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COMMISSION MOVES FORWARD ON HYDROELECTRIC LICENSES, ENSURES CONTINUED INFRASTRUCTURE

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission today issued licenses for five hydroelectric projects on the upper Hudson River in upstate New York, thereby ensuring that existing hydropower resources in the area will continue to contribute to the energy mix.

The hydroelectric projects provide 135.62 megawatts (MW) of clean, renewable power to customers throughout the upstate New York area, including an additional 6.42 MW of power generation that will result from the licenses issued today.

The projects include: E.J. West (P-2318), Feeder Dam (P-2554), Stewarts Bridge (P-2047), Hudson River (P-2482), and the Great Sacandaga Lake (P-12252). The licensee for all of the projects, except the Great Sacandaga Lake, is Erie Boulevard Hydropower, L.P. The Hudson River-Black River Regulating District operates the Great Sacandaga Lake project.

A central part of today's action includes a settlement agreement submitted by the license applicants and 27 parties that was approved by the Commission in a separate order. The settlement will provide additional environmental benefits to the projects including fish protection and passage, recreation, and changes in lake levels and flow

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In addition, today's action reduces by three the number of projects on the Commission's list of 51 hydropower projects identified in the December 2001 hydro licensing workshop as backlogged projects needing resolution (P-2318, P-2554 and P-2482). As of today, the number remaining is 40, with the expectation of completing five more by the end of the year.

Furthermore, the Chairman has announced his intention to hold a follow-up workshop on November 8, 2002, to discuss the status of these projects and what progress has been made since December 2001.

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