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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street, N.E.  
Washington, DC 20426

**RE: Motion to intervene and comments on environmental issues for the proposed Downeast Liquid Natural Gas Project (Docket No. CP07-53-001)**

Dear Secretary Bose:

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on environmental issues and to intervene on the proposed Downeast Liquid Natural Gas (LNG) Project (Docket No. CP07-53).

The BIA has broad obligations under the laws of the United States to protect and preserve Indian trust resources.

The Downeast LNG Project is located along the St. Croix River in eastern Maine, an area of long occupancy of the Passamaquoddy Indian Tribe which has extensive cultural properties, both known and unknown, and resource sites of historic and current fishery importance for the Tribe.

Siting of the proposed pipeline route may have impacts on unknown cultural sites through its ground disturbing and tunneling activities.

The environmental impact statement should include analyses of the potential impacts of both the LNG plant and its associated pipelines on the cultural resources of the Tribe; on the qualitative worth and usage availability of the fishery resources by tribal members; and on any changes in the terrestrial hunting rights of tribal members.

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The BIA, in the exercise of its statutory responsibility on behalf of the people of the United States and the Passamaquoddy Indian Tribe, moves to intervene in the above-captioned proceedings pursuant to 18 C.F.R. § 385.214. In support of this motion, the BIA states as follows:

1. The BIA has statutory responsibilities and represents public and Indian interests that are directly affected by the Notice of Intent to prepare an





