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Any person desiring to intervene or to protest in any of the above proceedings must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214) on or before 5 p.m. Eastern time on the specified comment date. It is not necessary to separately intervene again in a subdocket related to a compliance filing if you have previously intervened in the same docket. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant. In reference to filings initiating a new proceeding, interventions or protests submitted on or before the comment deadline need not be served on persons other than the Applicant.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper, using the FERC Online links at <http://www.ferc.gov>. To facilitate electronic service, persons with Internet access who will eFile a document and/or be listed as a contact for an intervenor must create and validate an eRegistration account using the eRegistration link. Select the eFiling link to log on and submit the intervention or protests.

Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 14 copies of the intervention or protest to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St. NE., Washington, DC 20426.

The filings in the above proceedings are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system by clicking on the appropriate link in the above list. They are also available for review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an eSubscription link on the Web site that enables subscribers to receive e-mail notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please e-mail FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 12629-000-Maine]

F & B Wood Corp.; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

August 1, 2006.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's regulations, 18 CFR part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 FR 47879), the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the application for exemption from licensing for the Corriveau Project, to be located on the Swift River, near the town of Mexico, Oxford County, Maine, and has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA). In the EA, Commission staff analyze the potential environmental impacts of the project and conclude that exempting the project from licensing, with appropriate environmental measures, would not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

A copy of the EA is on file with the Commission and is available for public inspection. The EA may also be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659.

Any comments should be filed within 30 days from the issuance date of this notice, and should be addressed to the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Room 1-A, Washington, DC 20426. Please affix "Corriveau Project No. 12629" to all comments. Comments may be filed electronically via Internet in lieu of paper. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the "eFiling" link. For further information, contact Michael Spencer at (202) 502-6093.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP06-398-000]

MoBay Storage Hub, Inc.; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed MoBay Storage Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

August 1, 2006.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of the MoBay Storage Project involving construction and operation of facilities by MoBay Storage Hub, Inc. (MoBay) in offshore Alabama waters and in Mobile County, Alabama.¹ These facilities would consist of injection/withdrawal storage wells, observation wells, various diameter offshore and onshore pipeline, two 8,500 horsepower (hp) offshore compressor units, one 37,880 hp onshore compressor station, and meter stations. This EA will be used by the Commission in its decisionmaking process to determine whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity.

If you are a landowner receiving this notice, you may be contacted by a pipeline company representative about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facilities. The pipeline company would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement. However, if the project is approved by the Commission, that approval conveys with it the right of eminent domain. Therefore, if easement negotiations fail to produce an agreement, the pipeline company could initiate condemnation proceedings in accordance with State law.

A fact sheet prepared by the FERC entitled "An Interstate Natural Gas Facility on My Land? What Do I Need To Know?" was attached to the project notice Caledonia provided to landowners. This fact sheet addresses a number of typically asked questions, including the use of eminent domain and how to participate in the Commission's proceedings. It is available for viewing on the FERC Internet Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>).

¹ MoBay's application was filed with the Commission under section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and part 157 of the Commission's regulations.

Summary of the Proposed Project

MoBay proposes to build and operate a high-deliverability, multi-cycle natural gas storage facility and appurtenant facilities in Mobile Bay in offshore Alabama waters and in Mobile County, Alabama, to provide a working gas capacity of approximately 50 billion cubic feet (BCF), and maximum daily injection and withdrawal capabilities of up to one BCF per day. The proposed storage facility would be converted from three offshore substantially-depleted natural gas reservoirs: the North Dauphin Island (NDI), Northwest Dauphin Island (NWDI), and Northeast Petit Bois (NEPB) fields.

