1	FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
2	PEJEPSCOT HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT
3	DOCKET P-4784-095
4	
5	
6	SCOPING MEETING
7	Tuesday, November 28, 2017
8	6:00 p.m 10:00 p.m.
9	
10	
11	
12	Brunswick Hotel and Tavern
13	4 Nobel Street
14	Brunswick, ME 04011
15	
16	
17	
18	
19	
20	
21	
22	
23	
24	
25	

## 1 PROCEEDINGS

- 2 (6:00 p.m.)
- 3 MR. HANSEN: Hello, this is a Scoping Meeting for the
- 4 Pejepscot Hydroelectric Project Relicensing with the Federal
- 5 Energy Regulatory Commission. I've got a couple of new facts
- 6 from this morning so that's nice.
- 7 For those of you who were here this morning I
- 8 apologize, you're going to hear the exact same spiel but that's
- 9 how this works. I'm sure you've been there before.
- 10 All right so we'll start off with some
- 11 introductions. My name is Ryan Hansen. I'm a Fisheries
- 12 Biologist with the FERC and I'm the Project Coordinator for the
- 13 Relicensing of this project. I'll let my colleague introduce
- 14 herself.
- 15 MS. NOVAK: Suzanne Novak. I'm an Outdoor Recreation
- 16 Planner with FERC. I will be working on recreation and land use
- 17 issues, cultural resources, socio-economics and aesthetics which
- 18 includes visual and noise impacts.
- 19 MR. HANSEN: So we'll start off with a couple of
- 20 housekeeping items then we'll move to the licensee for the
- 21 project, Brookfield Renewable to give us a quick overview of the
- 22 project and what they're proposing.
- 23 We'll go over then why we're here tonight, why we're
- 24 scoping this and what that means. The resource issues that the
- 25 FERC has currently identified as of being of importance at this

- 1 point in our opinion.
- We'll go over the schedule, what we would expect from
- 3 further filings to the FERC in the next month as far as
- 4 information that we are requesting and we'll end up with just
- 5 we'll go over the online resources forecast and any comments or
- 6 questions at the end.
- 7 So for housekeeping items I do have a sign-in sheet
- 8 at the front and if you haven't signed in please do so, name and
- 9 affiliation. We need to keep a record of who's attended for the
- 10 public record, so please do that.
- 11 The meeting is being recorded by a court reporter
- 12 here. This meeting is part of the public record so it will be
- 13 transcribed and then filed with the FERC so that anyone who
- 14 could not attend could read exactly what took place.
- 15 So with that said, before you speak, please provide
- 16 your name and affiliation. If you have anything to add so that
- 17 he can attribute the comments to the correct people. If you
- 18 speak more than once -- you may need to do it a couple of times
- 19 just so he can figure out who you are, that would be super
- 20 helpful.
- 21 If you use any acronyms when you speak, please try to
- 22 actually state what they are before you use the acronym version
- 23 because there's a lot of lingo that folks outside of our world
- 24 are not familiar with so that would be very helpful.
- 25 And try to speak clearly and legibly into the

- 1 microphone more so than I do. I'm quite the mumbler so I'm
- 2 sorry about that. If you have any written comments which we are
- 3 also soliciting, we'll talk about what we're expecting -- yeah
- 4 there's the typo right there, at the end, but by December 29th
- 5 you can send those into FERC physically through the mail if you
- 6 so choose.
- 7 If that is a route that you would like to take, let
- 8 me know after the meeting I can give you the physical address to
- 9 mail it to FERC. We prefer that you do it online and we're
- 10 going to go over how we do that at the end but if you would like
- 11 to see me afterwards and you want to actually mail something in,
- 12 I'm happy to provide you with the address and instructions on
- 13 how to do that.
- 14 So for the folks that have never worked with FERC or
- 15 have been exposed to FERC, we are an independent Commission that
- 16 regulates the interstate transmission of natural gas, oil and
- 17 electricity in the U.S. as well as regulates the electric
- 18 markets.
- 19 A small part of FERC is tasked with regulating
- 20 non-federal hydropower projects and that's what Suzanne and I do
- 21 and that's why we're here this evening. We work in what's
- 22 called the Office of Energy Projects and the Division of
- 23 Hydropower Licensing.
- 24 So we are assigned to a project and we work on it up
- 25 to the point where it receives a license. After that it will be

