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Via Email

Daniel C. Goldner, Chairman
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit St.
Concord, NH 03301-2429


Re: DE 23-009 - Squam River Hydro, LLC- Petition for Reconnection of a Qualifying Facility, Payment of Avoided Costs, and Payment of Lost Revenues and Appearance – Affidavit of Publication

Dear Chairman Goldner:

Enclosed for filing with the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (the “Commission”) on behalf of Squam River Hydro, LLC (“SRH”) in the above-captioned matter, DE 23-009, is an affidavit of publication. The Commencement of Adjudicative Proceeding and Notice of Prehearing Conference issued by the Commission in this docket on March 31, 2023 required that SRH “notify all entities and individuals desiring to be heard at this hearing by publishing a copy of this order of notice no later than April 14, 2023 in a newspaper with general circulation in those portions of the state in which operations are conducted, and shall post a copy of this order of notice at the Ashland Town Hall at 20 Highland Street in Ashland, no later than two business days after the date of issue, such publication to be documented by affidavit filed with the Commission on or before April 21, 2023.” Enclosed is a copy of an affidavit affirming that these publication and posting requirements have been met.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



Douglas L. Patch

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Attachment
cc (via email): Service list in DE 23-0009

**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DE 23-009

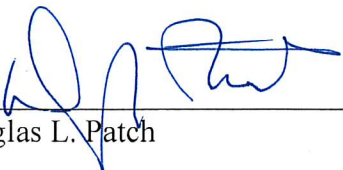
SQUAM RIVER HYDRO, LLC

**Petition for Reconnection of Qualifying Facility,
Payment of Avoided Costs and Payment of Lost Revenues**

Affidavit of Publication and Posting of Order of Notice

The undersigned hereby states under penalties of perjury as follows:

1. I am counsel to Squam River Hydro, LLC ("SRH"), the Petitioner in the above-captioned docket.
2. On Friday March 31, 2023, the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") issued the Commencement of Adjudicative Proceeding and Notice of Prehearing Conference in the above-captioned docket ("Order of Notice"). The Order of Notice required that SRH "notify all entities and individuals desiring to be heard at this hearing by publishing a copy of this order of notice no later than April 14, 2023 in a newspaper with general circulation in those portions of the state in which operations are conducted, and shall post a copy of this order of notice at the Ashland Town Hall at 20 Highland Street in Ashland, no later than two business days after the date of issue, such publication to be documented by affidavit filed with the Commission on or before April 21, 2023."
3. The Order of Notice was published in the New Hampshire Union Leader on April 9, 2023. A copy of the tear sheet from this publication is attached to this affidavit.
4. The Order of Notice was posted on the bulletin board at the Ashland Town Hall on April 3, 2023.
5. I am submitting this affidavit in accordance with the Commission Order of Notice in this docket.



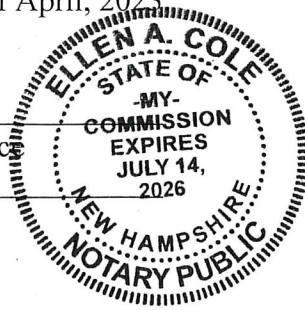
Douglas L. Patch

Sworn before me this 11th day of April, 2023

Ellen A. Cole

Notary Public/Justice of the Peace

My Commission Expires: _____



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Blue state, red state

Political lines also point to which states are more welcoming to work from home.

By Don Lee and Noah Bierman
Los Angeles Times

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Tavalicia Bell, a 26-year-old shipping dispatcher, was imagining a life working from home, her dog Cody by her side, she said as she hurried to finish her cheesesteak. But in this city, she explained as other workers filled into Lennys Grill & Subs, most companies insist that employees show up in person.

"A lot of things you can do online," said Bell, who returned to on-site work at a logistics center just three weeks into the COVID-19 pandemic. "But in Memphis — like, physically — you have to move boxes."

The much-hyped remote-work revolution hasn't landed in all places with equal force. The five states with the most flexible policies are liberal, wealthy and mostly coastal — California, Oregon, Colorado, Washington and Massachusetts — according to a survey of companies nationwide by Scoop Technologies, which specializes in flexible work software and data collection.

Workers in Southern states with below-average union representation, minimal education and more traditional definitions of hard work are showing up to their offices, factories and other job sites. Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Kentucky and Tennessee have the highest percentages of in-person jobs in the country.

Memphis has a higher proportion of employers requiring on-site work than any other U.S. city, according to the Scoop data. But some local politicians and business leaders worry that a return-to-work economy in red states will limit the talent pool, locking people into low-paying, backbreaking labor while Californians and Coloradans work laptop jobs from home and cash big checks from tech companies.

Tennessee state Sen. Lamar Smith, a Democrat who represents Memphis, said she fears her overwhelmingly blue city is stuck in a "blue-collar economic system," spawning high poverty rates and workers "who cannot break into another class" because of the dependence on warehousing and distribution jobs. She wonders why the businesses that offer more flexibility — mainly, tech firms — are going elsewhere.

"I would love to see more corporations coming to Memphis that can provide these white-collar jobs," Lamar said. "These are the jobs where you don't use your hands. You're sitting at a desk all day. ... They tend to make more than those who are busting their asses."

Alexandra Shockey, 35, who started Ed Media Consulting, a remote communications business, after a decade of mostly in-person work at FedEx, said she has seen openings in Memphis for jobs that could be done from practically anywhere.

