



To: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
Fr: Kirk Siegel, Executive Director, Mahoosuc Land Trust  
Re: Brookfield 30-year Hydropower License Rumford, ME (Docket P-2333-091)  
Da: May 28, 2020

I am writing to support expanded recreation around the Hydropower Station in Rumford. I understand that Brookfield's 30-year Hydropower License is up for renewal, and part of this process requires Brookfield to do recreational studies to see what residents want for recreation around the property. Results of these studies help FERC draft a license agreement that requires recreational access to suit the needs of the study findings, so residents can enjoy the property around the project for the next 30 years.

Mahoosuc Land Trust has dedicated very significant energy and cost over the last 30 years to acquire and make accessible multiple recreational access points between Shelburne, NH and Rumford. We request that Brookfield do a thorough recreational study with respect to the Rumford facility. Rumford residents have told us that they are specifically interested in:

1. The walking trail on the southern side of the river, which had been a mainstay in the community for years, and which has been closed.
2. Access to the property on the north side of the river with views of important architectural features, the falls, and the reflection pool. This was a picnic area and a place to relax and walk near the river and has also been closed.
3. As mentioned above, a thorough recreational study with respect to the Rumford facility.
4. A study by Brookfield of the Androscoggin River fishery, which Maine Fish and Wildlife apparently believes to be an important public resource, to understand the resource and the potential effect of reducing or “dewatering” the falls as part of the hydropower operation.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment, and please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish me to expand on any of the above topics.