- 1 handed off to another division that we have called Hydropower
- 2 Administration and Compliance.
- 3 These are the folks that make certain that a licensee
- 4 complies with all of the requirements of a license once it's
- 5 been issued.
- 6 We also have a division of Dam Safety and Inspections
- 7 and these folks are mostly based in the five regional offices
- 8 you see there on the screen and they go out to projects and
- 9 inspect them regularly for safety and for compliance reasons.
- 10 All right so that's a little bit about FERC. The
- 11 reason why we are here is to learn about the Pejepscot Project
- 12 and the relicensing of it and what's being proposed. So the
- 13 best way to do that is to hear from them directly so I'm going
- 14 to pass the microphone to Frank Dunlap who is the licensing
- 15 specialist for Brookfield Renewable and he will give us a quick
- 16 education.
- 17 MR. DUNLAP: Thank you. Good evening. Welcome to
- 18 Pejepscot. As has been said we're relicensing the Pejepscot
- 19 Project that is one of the numerous projects on the Androscoggin
- 20 River.
- It's the second of a few of the several projects on
- 22 the Androscoggin so assess it within the Androscoggin River
- 23 watershed which is about 170 miles long, a very large drainage
- 24 area -- 3,470 square miles and Pejepscot sits at the lower end
- of that 3,420 square miles feeding water to that project.

- 1 More narrowly it's located in the Village of
- 2 Pejepscot and the Town of Topsham and it is situated between the
- 3 first dam and river, Brunswick Dam and the third which is the
- 4 Worumbo Project just a few miles upstream so it's nestled right
- 5 in to the lower basin.
- 6 The project boundary which is the line that FERC
- 7 assigns as the boundary encompassing the project altogether it
- 8 encompasses the project facilities and impoundment which is
- 9 about three miles long and totals about -- again a correction on
- 10 this about 266 acres.
- 11 MR. HANSEN: I apologize when I made those
- 12 corrections I didn't save them. 166 acres.
- 13 MR. DUNLAP: The project includes the impoundment
- 14 that we've talked about, a dam and spillway, two powerhouses and
- 15 intakes, an upstream fish lift, downstream fish passage facility
- 16 and associated electric transmission facilities.
- 17 There's also two or three projects related recreation
- 18 facilities including a canoe port around and fishing access
- 19 around the westerly end of the dam and a boat launch in the
- 20 upper end of the impoundment.
- 21 The impoundment is about three miles long and
- 22 includes a fairly linear physically so there's about 6 and
- 23 miles of shoreline associated with the project overall.
- The dams are about 560 feet long. It's an early dam
- 25 on the river. It's actually build of timber-crib construction

- 1 which has been capped with concrete in more recent years and it
- 2 has the ability to pass 95,000 cubic feet of water per second
- 3 through the spillway which has 5 hydraulically operated gates
- 4 that lower to pass these higher flows.
- 5 Two powerhouses with 4 turbines, one as I said was
- 6 built in 1898, associated with the paper mill at the time and
- 7 has since been converted simply to hydroelectric power and not
- 8 hydro-mechanical power as originally constructed.
- 9 Those two units are fairly small units comparatively,
- 10 about a half a megawatt each. And the larger newer unit and the
- 11 new powerhouse is about 12 megawatts. You have two fish passage
- 12 facilities, one upstream, one downstream.
- The upstream passage is for passing anatamous fish up
- 14 through the project. These would be the adult fish running
- 15 upstream to spawn and that is automated to lift and pass fish
- 16 about five times per day.
- 17 Downstream passage consists of two entrance galleries
- 18 on either side of the intake and they discharge to the tail
- 19 rates so the fish that are attracted to that area as they are
- 20 migrating downstream, being adults returning to the sea or
- 21 juveniles for the first passage to sea will find that attraction
- 22 flow and will take an alternate route down below the project.
- 23 It runs basically as a run of river operation which
- 24 means that we are basically passing the water that we receive.
- 25 We do have a minimum flow requirement of 1,710 cubic feet per

