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[Docket No. RP06-145-000]

Columbia Gulf Transmission Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

December 20, 2005.

Take notice that on December 15, 2005, Columbia Gulf Transmission Company (Columbia Gulf) tendered for

filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, the tariff sheets listed on Appendix A to the filing, bearing a proposed effective date of January 14, 2006.

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[Project No. 2618-015-Maine]

Domtar Maine Corporation; Notice Soliciting Applications

December 21, 2005.

On August 21, 1995, Georgia-Pacific Corporation, the licensee for the West Branch Project No. 2618, filed a notice of intent to file an application for a new license, pursuant to section 15(b)(1) of the Federal Power Act (FPA).¹ The original license was issued September 4, 1980, became effective April 1, 1962, and expired September 30, 2000. The project is currently operating under an annual license.² The project is a storage reservoir located on the St. Croix River in Washington County, Maine.

The West Branch Project includes two developments, West Grand Lake and Sysladobsis Lake. The West Grand Lake development consists of a 13-foot-high, 485-foot-long dam and a 23,825-acre reservoir. The Sysladobsis Lake development consists of a 5.5-foot-high, 25-foot-long dam and a 5,400-acre reservoir. There are no generating facilities at either of these developments. Water flows from the Sysladobsis Lake development to the West Grand Lake development, and from there travels ten miles downstream to the Grand Falls project and on to the Woodland project. The Grand Falls and Woodland Projects, both of which generate electricity, have been found not to require licensing, because they were authorized by a 1916 Act of Congress that predated the 1920 enactment of what is now part I of the FPA.³

Pursuant to § 16.9 of the Commission's regulations, the deadline for filing an application for new license and any competing license application was September 30, 1998. No application for license for this project was filed. Normally, pursuant to section 16.25 of the Commission's regulations, the Commission would solicit applications from potential applicants other than the existing licensee. However, the Commission's Order On Rehearing, On Clarification, and Lifting Stay,⁴ concludes that it would be in the public interest to allow Domtar the opportunity to file an application for new license for

¹ The project was transferred to Domtar Maine Corporation (Domtar) on October 26, 2001. 97 FERC ¶ 62,078.

² Notice authorizing continued project operation was issued October 17, 2000.

³ 39 Stat. 534. 45 FERC ¶ 62,070 and 45 FERC ¶ 62,071.

⁴ 99 FERC ¶ 61,276.