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Subject: RE: NH 401 WQC Applications for Wilder, Bellows Falls and Vernon Hydroelectric Projects
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Good morning, John!

Thank you for submitting to New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) the Application for Water Quality Certification and certification request for certification of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC) relicensing of the following Great River Hydro projects:

- P-1904 Vernon Hydro, Lower CT River
- P-1892 Wilder Hydro, Lower CT River
- P-1855 Bellows Falls Hydro, Lower CT River

NHDES also notes that Great River Hydro referenced several documents that it filed with FERC in the applications. NHDES will consider those referenced documents to be part of the submittal of the applications.

Please keep in mind that 40 CFR § 121.5(a) requires the certification request (i.e., the items required under 40 CFR § 121.5(b)) to be submitted to the certifying authority (i.e., NHDES) and federal agency (i.e., FERC) concurrently. Therefore, we recommend that you file the documents you attached to your email, below, with FERC, as well as a copy of this email. FERC should then establish the "reasonable period of time" for NHDES to act on the certification request in accordance with 40 CFR § 121.6.

In accordance with RSA 485-A:12, III-a(a), NHDES will either notify GRH that the applications are complete or request any additional information required to complete its evaluation of the applications within 50 days (or **by 6/8/2024**).

Please contact me with any questions or comments.

Judy

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Judith,

It is my pleasure to submit our New Hampshire 401 WQC applications for the Wilder, Bellows Falls and Vernon Projects.

Attached please find the following related pdf documents associated with the 401 WQC Applications for these Projects

2024-04-19 Great River Hydro NH 401 WQC Application submittal cover Letter
Including Documentation of pre-filing consultation meeting request and meeting

2024-04-19 Wilder Project NH 401 WQC Application Form and Supplemental Pages
2024-04-19 Bellows Falls Project NH 401 WQC Application Form and Supplemental Pages

2024-04-19 Vernon Project NH 401 WQC Application Form and Supplemental Pages

We will be emailing copies of the applications to the respective Connecticut River Local River Advisory Subcommittees.

Appreciate your cooperation on this matter. Please reach out if there are any issues or questions.

Welcome aboard Dan!

John

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