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Dear FERC Commissioners,

In April I traveled up to Claremont NH via Amtrak. As the train crossed Bellows Falls, I noticed many leaks in the dam above where the turbine exits. These leaks appeared under pressure as the water shot out of small holes.

Additionally, other commenters mention how the cyclic electricity consumption demand causes extreme rise and fall of reservoir levels.

Should the renewal relicensing of:

- Wilder Dam, Docket: P-1892-030
- Bellows Falls Dam, Docket: P-1855-050
- Vernon Dam, Docket: P-1904-078
- Northfield Mountain Pumped Storage Project, Docket: P-2485-071
- Turners Falls Dam, Docket: P-1889-085

Be conditioned upon each dam

1. being repaired and technologically updated
2. environmental impact on sustained electricity demand duration
3. electricity sustained demand mitigation assessment and owner commitment to implement mitigation controls

Hydroelectric is a critical source for electricity, but not at the direct harm and increased risk to the environment and human populations around each dam.

I urge the FERC Commissioners to require an independent environmental impact assessment of each dam as a condition prior to renewing the licensing for each dam.

I appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

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