MoBay seeks authority to construct and operate:

- 30 offshore injection and withdrawal wells supported by 10 caissons;
- 14 observation wells within the three reservoirs;
- two offshore 8,500 hp compressor units on the NDI platform;
- 7.4 miles of 8- to 16-inch-diameter offshore pipeline connecting the 30 wells to the NDI and NWDI platforms;
- 12.1 miles of 36-inch-diameter offshore pipeline from the NDI platform to the Bayou Coden Valve Station at landfall just east of the mouth of Bayou Coden at milepost 0.0;
- the 37,880 hp MoBay Compressor Station near the Gulfstream Compressor Station 410 on Rock Road in Mobile County, Alabama;
- the Gulfstream Interconnect, the Transco Interconnect, and the Gulf South Pipe Line Interconnect Meter Stations; and
- the Coden Valve at milepost 0.04.

MoBay requests certification by November 1, 2006, to enable commencement of construction in late 2006 for a targeted in-service date of October 1, 2007.

The location of the project facilities is shown in Appendix 1.²

Land Requirements for Construction

Construction of the proposed facilities would require disturbance of 14 acres of land offshore and 93 acres of land onshore (18 acres in extra workspaces and pipe yard) for a total of 107 acres. Following construction, 14 acres of offshore land and 33 acres of onshore

land would be restored to previous use, leaving 60 acres of onshore land under permanent easement for operation. MoBay would use a 100-foot-wide construction ROW and a 75-foot-wide operational ROW for the onshore pipelines. MoBay would open a 5-foot-wide seafloor trench for offshore pipeline construction.

The EA Process

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires the Commission to take into account the environmental impacts that could result from an action whenever it considers the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. NEPA also requires us to discover and address concerns the public may have about proposals. This process is referred to as "scoping". The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis in the EA on the important environmental issues. By this Notice of Intent, the Commission staff requests public comments on the scope of the issues to address in the EA. All comments received are considered during the preparation of the EA. State and local government representatives are encouraged to notify their constituents of this proposed action and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

In the EA we³ will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the construction and operation of the proposed project under these general headings:

- Geology and soils;
- Water resources;
- Wetlands and fisheries;
- Vegetation and wildlife;
- Threatened and endangered species;
- Land use;
- Cultural resources;
- Air quality and noise;
- Reliability and safety, and
- Cumulative impacts.

We will also evaluate reasonable alternatives to the proposed project or portions of the project, and make recommendations on how to lessen or avoid impacts on the various resource areas.

Our independent analysis of the issues will be in the EA. Depending on the comments received during the scoping process, the EA may be published and mailed to Federal, State, and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, affected landowners, newspapers, libraries, and the Commission's official service list for

this proceeding. A comment period will be allotted for review if the EA is published. We will consider all comments on the EA before we make our recommendations to the Commission.

To ensure your comments are considered, please carefully follow the instructions in the public participation section below.

Currently Identified Environmental Issues

We have already identified several issues that we think deserve attention based on a preliminary review of the proposed facilities and the environmental information provided by MoBay. This preliminary list of issues may be changed based on your comments and our analysis.

- Open-cut crossing of three perennial waterways, including Bayou Jonas and Bayou Como;
- Disturbance of cypress trees associated with Jonas Bayou;
- Sedimentation in the Mississippi Sound from underwater pipeline and well installation;
- Disturbance of 102 acres of wetlands, including conversion of 35 acres of palustrine forested wetlands to emergent wetlands;
- Open-cut pipeline installation across 15 miles of the Intercoastal Waterway;
- Visual impacts of 10 injection/withdrawal well caissons and 14 observation well caissons;
- Crossing within 0.03 mile of Ralston Park at milepost 0.70;
- Crossing of the Dauphin Island-Bayou LaBatre Loop of the Alabama Coastal Birding Trail at milepost 1.12;
- Noise impacts to three noise sensitive areas (*i.e.* residences) located from 1,800 to 4,300 feet from the proposed MoBay Compressor Station.

Public Participation

You can make a difference by providing us with your specific comments or concerns about the project. By becoming a commentor, your concerns will be addressed in the EA and considered by the Commission. You should focus on the potential environmental effects of the proposal, alternatives to the proposal (including alternative locations/routes), and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impact. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. Please carefully follow these instructions to ensure that your comments are received in time and properly recorded:

- Send an original and two copies of your letter to: Magalie R. Salas,

²The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the **Federal Register**. Copies of all appendices, other than Appendix 1 (maps), are available on the Commission's Web site at the "eLibrary" link or from the Commission's Public Reference Room, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, or call (202) 502-8371. For instructions on connecting to eLibrary refer to the last page of this notice. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail.