- 1 second of water when available. If there's less inflow we pass
- 2 that lesser inflow, it's all incorporated into the license.
- 3 We generally operate the pond within a foot or a foot
- 4 and a half of the top of the spillway and that's the same regime
- 5 that we are proposing at this point to continue with through the
- 6 licensing. So we're not looking for a big change in operations
- 7 at this point.
- 8 So again all of this -- not again, but all of this is
- 9 helping FERC to scope what studies they would require. And so
- 10 if we are proposing changes that requires a different suite of
- 11 studies perhaps than continuing existing operations so that's
- 12 why that's important that we are proposing no fundamental
- 13 changes to operation at this point.
- 14 If studies reveal otherwise, then we may take a look
- 15 at that. The same for recreational facilities -- we are not
- 16 proposing any new facilities at this time. We'll do an
- 17 assessment of the existing facilities to see if they are
- 18 overused or under-utilized and see if they call for a new set
- 19 but at this point we're headed towards maintaining the existing
- 20 which includes an O ramp on the upstream end and a fishing park
- 21 or access at the canoe port at the lower end of the impoundment.
- Mr. Hansen any questions?
- 23 MR. HANSEN: Any questions about how the project
- 24 operates or the facilities at this point? Great, thank you
- 25 Frank. So I'm going to kind of go over right now the purpose of

- 1 scoping, why we're here tonight for those who may not have dealt
- 2 with a public scoping in the past.
- 3 FERC's regulations require that we abide by the
- 4 National Environmental Policy Act which requires that any
- 5 federal action that could have a significant effect on the
- 6 health of the human environment, it needs to go through an
- 7 environmental analysis and see what those effects may be and you
- 8 know, if there are mitigated measures that are deemed, you know,
- 9 necessary that they may need to be implemented.
- 10 Scoping is an early part of this -- what we call NEPA
- 11 process. It allows us to get an idea right from the start what
- 12 the issues may be. It's kind of an information gathering
- 13 section and we early on in the process prefer to come out to the
- 14 site and talk to folks in the area to help us identify what
- 15 issues may be present that we are not aware of or any
- 16 information that needs to be made known to us.
- 17 So we take a look at what the applicant or the
- 18 licensee in this case provides to us in their pre-application
- 19 document but often times just from reading that we can miss
- 20 things so it's best for us to get out and talk to the folks so
- 21 that's why we're here and I'm happy to be here.
- 22 Tonight we can discuss the existing environmental
- 23 conditions of the project and potential information needs that
- 24 there may be and we'll go through the resource issues one by one
- 25 starting next.

- 1 So the scoping document 1 that we issued at the end
- 2 of October -- we have them available in the back if you don't
- 3 have one. But in Section 4.2 we go over the resource issues
- 4 that FERC staff has preliminarily identified as important for
- 5 our environmental analysis.
- 6 So we are going to go over these each one by one and
- 7 I'll explain what we think we are going to look at in our
- 8 environmental analysis and then we'll request comments on each
- 9 one to see if there's any oral testimony that would be useful
- 10 for us.
- 11 So we'll start with aquatic resources. So right now
- 12 in our environmental analysis FERC is proposing to analyze the
- 13 effects of continued project operation on water quality from the
- 14 project headwaters, which is three miles upstream from the dam,
- 15 downstream to where the Androscoggin River flows into
- 16 Merrymeeting Bay.
- 17 We also are proposing to analyze the effects of
- 18 continued project information on aquatic habitat in the project
- 19 area for both migratory and resident fish species and we plan on
- 20 analyzing the effects of continued project operation on the
- 21 passage of migratory fish species in the Androscoggin River
- 22 including the upstream passage of adults as well as the
- 23 downstream passage of smolts and juveniles and kelts.
- 24 So those are the aquatic resources that we have
- 25 preliminarily identified that we think we should be addressing

