

**BANGOR HYDRO-ELECTRIC COMPANY  
OPINION OF COUNSEL**

The undersigned, Richard J. Smith, Assistant Corporate Secretary for Bangor Hydro-Electric Company (the "Company") and Corporate Secretary and General Counsel for Emera Inc., the parent of the Company, states and gives his opinion, pursuant to 10 CFR § 205.322(a)(6) as follows:

1. I have examined and am familiar with the corporate powers of the Company, pursuant to the Company's Articles of Incorporation and By-laws;
2. I have examined and am familiar with the contents of the Company's Application for Presidential Permit, to which this Opinion is attached as an Appendix;
3. I am of the opinion that the construction, connection, operating and maintenance of the facilities as proposed in said Application is within the corporate power of the Company; and
4. The Company will comply with all pertinent federal and state laws with respect to the construction, connection, operation and maintenance of the proposed facilities.

Dated September 4, 2003.



Richard J. Smith  
Assistant Corporate Secretary, Bangor Hydro-Electric Company  
Corporate Secretary and General Counsel, Emera Incorporated