Director, Licensing Division, Power Authority of the State of New York 123 Main Street, White Plains, NY 10601-3170, (914) 287-3971.

i. FERC Contact: Ed Lee, (202) 502-6082 or E-Mail [Ed.Lee@ferc.gov](mailto:Ed.Lee@ferc.gov).

j. Deadline Dates: Comments due March 15, 2003.; reply comments due March 30, 2003.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Comments, protests and interventions 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 under the "e-Filing" link. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings.

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 on the official service list for the project. Further, 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.

Pursuant to Order No. 619, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) now accepts certain "qualified documents" via the Internet in lieu of paper filing. "Qualified documents" may be submitted electronically only by accessing the E-Filing link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Comments received via e-mail are not placed in the public record.

• "Qualified documents" that may be submitted electronically in lieu of paper and the procedures for e-filing "qualified documents" are described in FERC's User Guide for Electronic Filing of Qualified Documents, which can be

accessed via FERC's website <http://www.ferc.gov/e-filing>. For assistance with filing qualified documents electronically, you can contact FERC's Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll-free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

k. Description of Filing: The Power Authority of the State of New York (NYPA) filed the Settlement Accord on behalf of itself and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service of the U.S. Department of the Interior; New York State Department of Environmental Conservation; New York State Department of State; New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation; St. Lawrence Aquarium and Ecological Center Inc.; New York Rivers United; and the St. Lawrence Local Government Task Force. The purpose of the Settlement Accord is to resolve among the signatories all issues associated with issuance of a new license for the project regarding fish enhancement, American Eel passage facility, habitat improvements, wildlife management, St. Lawrence River Research and Education Fund, water temperature, land and vegetation management plans, shoreline stabilization plan, navigation enhancements, and recreation. The Settlement Accord specifically adopts and incorporates (1) five individual agreements, and (2) a letter of understanding between NYPA and National Marine Fisheries Service.

NYPA requests that the Commission accept and incorporate into any new license the protection, mitigation, and enhancement measures stated in the Settlement Accord. Comments and reply comments on the Settlement Accord and supporting documentation are due on the dates listed above.

l. A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction during normal business hours (8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern time) at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE., Room 2-A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 502-8371. In addition, the application may be viewed and/or printed via the internet through FERC's Home Page (<http://www.ferc.gov>). From FERC's Home Page on the internet, the application and other filings and issuances regarding this application are available in the Federal Energy Regulatory Records Information System (FERRIS). To access this information in FERRIS, for the St. Lawrence Hydroelectric Project license application, enter the application's docket number (i.e., P-2000) and sub-docket number (i.e., 036) where