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OFFICE OF ENERGY PROJECTS

Project No. 1892-030  
Project No. 1855-050  
Project No. 1904-078  
Great River Hydro, LLC

VIA FERC SERVICE

Mr. John L. Ragonese  
FERC License Manager  
Great River Hydro, LLC  
40 Pleasant St., Suite 202  
Portsmouth, NH 03801

**Reference: Request for Status Update on Settlement Agreement**

Dear Mr. Ragonese:

Great River Hydro, LLC (Great River) filed relicensing applications for the Wilder Hydroelectric Project No. 1892, Bellows Falls Hydroelectric Project No. 1855, and Vernon Hydroelectric Project No. 1904 on May 1, 2017, and amended the applications on December 7, 2020.

By letter filed on February 3, 2022, Great River stated that it has been engaged in productive settlement discussions with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the New Hampshire Department of Fish and Game, and the Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife to address fish passage issues at each of the projects. Great River stated that it expected to file an executed settlement agreement on fish passage in February 2022.

The amended license applications have been pending for over nineteen months, and Great River has not filed a settlement agreement or an update on the status of the agreement since the February 3 letter. Within 15 days from the date of this letter, please provide an update on Great River's progress in reaching a settlement agreement and a schedule for filing the settlement agreement.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file the requested information using the Commission's eFiling system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/eFiling.aspx>. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov); call toll-free at (866) 208-3676; or, for TTY,

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contact (202) 502-8659. In lieu of electronic filing, Great River may submit a paper copy. Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, D.C. 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, MD 20852. The first page of any filing should include the applicable docket numbers: P-1892-030, P-1855-050, and P-1904-078.

If Great River has any questions concerning this letter, please contact Steve Kartalia at (202) 502-6131 or [stephen.kartalia@ferc.gov](mailto:stephen.kartalia@ferc.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'V. Yearick', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Vince Yearick  
Director  
Division of Hydropower Licensing