- 1 in our environmental analysis. So I want to ask anyone in
- 2 attendance tonight do you have any other issues that you think
- 3 that are important that we may have missed or any information or
- 4 comments on these aquatic resource issues? Okay, thank you very
- 5 much.
- 6 We also plan on looking at terrestrial resources in
- 7 particular, the effects of the continued project operation and
- 8 maintenance on riparian, litoral and wetland habitats around the
- 9 project as well as the associated wildlife that utilize the
- 10 habitats. So it's a pretty vague bullet that can encompass
- 11 quite a few things but as far as terrestrial resources -- are
- 12 there any -- is there anyone in the audience that has any
- 13 additional information or comments on our identified terrestrial
- 14 resource issues at this point? All right, thank you it's a
- 15 great crowd.
- 16 We're going to look at the effects on threatened and
- 17 endangered species. There are two federally endangered species
- 18 in this area, the project area, the Atlantic Salmon and the
- 19 Northern Long-Earred Bat, so we will be looking at the effects
- 20 to those two species as well as to the critical habitat for the
- 21 Atlantic Salmon.
- 22 Critical habitat is considered almost, you know,
- 23 equally important I would say as the species when it comes to
- 24 consultation under the Endangered Species Act, so we will be
- 25 looking at that as well.

- 1 It also states species of concern that we will
- 2 likely, you know, look at in our terrestrial analysis but as far

- 3 as federally threatened or endangered species, we have those two
- 4 and the salmon habitat.
- 5 Are there any other threatened or endangered species
- 6 issues that the audience may have or would like to brooch at
- 7 this time or any additional information that would be useful for
- 8 us? Very good.
- 9 For recreational resources we plan on analyzing the
- 10 effects of continued project operation on recreational use in
- 11 the project area and that will include, as Frank mentioned, an
- 12 adequacy of the existing recreational access. Are there any
- 13 recreational issues above and beyond what we've identified here
- 14 that anyone would like to bring up or information that they are
- 15 aware of that would be of use? Great.
- 16 For cultural resources we'll be analyzing the effects
- 17 of the continued project operation on historic properties and
- 18 any archeological resources that may be present in the area.
- 19 This includes travel resources if those are encountered. Do we
- 20 have any information or comments on our cultural resources
- 21 issues identification at this point? Very good.
- 22 And then the last one is developmental resources.
- 23 And for folks who have never worked with FERC before and have
- 24 seen how we do business. We are required by the Federal Power
- 25 Act to equally balance how beneficial a mitigation effort is

- 1 along with how much it will cost, how much it could affect the
- 2 project economics.
- 3 We have to treat them equally so it's important for
- 4 everyone to keep in mind that any mitigation measures that are
- 5 recommended for inclusion in a license are going to be analyzed
- 6 from an economic standpoint and that's going to be a big part of
- 7 FERC's recommendation on whether they are -- if they are in the
- 8 public interest to be included in a license.
- 9 So that's really more of a heads up for folks but
- 10 sometimes folks also have comments on certain things that may be
- 11 too expensive or no matter how much they cost they're worth it.
- 12 So I'll open the floor. If anyone has an economics related
- 13 issues on this project we would be happy to hear those right
- 14 now. All right, very good.
- 15 Now we're going to love this environmental
- 16 assessment, it's going to be a real page turner. In the
- 17 environmental assessment we're also going to take a look at some
- 18 cumulative effects that we have identified as important.
- 19 Cumulative effects as identified by the Council for
- 20 Environmental Quality -- on Environmental Quality -- for/on. It
- 21 doesn't matter, thank you Frank -- have defined cumulative
- 22 effects as effects that by themselves may not be significant but
- 23 when looked at along with effects from other, maybe non-similar
- 24 type land uses in the area could be additive or cumulative to
- 25 the point where they could have an effect on important resource

- 1 issues.
- 2 So while the Pejepscot Project may not itself have
- 3 enough of an effect, say on water quality to effect resident
- 4 fisheries, perhaps the Pejepscot Project in cumulation with a
- 5 number of other projects in the area could.
- 6 So we are going to take a look at that just to see if
- 7 that is the case. So we've identified right now water quality
- 8 and migratory fisheries as the two resource issues that we think
- 9 could be effected by the Pejepscot Project in concert with other
- 10 developments in the basin.
- 11 So those are the two that we think are the ones that
- 12 are important. We need to describe both the geographic and
- 13 temporal scope for every cumulative effect and you'll notice
- 14 that the geographic scope for the two resources are not the
- 15 same. It's -- I dropped the mic, each resource issue has a
- 16 unique area that may be -- the cumulative effects may act upon
- it so we define it for each resource issue.
- 18 So in this case for water quality -- at this point we
- 19 have decided to look at the water in the Androscoggin River from
- 20 the upstream extent of the reservoir, three miles upstream in
- 21 the dam, to where the river flows into Merrymeeting Bay.
- 22 For migratory fisheries we have expanded that at this
- 23 point to the entire Androscoggin River Basin. For the temporal
- 24 scope we are looking 30 to 50 years in the future for any
- 25 possible reasonably foreseeable future actions that may come

