

Regarding the application to the US Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) by Woodland Pulp to surrender its FERC licence to operate its dam at Forest City (and dramatically lower the water levels of East Grand Lake, North Lake and the Thoroughfare) please ensure your readers that CLIC has almost completed the initial investigations and research necessary to formulate strategies for preserving one of the most precious and unique natural environments in the USA and Canada. I have taught regulatory law and policy at the law school level for almost 40 years and the regulation of this dam is one of the most varied and complex regulatory schemes I have seen. Responding to the challenges presented will require distinct US federal, Canadian federal, state (Maine) and provincial (New Brunswick) strategies. The CLIC Board of Directors participated in a teleconference call last Saturday night and then exchanged follow-up e-mails throughout this past week. All board members have concluded that CLIC is both ready and able to lead the efforts to respond to the challenges presented by Woodland's application. Clearly, responding to those challenges will involve working with as many stakeholders as possible to "Save the Dam." We are hoping that many of your readers will be willing to get actively involved and demonstrate their support in other ways. In next week's newsletter, we plan to provide a more detailed overview of what we have found out so, and attempt to set out some the challenges ahead.

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