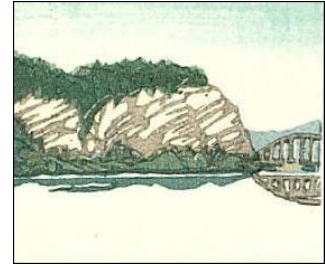


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August 31, 2022

Honorable Kimberly D. Bose Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE
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Washington, DC 20426

Re: Comments on Great River Hydro Offer of Settlement and Revisions to Exhibit D Documents dated August 2, 2022, regarding (Wilder) P-1892-030.

Dear Secretary Bose:

The Upper Valley River Subcommittee of the CRJC meet at our bi-monthly meeting August 22 to review the Offer of Settlement and Revisions to Exhibit D material.

Although our section of the Connecticut River includes only the Wilder Dam, the proposed action at the Bellows Falls Dam and the Vernon Dam dictate the pace of action at Wilder. Thus, our comments are directed at the entire Offer.

After discussion the Subcommittee voted to submit the following comments:

1. The Right to Withdraw is inconsistent with the authority granted to Vermont and New Hampshire agencies responsible for the 401-certification process
2. All costs related to the improvement of fish passage should be borne by the licensee, Great River Hydro
3. Studies needed to complete the fish passage infrastructure should be conducted immediately as part to the licensing application process, not waiting until the license is approved

Sincerely,

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