- 1 into play that could add to cumulative effects and we've chosen
- 2 this temporal scope because that's the length of a typical FERC
- 3 license.
- 4 Our new policy is to issue licenses for 40 years
- 5 although they can be as little as 30 or up to 50 depending on
- 6 the case. So with that said, are there any comments on the
- 7 geographic scopes that we've chosen at this point or temporal
- 8 scopes?
- 9 And I know we've heard some this morning and you are
- 10 certainly welcome to repeat them if you would like. You
- 11 certainly don't have to, they're on the record that we've heard
- 12 but if we have any others, are there any other comments on
- 13 scopes that anyone would like to bring up? Very good.
- 14 So with that I'll go over the schedule of upcoming
- 15 important dates so that everyone is on board of what's happening
- 16 next. The renewable has chosen to use our integrated licensing
- 17 process or ILP to relicense this project and it's one of our
- 18 three processes -- no need for me to get into the three at this
- 19 point, it's really not all that helpful.
- 20 But I will say the ILP is really useful in that it's
- 21 very date driven, it's very milestone driven and naturally one
- 22 of the best things about it everyone will know exactly what's
- 23 going to happen and when.
- 24 So we'll go over some of the important forth-coming
- 25 dates. So we have scoping meetings honestly that's today so in

- 1 a month, on December 29th, comments on the pre-application
- 2 document that was filed by Brookfield Renewable on August 31st
- 3 with the FERC -- comments on that document, comments on the
- 4 scoping document 1 and any study requests that you may have are
- 5 due to be filed with the FERC by December 29th.
- 6 I'll talk a little bit about study requests here in
- 7 just a minute in case anyone wants to learn more about that.
- 8 After that the next important date will be February 12th and by
- 9 that time, that's the final day -- it could be before that if
- 10 they so choose, but by February 12th, Brookfield will need to
- 11 file a proposed study plan with the FERC.
- 12 And this will be a plan laying out exactly what
- 13 studies they are proposing to do at this point to collect
- 14 information to help inform the licensing decision. If you look
- 15 at their pre-application document they've already detailed the
- 16 cities that they are currently planning on doing. That may be
- 17 the extent of what we see in the proposed study plan or it may
- 18 change depending on comments and study requests that come in by
- 19 the 29th of December, so that remains to be seen.
- 20 On February 12th also, FERC will issue a scoping
- 21 document 2 if that is necessary. And all that is is it the
- 22 exact same document that you picked up in the back of the room
- 23 but basically edited to reflect the new information or the new
- 24 requested resource issues that we've learned about both orally
- 25 today as well as through the comments that are going to be

- 1 submitted by the 29th of December.
- 2 So if there's enough -- if there are enough changes
- 3 to warrant the issuance of a second scoping document we will do
- 4 so on the same day that that study plan is due to be filed.
- 5 Then after that you have a month to take a look at
- 6 all the studies and see what Brookfield is proposing and then by
- 7 March 14th of next year they're going to hold a meeting and
- 8 we'll all show up and they'll give us a presentation and explain
- 9 what they're planning on studying and we can have group
- 10 discussions on methodologies, the appropriateness of certain
- 11 studies, the non-appropriateness of other studies.
- 12 You know, it's let's all sit down at the table and
- 13 see what we can figure out. A couple months after that meeting,
- 14 comments on that proposed study plan are due. In response to
- 15 those comments by June 12th of 2018, then Brookfield Renewable
- 16 will file the final study plan with the FERC -- and this will be
- 17 their final proposal for what they feel the appropriate studies
- 18 that need to be conducted in light of all the comments they have
- 19 heard up to that point.
- 20 A month later, by July 12th of 2018 if there are any
- 21 disputes over the necessity for certain studies, FERC may need
- 22 to step in and play umpire and say all right Brookfield, these
- 23 are the exact studies we think you need to do for the FERC's
- 24 NEPA analysis, the environmental analysis document.
- 25 We think that studies A, B and C are worthwhile and

