



Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Corriveau Project

P-12629 - Maine

On October 24, 2006, an order granting an exemption from licensing (5-MW exemption) was issued to the F&B Wood Corporation (F&B Wood) for refurbishing the Corriveau Project, after an exemption process of just over 10 months. The project is located on the Swift River, near the Town of Mexico, Oxford County, Maine. F&B Wood's proposal consisted of cleaning and lubricating the mechanical and electrical equipment and restarting a project that previously held a 5-MW exemption (Thurston Mill Project P-8321). No construction or land-disturbing activities were proposed.

The Corriveau Hydroelectric Project will consist of: (1) an existing 150-foot-long by 9-foot-high dam with a 2-acre reservoir; (2) a 125-foot-long forebay canal with a headgate structure leading to a powerhouse containing three generating units with a total installed generating capacity of 350 kilowatts; (3) a 150-foot-long, 20-foot-wide tailrace; (4) a downstream fish passage facility; and (5) a 100-foot transmission line. The project will have an average energy generation of 1,306 megawatt-hours, which will be sold to a local utility.

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The environmental assessment for the project addressed the following resources: Aquatic Resources, Terrestrial Resources, Land Use, Recreational Resources, and Cultural Resources.

The factors that contributed to an expedited exemption process were:

- The project effects were minimal;
- The project was located at a site of a previously exempted project;
- With resource agency concurrence, we were able to waive some pre-filing consultation requirements;
- The pre-filing consultation that had occurred was substituted for our standard National Environmental Policy Act scoping process; and
- Staff issued a single environmental document in lieu of draft and final NEPA documents