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Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, N.E., Room 1A
Washington, DC 20426

RE: Section 18 Reservation of Authority, Rumford Falls Hydro LLC, Rumford Falls
Hydroelectric Project, FERC No. 2333-094.

Dear Ms. Bose:

This letter is in response to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) June 26, 2023, Notice soliciting preliminary fishway prescriptions.¹ The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, pursuant to Section 18 of the Federal Power Act, herein requests that the Commission include the following reservation of authority in any license issued for the Rumford Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2333):

Authority is reserved to the Commission to require the Licensee to construct, operate, and maintain, or provide for the construction, operation, and maintenance, of such fishways as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior during the term of the license pursuant to Section 18 of the Federal Power Act.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Julianne Rosset at julianne_rosset@fws.gov.

Sincerely,

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