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OFFICE OF ENERGY PROJECTS

Project No. 4784-106 – Maine
Pejepscot Hydroelectric Project
Topsham Hydro Partners Limited Partnership

VIA FERC Service

Mr. Tom Uncher
Vice President
Topsham Hydro Partners Limited Partnership
339B Big Bay Rd
Queensbury, NY 12804

Subject: Additional Information Requests for Final License Application

Dear Mr. Uncher:

Staff has reviewed your application for the re-licensing of the Pejepscot Hydroelectric Project (Pejepscot Project) and determined that additional information is needed. Under section 4.32(g) of the Commission's regulations, please file the information requested in Schedule A within 60 days from the date of this letter. Your response should only include the requested information. Please do not file a revised version of the entire license application. If the submission of any additional information causes other parts of the application to be inaccurate, those parts must also be revised and refiled by the due date. Also, please be aware that further requests for additional information may be sent to you at any time before final action is taken on your application.

Please file the requested information using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY).

If you have any questions, please contact Ryan Hansen at (202) 502-8074.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Turner". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

David Turner,
Chief Northwest
Branch
Division of Hydropower Licensing

Enclosure: Schedule A

Schedule A

Request for Additional Information

Exhibit D

1. On page D-3 of your final license application, you state that the anticipated capital cost to develop a plan and schedule to address issues that may be impacting upstream passage of migratory fish species is \$263,000 within the first three years of the license term. Please explain how you calculated this estimate.

Exhibit E

2. In section E.4.7.1.5, you state that habitats for several bat species exist in the wildlife study area, and list the threatened northern long-eared bat as one of the species that could occur in the project area. In section E.4.8.2, you state that there are no planned changes in current operating conditions or maintenance activities that would affect the northern long-eared bat, and the species is not expected to be adversely affected by project operations. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 4(d) rule prohibits incidental take that may occur from tree removal within 0.25 mile of a hibernaculum, year-round and within 150 feet of a known maternity roost tree, during the pup season (June 1 through July 31). However, you do not state if any hibernacula or maternity trees used by this species have been identified in the project area. Nor have you explained whether any project operation or maintenance activities may include tree removal. Therefore, please consult with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to determine whether any northern long-eared bat hibernacula or maternity roost trees are known to occur near the project. Please file this information and explain whether any tree removal may occur as a result of project operation and maintenance.

Exhibit F

3. According to the Commission's Division of Hydropower Administration and Compliance's guidance document "Managing Hydropower Exhibits", the file name(s) for Exhibit F drawings must include the FERC Project Number-drawing number, corresponding exhibit number, title, and date in the following format: [P-1234-1001, F-1, Plan and Elevation of Project Structures, MM-DD-YYYY.TIF]. Please re-file your Exhibit F drawings according to this format.

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