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

**Re: TransCanada Hydro Northeast Inc.; Vernon
Project P-1904, Bellows Falls Project P-1855,
Wilder Project P-1892; Response to US Fish and
Wildlife Request for Extension of Time to Submit
Comments on PSP**

Dear Secretary Bose:

TransCanada Hydro Northeast Inc. ("TransCanada"), licensee for the Vernon, Bellows Falls and Wilder Projects respectfully comments on filings to the Commission from the US Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) requesting an extension of time (EOT) to submit its comments on TransCanada's Proposed Study Plan (PSP).

The Integrated Licensing Process (ILP) schedule for the referenced projects calls for stakeholders to provide comments on TransCanada's PSP by July 14, 2013¹. On June 13, 2013, the FWS requested an extension of this deadline to July 30, 2013. Letters supporting the FWS extension request were subsequently filed by the NH Department of Environmental Service, NH Fish and Game Department, VT Agency of Natural Resources, MA Division of Fish and Wildlife, Connecticut River Watershed Council, The Nature Conservancy, Trout Unlimited, Franklin Regional Council of Governments and First Light Power Resources.

TransCanada has no objection to the requested EOT for all commenters but only with the understanding that the remaining ILP deadlines specified below will be revised accordingly as proposed.

¹ July 14, 2013 falls on a Sunday, per FERC regulation, the due date is advanced to the next business day, July 15, 2013.

Action	Time Frame	Current Date	Proposed Date
File Comments on PSP	Within 90 days of filing	07/14/2013	07/30/2013
File Revised Study Plan (RSP)	Within 30 days of PSP	08/13/2103	08/29/2013
File Comments on RSP	Within 15 days of RSP	08/28/2013	09/13/2013
FERC Issues Study Plan Determination (SPD)	Within 30 days of RSP	09/12/2013	09/29/2013
Notice of Formal Study Dispute	Within 20 days of SPD	10/02/2013	10/19/2013
Study Dispute Determination	Within 70 days of Study Dispute	12/11/2013	12/28/2013

If there are further questions regarding this matter, please contact me at 603-498-2851 to discuss things further. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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FERC License Manager

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