- 1 studies X, Y and Z are not and we'll actually issue a letter
- 2 laying out exactly what we expect Brookfield should do and they
- 3 will be required to follow the study plan and determination
- 4 letter.
- 5 The next date that I put on here, we really don't
- 6 know exactly when it will be, but at some point all of the
- 7 reasons -- the reason we are collecting all of this information
- 8 and we are going to do all of this so they can file a final
- 9 license application which begins the post-filing stage which
- 10 really begins FERC doing more of the work as opposed to
- 11 Brookfield doing all of the work mostly.
- 12 And that will have to be filed -- they'll have to
- 13 file a draft of that license application 150 days before the
- 14 file the final to give people enough time to take a look and
- 15 make comments because it's oftentimes a pretty lengthy document
- 16 and folks who want to take a look at everything and if they want
- 17 something adjusted or if something doesn't look right, everyone
- 18 needs time to take a look and provide their comments.
- 19 So that will be -- they'll have 150 days to do that.
- 20 I don't know exactly when that day will be. The FERC IOP
- 21 process can be a variable time lengths, the pre-filing section.
- 22 If there is only one year of studies then that will probably be,
- 23 you know, sometime later in I won't speculate but hopefully
- 24 there will be just one year of studies and that will be able to
- 25 meet all of the information needs of FERC and stakeholders.

```
1
                There is the possibility there could be a second year
2
    of studies if after the first year FERC determines that there is
    not enough information that is required. Other stakeholders may
3
     think that a second year is warranted and FERC may not. In that
5
    case FERC's determination wins out so it's really up to FERC to
6
    decide if we think a second year is necessary and obviously
    we'll cross that bridge if and when we were to come to it.
7
8
                So today you know, we've solicited all the testimony
9
     this morning and a little bit tonight. If you don't feel like
10
    speaking or if you want to send something more formal to the
11
    FERC December 29th is the date and these are the sort of types
12
    of information that we were hoping to see filed with us by that
13
    date.
14
                If there are any significant environmental issues
15
     that should be addressed in our environmental analysis that we
    haven't brought up tonight, please put that in your letters.
16
17
                If you are aware of any information or data
18
    describing either the past or the present conditions in the
19
    project area, if you could make us aware of those data that
20
    would be excellent because we feel that everyone will be on the
21
    same page knowing what information is available. It would be
22
    really important in deciding which studies are necessary.
23
                We certainly don't want to require anyone to go
    collect information that's already available, that's a waste of
24
```

ratepayers money and we don't want that to happen so if you are

- 1 familiar with information that could be helpful that would be
- 2 excellent if you could point that out.
- 3 If there are any future proposals for perhaps
- 4 development in the project area that we are not aware of, you
- 5 know, I don't know -- there's going to be a coal mine built in
- 6 2020, you know, it's a hypothetical, let us know that.
- 7 These are the sorts of things that you know, not
- 8 being from Maine that we could easily miss. So if there is
- 9 anything like that please let us know. And then also, FERC
- 10 maintains a list of approved comprehensive plans which are kind
- 11 of resource intensive plans that can be federal or state
- 12 developed that they send in to the FERC.
- 13 And FERC will take a look and if they meet our
- 14 requirements we'll go ahead and approve them and any
- 15 comprehensive plan that is applicable to a project, the project
- 16 proposal will need to meet the requirements of those plans.
- 17 If you look in the pre-application document,
- 18 Brookfield Renewable has listed the plans that they have
- 19 identified as ones that are applicable to this relicensing.
- 20 FERC will take a look and see if that is indeed the entire list.
- 21 If there are any that they have not identified that
- 22 should be please let us know about that. And then also if you
- 23 have any requests for additional studies, by December 29th is
- 24 the day for that.
- 25 So if you look in the pre-application document you'll