³"We", "us", and "our" refer to the environmental staff of the Office of Energy Projects (OEP).

Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426.

- Label one copy of the comments for the attention of Gas 2.

- Reference Docket No. CP06–398–000.

- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before August 31, 2006.

Please note that we are continuing to experience delays in mail deliveries from the U.S. Postal Service. As a result, we will include all comments that we receive within a reasonable time frame in our environmental analysis of this project. However, the Commission strongly encourages electronic filing of any comments or interventions or protests to this proceeding. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the "e-Filing" link and the link to the User's Guide. Before you can file comments you will need to create a free account which can be created online.

We may mail the EA for comment. If you are interested in receiving it, please return the Information Request (Appendix 4). If you do not return the Information Request, you will be taken off the mailing list.

Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you may want to become an official party to the proceeding known as an "intervenor". Intervenor play a more formal role in the process. Among other things, intervenors have the right to receive copies of case-related Commission documents and filings by other intervenors. Likewise, each intervenor must send one electronic copy (using the Commission's eFiling system) or 14 paper copies of its filings to the Secretary of the Commission and must send a copy of its filings to all other parties on the Commission's service list for this proceeding. If you want to become an intervenor you must file a motion to intervene according to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214) (see Appendix 2).⁴ Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decision.

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

An effort is being made to send this notice to all individuals, organizations, and government entities interested in and/or potentially affected by the proposed project. This includes all landowners who are potential right-of-way grantors, whose property may be used temporarily for project purposes, or who own homes within distances defined in the Commission's regulations of certain aboveground facilities. 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 EA.

Additional Information

Additional information about the project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at 1–866–208–FERC (3372) or on the FERC Internet website (<http://www.ferc.gov>) using the eLibrary link. Click on the eLibrary link, click on "General Search" and enter the docket number excluding the last three digits (*i.e.*, enter PF06–398) in the Docket Number field. Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at 1–866–208–3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502–8659. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

In addition, the Commission now offers a free service called eSubscription which allows you to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets. This can reduce the amount of time you spend researching proceedings by automatically providing you with notification of these filings, document summaries and direct links to the documents. Go to <http://www.ferc.gov/esubscribenow.htm>.

Finally, public meetings or site visits will be posted on the Commission's calendar located at <http://www.ferc.gov/EventCalendar/EventsList.aspx> along with other related information.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Application Tendered for Filing With the Commission, Establishing Procedural Schedule for Relicensing, and a Deadline for Submission of Final Amendments

August 14, 2006.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

a. *Type of Application:* New Major License.

b. *Project No.:* 659–014.

c. *Date Filed:* August 3, 2006.

d. *Applicant:* Crisp County Power Commission.

e. *Name of Project:* Lake Blackshear Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On the Flint River in Worth, Lee, Sumter, Dooley, and Crisp Counties, near Cordele, Georgia. The project does not occupy Federal lands.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act 16 U.S.C. 791 (a)–825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact:* Steve Rentfrow, General Manager, Crisp County Power Commission, 202 South 7th Street, Cordele, GA 31015, Phone: 229–273–3811.

i. *FERC Contact:* Lee Emery at 202–502–8379 or e-mail at lee.emery@ferc.gov.

j. *Cooperating agencies:* We are asking Federal, state, local, and tribal agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues to cooperate with us in the preparation of the environmental document. Agencies who would like to request cooperating status should follow the instructions for filing such requests described in item k below. Cooperating agencies should note the Commission's policy that agencies that cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document cannot also intervene. See, 94 FERC ¶ 61,076 (2001).

k. *Deadline for filing requests for cooperating agency status:* October 2, 2006.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426.

Requests for cooperating agency status may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) under the "e-Filing" link.

⁴ Interventions may also be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See the previous discussion on filing comments electronically.