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PROVIDING FOR THE COORDINATION OF STATE AGENCY REVIEW
OF APPLICATIONS TO THE FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

WHEREAS, a substantial number of applications for hydroelectric power projects to be located in the State have been submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and more are expected in the future; and

WHEREAS, several state agencies that have management responsibilities for natural resources and energy policy affected by energy projects are requested by federal law to comment on these applications; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to coordinate the review process with FERC to reduce both the time and complexity of the review process for the applicant, while maintaining appropriate environmental standards; and

WHEREAS, the Land and Water Resources Council provides coordination among state agencies;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH E. BRENNAN, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby direct the Land and Water Resources Council to establish a standing subcommittee to review FERC applications and to facilitate communication between state agencies and project developers.

The subcommittee shall consist of representatives appointed by Council members with an interest in hydropower development, the State Historic Preservation Officer and the Director of the Bureau of Civil Emergency Preparedness. The subcommittee shall be chaired by the representative from the State Planning Office.

The subcommittee shall be responsible for monitoring the process of each application to ensure a timely and thorough review, and to ensure that project developers are adequately informed of State agency concerns involved with proposed projects.

The subcommittee shall also convene meetings at the request of project developers, to provide guidance on matters that should be considered by developers in their project-related environmental and feasibility studies.


JOSEPH E. BRENNAN
Governor