- 1 see what studies at this point Brookfield Renewable is proposing
- 2 to do. If you think they should do additional studies to
- 3 collect information that they are not proposing to collect, we
- 4 request that you send that request in to the FERC and FERC
- 5 requires a fairly ridged framework on how we want that request
- 6 to look.
- 7 The actual way to lay out the requests by the various
- 8 criteria that FERC wants to see, are in the pre-application
- 9 document near the front. So they're all in there thankfully, so
- 10 you can use those, but if you would like to see them in FERC's
- 11 regulations which I wouldn't recommend, please come see me and I
- 12 can point it out so you can see exactly where you can find
- 13 those, but they are in there.
- 14 And if you have any requests, make certain that they
- 15 meet those -- that formatting requirement because it seems very
- 16 strict, overly strict really but it's important for us to
- 17 understand all of the aspects of your request so we can
- 18 determine whether it's an appropriate proposal or not.
- 19 So if you want to file anything on this project --
- 20 like I said we have the old school mail route. If you want the
- 21 address come see me afterwards, but we really prefer that you do
- 22 it on FERC.gov through our e-library service.
- 23 And on our website up at the top on the banner
- 24 there's a link to our e-library. If you create a free account,
- 25 it's really very easy to do, you can then access the e-filing or

- 1 you can file anything with the Commission electronically and it
- 2 will happen the same day.
- 3 You could also file any quick comments with the
- 4 Commission which is a less formal way of sending information to
- 5 the Commission where you don't have to prepare like a formal
- 6 letter, you can just type in what's on your mind right there,
- 7 and send it directly to us.
- 8 If you are interested in this project I highly
- 9 recommend that you go through our e-subscription service and
- 10 subscribe to the docket. If you go to that and you type in the
- 11 docket number for this project which is P-4784-095 and hit
- 12 subscribe, every time something is filed for this project or
- 13 FERC issues something on this project you'll get an email with a
- 14 link describing what has been filed and you can click on that
- 15 link and check it out for yourself.
- 16 It can be a bit of information overload if you're not
- 17 that interested in the project, but it's by far the best way to
- 18 definitely keep up to date with what's going on. So I highly
- 19 recommend it if you have interest in this project.
- 20 If any point you have problems with our e-library
- 21 system, we have FERC online support at FERC.gov as well as our
- 22 toll-free telephone number and you'll find it pretty much on
- 23 every single page of that e-library, that's e-library associated
- 24 on the right side of the page and those folks are e-library
- 25 specific FERC employees so they know exactly how to get you

- 1 through that stuff.
- 2 They're really super helpful so if you have any
- 3 issues at any point give them a shout and they'll help you right
- 4 away and I don't think you'll have any issues.
- 5 So that pretty much ends the presentation. The last
- 6 thing I'll mention is that we have a site visit planned for
- 7 tomorrow morning for anyone who's interested. We're going to
- 8 meet up at 9 a.m. at the project and Brookfield Renewable was
- 9 nice enough to host us and show us around so we can get an idea
- 10 of what we're actually dealing with here as opposed to seeing
- 11 the presentation.
- 12 So I think Frank's only request was if you're
- 13 planning on coming just give him a head's up right now because a
- 14 headcount would be useful so the folks at the plant know how big
- 15 of a group to expect so just by a show of hands -- I know we had
- 16 an earlier one today but anyone that is planning on joining us
- 17 tomorrow morning at the project in Topsham at 9 a.m., you know,
- 18 just raise your hand.
- 19 Okay, does that work for you Frank? Very good. That
- 20 pretty much covers our presentation. Are there any comments or
- 21 questions at this point about anything project related, FERC
- 22 process related or anything we can clear up?
- 23 All right well thank you very much. I appreciate
- 24 everyone's attendance and your input and I'm looking forward to
- 25 the site visit tomorrow and I'll look forward to continuing to

```
work on this relicense. So with that I'm going to end the
 1
 2
     scoping meeting.
                (Whereupon the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.)
 3
 4
 5
 6
 7
 8
 9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
```

1	CERTIFICATE OF OFFICIAL REPORTER
2	
3	This is to certify that the attached proceeding
4	before the FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION in the
5	Matter of:
б	Name of Proceeding: PEJEPSCOT HYDROELECTRIC
7	PROJECT
8	
9	
10	
11	
12	
13	
14	Docket No.: P-4784095
15	Place: Brunswick, ME
16	Date: Tuesday, Nobevember 28, 2017
17	were held as herein appears, and that this is the original
18	transcript thereof for the file of the Federal Energy
19	Regulatory Commission, and is a full correct transcription
20	of the proceedings.
21	
22	
23	Gaynell Catherine
24	Official Reporter
25	