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COMMISSION CONVENES HYDRO LICENSING STATUS WORKSHOP TO EXPEDITE LONGSTANDING APPLICATIONS

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission indicated today that it will hold a Commissioner-led public workshop to focus on the 51 oldest pending license applications filed at the Commission.

The workshop will concentrate on identifying the unresolved issues associated with each project and determine how to achieve final action on each pending license application. The goals of the workshop are to review and discuss pending license applications, determine courses of action and agree on who will take them, and find solutions. Participants may include federal and state agencies, applicants, Native Americans, non-governmental organizations and the public.

The two-day workshop will be held on December 10 and 11, 2001, beginning at 10:00 am in the Commission's Meeting Room at its Washington headquarters. The workshop is open to the public and all interested parties are invited to attend and participate. For those who are unable to attend, the Commission has made arrangements for participation through the Internet, video conferencing, and teleconferencing. Additional details will be posted on the Commission's web site at www.ferc.gov under Hydro Licensing Status Workshop.