

Attachment H



NEW HAMPSHIRE DIVISION OF HISTORICAL RESOURCES

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John Ragonese
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Re: TransCanada Bellows Falls and Wilder Hydroelectric Projects – Relicensing
RPR Nos. 4329; 4330 and 3308

Dear Mr. Ragonese:

The New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources (DHR) is in receipt of three Historic District Area Forms in support of the above-referenced project. The DHR requested the preparation of one single Project Area Form which would have incorporated into an appropriate format all of the information submitted on June 1, 2015 as part of the Historic Architectural Resource Survey prepared by PAL (Public Archaeology Lab). In order to meet DHR guidelines, we request that all architectural history consultants confirm survey product formats and needs with the DHR prior to submission of documents for our review.

I have included the DHR response for the Wilder Dam. The DHR concurs that the Dam is eligible for listing in the National Register for Historic Places as proposed by PAL. However, the DHR is only responding to resources located on the State of New Hampshire's portion of the resource, and does not take jurisdiction over Vermont resources. We will keep the remaining forms for Bellows Falls Hydroelectric Development Historic District and Vernon Hydroelectric Development Historic District in our files but will not respond at this time as the forms do not meet DHR guidelines.

Based on the projects' scope of work involving relicensing, the undertakings as described will constitute "**No Adverse Effect**" under 36 C.F.R. Part 800.5(a)(1) to the historic properties listed above.

Please contact Nadine Peterson at 603-271-6628 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Richard A. Boisvert
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

Cc: PAL



**NH Division of Historical Resources
Determination of Eligibility (DOE)**

Date received: July 31, 2015

Inventory #:

Date of group review: August 12, 2015

Area: Wilder Hydroelectric Project Historic District

DHR staff: Amy

Town/City: Lebanon, NH/Hartford, VT

Property name: Wilder Dam

County: Grafton, NH/Windsor, VT

Address: West side of Route 10, straddling the CT River at river mile 217.4 between Lebanon, NH and Hartford, VT; approximately 1.5 miles upstream from the White River and approximately 7 miles downstream of the Ompoanoosuc River

Reviewed for: R&C PTI NR SR Survey Other
Agency, if appropriate: FERC

Individual Properties

NR	SR
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Eligible
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Eligible, also in district
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Eligible, in district
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Not eligible
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> More information needed
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not evaluated for individual eligibility

Districts

NR	SR
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Eligible
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Not eligible
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> More information needed
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Not evaluated @ district

Integrity: Location Design Setting Materials
Workmanship Feeling Association

Criteria: A. Event B. Person C. Architecture/Engineering
D. Archaeology E. Exception

Level: Local State National

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

IF THIS PROPERTY IS REVIEWED IN THE FUTURE, ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION WILL BE NEEDED.

The Wilder Hydroelectric Facility was built in 1950 and was an important component of the system of hydroelectric facilities designed to serve the southern New England electrical market built by the New England Power Company and related corporations between 1909 and 1957. The Wilder facility was completed to provide an additional peak-demand power source and to fulfill anticipated supply needs in the growing post-World War II electrical market.

The Wilder facility was not the first dam and power generation facility at the site. In 1910 the International Paper Company had a power generating facility for its paper mill and nearby village here called Olcott Falls. Those facilities were removed for the Wilder development, which was controversial and experienced substantial local opposition. Wilder and Moore Station (built in 1957) incorporated a visitors' center, unlike earlier hydroelectric facilities, because of increased public interest in both the construction and the operation of the site.

The DOE Committee concurs that those portions of the complex in New Hampshire (the dam, powerhouse, and the visitors' house) are eligible under Criteria A and C in the areas of Industry, Engineering, and Architecture. The purpose built hydroelectric project is an important component of the system of hydroelectric power generating facilities along the CT River, and the collection of buildings embodies mid-20th century hydroelectric project engineering. Those resources in NH retain integrity of setting, locations, design, feeling, material, workmanship, and association.

ENTERED INTO DATABASE

ACREAGE: 11.52 acres

PERIOD OF SIGNIFICANCE: 1950-1965 (50-year cut off)

AREA OF SIGNIFICANCE: Industry, Engineering, and Architecture

BOUNDARY: Undetermined

SURVEYOR: John J. Daly, Public Archaeology Laboratory, Inc. (PAL)

FOLLOW-UP: Notify appropriate parties.

- Consultation with the Vermont Division of Historic Preservation should take place regarding those historic resources that are physically in VT, such as the switchyards, garage, oil shed, and their National Register eligibility. Consultation should also consider the proposed boundary, list of contributing, non-contributing, and excluded resources and whether the boundary, as delineated, is justified.
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Final DOE approved by: