

The EA has been placed in the public files of the FERC. A limited number of copies of the EA are available for distribution and public inspection at: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, NE., Room 1-A, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 208-1371.

Copies of the EA have been mailed to Federal, state, and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, newspapers, libraries, and parties to this proceeding.

Any person wishing to comment on the EA may do so. To ensure consideration prior to a Commission decision on the proposal, it is important that we receive your comments before the date listed below. Please carefully follow these instructions to ensure that your comments are received in time and properly recorded:

- Reference Docket No.,  
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97-193-000.
- Send two copies of your comments to: Office of the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., 1A, Washington, DC 20426.
- Label one copy of the comments for the attention of the Environmental Review and Compliance Branch, PR-11.1.
- Mail your comments so they will be received in Washington, DC on or before July 10, 1997.

Comment will be considered by the Commission but will not serve to make a commentator a party to the proceeding. Any person seeking to become a party to the proceeding must file a motion to intervene pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commissions Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.214).

The date for filing timely motions to intervene has passed. Therefore, parties now seeking to file late interventions must show good cause, as required by section 385.214(b)(3), why this time limitation should be waived. Environmental issues have been viewed as good cause for late intervention. You do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.

**Lois D. Cashell,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Notice of Petitions for Declaratory Orders

June 9, 1997.

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

- a. *Type of Application:* Declaratory Orders.
- b. *Docket Nos:* DI97-8-000/DI97-9-000.
- c. *Date Filed:* May 27, 1997.
- d. *Applicant:* Georgia-Pacific Corporation.
- e. *Name of Project:* Forest City (P-2660) and West Branch (P-2618).
- f. *Location:* East Branch of St. Croix River in Washington and Aroostook Counties; Maine; and West Branch of St. Croix River in Washington, Hancock, and Penobscot Counties, Maine, respectively.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 USC Section 791(a)—825(r).
- h. *Applicant Contact:* Matthew D. Manahan, Pierce Atwood, One Monument Square, Portland, ME 04101, (207) 791-1100.
- i. *FERC Contact:* Diane M. Murray, (202) 219-2682.
- j. *Comment Date:* June 24, 1997.
- k. *Description:* The existing Forest City Project (No. 2660) consists of all United States portions of the following project works:

(1) Forest City Dam, a 16-foot-high, 500-foot-long earth embankment dam containing a gated timber spillway structure 65 feet wide, with 3 gates and a fish passage facility; (2) a reservoir (East Grant Lake) with surface area of 16,070 acres at elevation 434.94 feet m.s.l. and storage capacity of 105,300 acre-feet; and (3) other appurtenances.

The existing West Branch Project (No. 2618) consists of:

(A) West Grant Lake development: (1) West Grant Lake Dam, earth embankment and gravel-filled timber crib structure, 485 feet long and 13 feet high, containing a gated spillway structure, 77 feet wide with 5 gates, and a fish passage facility 24 feet wide; (2) a reservoir with surface area of 23,825 acres at elevation 301.43 feet m.s.l. and storage capacity of 160,000 acre-feet; and other appurtenances.

(B) Sysladobsis Lake development: (1) Sysladobsis Lake Dam, an earth embankment structure, 250 feet long and 5.5 feet high, with a concrete cut-off wall and rock masonry downstream face, containing a gated spillway

structure 23 feet wide with 2 gates, and a fish passage facility 7 feet wide; (2) a reservoir with surface area of 5,400 acres at elevation 305.62 feet m.s.l., and storage capacity of 25,000 acre-feet; and (3) other appurtenances.

The above-referenced reservoirs are located upstream of three generating facilities, Grand Falls, Woodland, and Milltown. These generating facilities do not require licensing by the Commission.<sup>1</sup> The issue raised in Georgia-Pacific Corporation's petition is whether the above-referenced reservoirs are required to be licensed under Section 23(b) of the Federal Power Act.

When a Petition for a Declaratory Order is filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the Federal Power Act requires the Commission to investigate and determine if the interests of interstate or foreign commerce would be affected by the project. The Commission also determines whether or not the project: (1) Would be located on a navigable waterway; (2) would occupy or affect public lands or reservations of the United States; (3) would utilize surplus water or water power from a government dam; or (4) if applicable, has involved or would involve any construe subsequent to 1935 that may have increased or would increase the project's head or generating capacity, or have otherwise significantly modified the project's pre-1935 design or operation.

