

Timothy L. Schaal, WHITE RIVER JUNCTION, VT.
REQUEST FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION

IN 2022, THE LICENSEE INSTALLED A BOULDER BARRICADE, BLOCKING PUBLIC ACCESS to a parking lot on the Vermont shoreline adjacent to the powerhouse.

This parking lot has been historically used by fisherman and birdwatchers from all over the region. Not only is this parking lot specifically mentioned in the 1979 license, it is known that it was specifically constructed for this purpose. As referenced in the circa 1970 Exhibit R, New England Power Company, Wilder Project "No. 1892, "Recreation Use Plan" Section IV. Proposed Recreational Development, C. Recreation Plan , 1. Vermont, a. Fishermen's Parking (Page 14.):

"On the downstream side of the powerhouse, there is a large area that has been leveled and graded with compacted gravel and stonedust to form a parking lot near the tailrace. This area, in addition to providing parking facilities, affords access to the shore below the tailrace for the many fishermen with whom this part of the river is popular."

In 2023, THE LICENSEE INSTALLED AN AUTOMATED "SECURITY GATE" AT THE TOP OF SO-CALLED "WILDER DAM ROAD".

This gate has limits, and in some cases prevents, the use of the Town's leased park area as well as the aforementioned tailrace fishermen access parking area.

It is respectfully requested for FERC to direct and require GRH to IMMEDIATELY remove the boulder barricade and remove the recently installed automatic gate at the top of Wilder Dam Road and TO PLACE NO FURTHER IMPEDIMENTS TO PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE TAILRACE AREA.

Thank-you for your consideration in this matter. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to give me a call at 802-295-2002.

Respectfully Submitted,
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