



Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Loring Road Project

P-13400 - Massachusetts

On August 7, 2009, an order granting exemption from licensing (conduit) was issued to the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority for the Loring Road Project, after an exemption process of less than 5 months. The Massachusetts Water Resources Authority requested expedited processing of its application in order to use available stimulus funding. The proposed project is located on a water treatment pipeline in Middlesex County, Massachusetts.

The proposed Loring Road Hydroelectric Project consists of an existing valve chamber containing one proposed generating unit having an installed capacity of 200 kilowatts, and appurtenant facilities. The Massachusetts Water Resources Authority proposes to replace a pressure reducing valve with a generator. The Massachusetts Water Resources Authority estimates that the project would have an average annual generation of 1,207 megawatt-hours.

The factors that contributed to an expedited exemption process were:

- The application was complete upon filing; and
- The project effects were minimal.