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OFFICE OF ENERGY PROJECTS

Project No. 1892-030  
Project No. 1855-050  
Project No. 1904-078  
Great River Hydro, LLC

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**Reference: Consultation with Tribe**

To the Tribal Leaders Addressed:

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) invites your participation in the licensing processes for the existing Wilder Hydroelectric Project No. 1892, Bellows Falls Hydroelectric Project No. 1855, and Vernon Hydroelectric Project No. 1904. The Commission's licensing process is an opportunity for the license applicant, interested agencies, tribes, and other stakeholders to consider the project's operation and protection, mitigation, and enhancement measures, and evaluate the need for any changes to the project's operation or additional measures to be implemented over the term of any subsequent license issued for the project.

The 35.6-megawatt (MW) Wilder Project is located on the Connecticut River in Orange and Windsor Counties, Vermont; and Grafton County, New Hampshire. The 40.8-MW Bellows Falls Project is located on the Connecticut River in Windsor and Windham Counties, Vermont; and Sullivan and Cheshire Counties, New Hampshire. The 32.4-MW Vernon Project is located on the Connecticut River in Windham County, Vermont; and Cheshire County, New Hampshire. Great River Hydro, LLC (Great River) filed relicense applications for the projects on May 1, 2017, and amended the applications on December 7, 2020.

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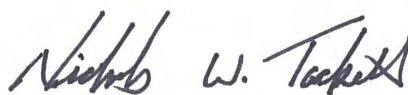
It is very important that a tribe whose interests could be affected by a project participate in the relicensing process so that tribal issues are addressed. For this reason, please inform us if you have an interest in participating in the relicensing processes for any of the aforementioned projects. In addition, please indicate if you would like to meet with Commission staff to discuss the Commission's licensing process, how your tribe can participate to the fullest extent possible, your interests and concerns in the affected area, and how to establish procedures to ensure appropriate communication between Commission and tribal staffs. The meeting can be limited to Commission staff and your tribal staff, or can be open to Great River.

**If at all possible, we would appreciate a response by October 29, 2022.**

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file your response using the Commission's eFiling system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/eFiling.aspx>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/QuickComment.aspx>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. You may also register online at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/FERCOOnline.aspx> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, please send a paper copy. Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-1892-030, P-1855-050, and/or P-1904-078.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Amanda Gill at (202) 502-6773, or at [amanda.gill@ferc.gov](mailto:amanda.gill@ferc.gov). Ms. Gill will contact your office shortly to follow up on this letter.

Sincerely,



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