1. This notice also consists of the following standard paragraphs: B, C1, and D2.

B. Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene—Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

C1. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS", "PROTEST", OR

<sup>1</sup> See October 28, 1988, Commission orders (UL89-1-000 Grand Falls Hydro Project and UL89-2-000 Woodland Hydro Project), and June 7, 1990 letter—Milltown Project

"MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. Any of the above-named documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies provided by the Commission's regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

D2. Agency Comments—Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

**Lois D. Cashell,**

*Secretary.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5841-8]

### Environmental Laboratory Advisory Board; Nominees, Meeting Date and Agenda

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Solicitation of nominees for membership and notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is soliciting nominees to serve on the Environmental Laboratory Advisory Board (ELAB). Nominees are being sought to fill vacancies in the following categories: environmental engineering associations or firms, Indian nations, third party assessors, academia, small laboratories (20 employees or less), and associations representing the laboratory community complying with EPA's Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) and Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA). Terms of service will commence on October 1, 1997 and terminate on July 30, 1999. Application forms must be completed, to provide information on experience, abilities, stakeholder interest, organizational description, and references. A copy of

the application form can be obtained on the Internet (see address below).

The Agency will convene an open meeting of ELAB on July 28, 1997, from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. This meeting immediately precedes the National Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Conference (NELAC) Third Annual Meeting and will be held in the Wyndham Anatole Hotel at 2201 Stemmons Freeway in Dallas, TX. Directions can be obtained from the hotel by calling 214-748-1200.

The agenda will include discussions of the fact findings of several subcommittees, i.e. the Good Laboratory Practices (GLP) Subcommittee; the Performance Based Methods Subcommittee; and the Proficiency Testing Subcommittee. Comments on the NELAC standards, ready for voting at the Third Annual Meeting, will be solicited. (Standards are scheduled to be posted on the electronic bulletin board on July 1, 1997. The Internet site address for the standards and the above mentioned ELAB nominee application is: <http://tnwww.rtpnc.epa.gov/html/nelac/nelac.htm#NL02>.) In addition, Dr. Eldert C. Hartwig, NELAC Chair, will respond to a previous ELAB recommendation regarding the development of a plan for implementation of NELAC. Finally, results of communication with EPA's Environmental Monitoring Management Council will be presented.

The public is encouraged to attend. Time will be allotted for public comment. Written comments are encouraged and should be directed to Ms. Jeanne Mourrain; Designated Federal Officer; USEPA; NERL (MD-75); Research Triangle Park, NC 27711. If questions arise, please contact Ms. Mourrain at 919/541-1120, fax 919/541-4101, or E-mail [mourrain.jeanne@epamail.epa.gov](mailto:mourrain.jeanne@epamail.epa.gov).

Dated: May 28, 1997.

**Lawrence Weinstock,**

*Acting Director, Office of Radiation and Indoor Air.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPPTS-140258; FRL-5723-9]

### Access to Confidential Business Information by Research Triangle Park Institute

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** EPA has authorized its contractor, Research Triangle Institute (RTI), 3040 Cornwallis Road, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina, for access to information which has been submitted to EPA under all sections of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). Some of the information may be claimed or determined to be confidential business information (CBI).

**DATES:** Access to the confidential data submitted to EPA will occur no sooner than June 27, 1997.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Susan Hazen, Director, Environmental Assistance Division (7408), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. E-545, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460, (202) 554-1404, TDD: (202) 554-0551; e-mail: [TSCA-Hotline@epamail.epa.gov](mailto:TSCA-Hotline@epamail.epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under contract number 68-W7-0018, contractor RTI, of 3040 Cornwallis Road, Research Triangle Park, NC, will assist the Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxic (OPPTS) in the analyses of cost and benefits of actual or potential EPA actions taken under the TSCA, including the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) of 1986 and Title X of the Residential Lead-Bead Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992 (TSCA Title IV).

In accordance with 40 CFR 2.306(j), EPA has determined that under EPA contract number 68-W7-0018, RTI will require access to CBI submitted to EPA under all sections of TSCA to perform successfully the duties specified under the contract. RTI personnel will be given access to information submitted to EPA under all sections of TSCA. Some of the information may be claimed or determined to be CBI.

EPA is issuing this notice to inform all submitters of information under all sections of TSCA that EPA may provide RTI access to these CBI materials on a need-to-know basis only. All access to TSCA CBI under this contract will take place at EPA Headquarters, RTI's site located at 3040 Cornwallis Road, Research Triangle Park, NC.

RTI will be authorized access to TSCA CBI at its facility under the EPA *TSCA Confidential Business Information Security Manual*. Before access to TSCA CBI is authorized at RTI's site, EPA will approve RTI's security certification statements, perform the required inspection of its facilities, and ensure that the facilities are in compliance with the manual. Upon completing review of the CBI materials, RTI will return all transferred materials to EPA.