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To: Director, Fish and Wildlife Service **{Lead}**
Director, National Park Service
Director, Geological Survey

From: Team Leader, Natural Resources Management
Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance

Subject: Review of Notice of Application for Preliminary Permit, **Risingdale Hydroelectric Project**, FERC No. 12528-000, Berkshire County, Massachusetts
(ER 04/720)(Agency due date: November 19, 2004)

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission has requested the Department to review the subject notice of application. The document was issued on September 23, 2004, and can be viewed on the Commission's website at: <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link.

Please have your appropriate field-level office review this notice from its particular jurisdiction or special expertise, and provide its comments to the Regional Director, Fish and Wildlife Service in Hadley, Massachusetts by **November 5, 2004**.

We are also invited to file any motions to intervene at this time. If your bureau wishes to intervene, please follow the instructions in Environmental Review Memorandum ERM 99-2. **INTERVENTIONS ARE DUE BY NOVEMBER 19, 2004.**

The Regional Director, FWS, will prepare the Department's comments for signature by the Regional Environmental Officer in Boston, MA by **November 12, 2004**.

Please supply all signed, paper comments and comments on disk or by electronic mail to the REO.

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