"You could have a rockstar person filling this role from anywhere in the world, honestly, and it would make this Memphis business stronger," she said.

A day at home

Nationally, 40% of people with full-time jobs are working from home at least one day a week, according to WFH Research, a project led by economists at Stanford and the University of Chicago. But the gap between places like Memphis and places like Los Angeles is big — and could grow. In the three months through February, 9% of new job vacancies posted by employers in Memphis allowed for at least one day



Remote employee Brandon Davis pops into the kitchen where his kids are home-schooled in the Germantown suburb of Memphis.

of remote work. That's more than double the share from before the pandemic and slightly below the national average, which is 10%, according to an examination of millions of job postings by WFH Research.

Job postings in blue states are much more likely to be remote-friendly. In San Francisco, for example, remote jobs accounted for 30% of advertised openings over the same period — the highest share in the country, apart from a couple of small university towns. About a quarter of the jobs posted in Boston and Washington, D.C., were eligible for hybrid work. In Los Angeles and Irvine, California, the rate was about 16%.

Employers in states won by President Joe Biden in 2020 were more likely to allow employees to work from home than those that were carried by former President Donald Trump, according to polls and research by Matthew Kahn, a USC economics professor and author of "Going Remote." He also found that businesses based in pricier housing markets were more amenable to remote work.

Democrats and higher earners across the political spectrum are far more likely to have jobs with the flexibility to work from home and to take remote work benefits into account when deciding whether to take a job, according to a poll conducted for The Times by Leger, a Canadian firm with experience in U.S. surveys.

In a nation already divided by ideology and economics, remote work will make people more likely to group together according to their social and political inclinations, with liberals moving to or staying in states that are friendly to working from home, said Richard Florida, an expert in urban studies. Leger's polling backs up his argument. Among Democrats, 74% said flexibility to work from home was important in choosing a job; 50% of Republicans felt the same. Among workers who have that privilege, 35% of Democrats said they would leave a job if they were told to come in five days a week, compared with 23% of Republicans.

The poll also found that Democrats are more likely than Republicans to support politicians who encourage flexible work policies. The poll also found that Democrats are more likely than Republicans to support politicians who encourage flexible work policies.

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Legal Notice

INVITATION TO BID

The Town of Londonderry is accepting sealed bids for the purchase of the following:

- Dump Body / Sprayer / Plows / Hydraulics / Pre-wetting Equipment / Air Ground Temperature Sensors
- (3) Six-Wheel Trucks each bid separately
- (1) One-Ton cab and chassis with plow package & Utility Body

Bid documents may be picked up at the Londonderry Public Works Department, 2680 Mammoth Road, Londonderry, NH or mailed upon request. All bids must be received in the Department of Finance, Town of Londonderry, 2680 Mammoth Road, Londonderry, NH 03053, no later than 2:00 PM on Wednesday, May 10, 2023. Bids submitted after this time will not be accepted. The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 2:15 PM. All bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes addressed to the Finance Department Purchasing Agent bearing on the outside the bidder's name and address and the note "DPW Dump Body & Six-Wheel Truck #8 Bid." If forwarded by mail, the sealed envelope containing the bid and marked as directed above, must be enclosed in another envelope addressed to the Town of Londonderry, Attn: Finance Department Purchasing Agent, 2680 Mammoth Road, Londonderry, NH 03053, preferably by registered mail.

All decisions in reference to the bid will be made by the Public Works Director or an authorized agent. The Town reserves the right to reject any and all bids or any portion of any bid or waive any informality deemed in the best interest of the Town. No bidder can withdraw his bid within sixty (60) days after the date of the opening.

Department of Public Works
Rt. 1, Apr.

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See more public notices at
www.unloaders.com

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

DE 23-009

SQUAM RIVER HYDRO, LLC

Petition for Reconnection of Qualifying Facility, Payment of Avoided Costs and Payment of Lost Revenues COMMENCEMENT OF ADJUDICATIVE PROCEEDING AND NOTICE OF PREHEARING CONFERENCE

On January 31, 2023, Squam River Hydro, LLC (SRH) filed a petition requesting the Commission to order the Town of Ashland Electric Department and the Town of Ashland (individually and collectively, Ashland) to reconnect its hydropower facilities to the electric grid and to compensate SRH for certain costs and lost revenues. The petition and subsequent docket filings, other than any information for which confidential treatment is requested or granted by the Commission, are available on the Commission's website at <https://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docket/2023-009.html>.

1. BACKGROUND AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY

In its petition, SRH stated that it owns two hydropower facilities located within Ashland's service boundaries, which constitute "qualifying facilities" under the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act (PURPA), or 16 U.S.C. § 824a-3, and "limited electrical energy producers" under RSA chapter 362-A, see RSA 362-A:1-a, III (defining "limited producer" or "limited electrical energy producer"). Petition, ¶ 1. It noted that both facilities also were approved as eligible for Class IV Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs), i.e., (referring to Docket No. REC-15-293 (Certificate of Authorization issued to Squam River Power, LLC) and REC-15-294 (Certificate of Authorization issued to Squam River Hydro, LLC)).

SRH averred that, on January 1, 2012, Ashland and SRH entered into a power purchase agreement (PPA), in which Ashland agreed to purchase the power generated by these facilities, M. ¶ 2. According to the petition, Ashland terminated the PPA effective in January 2020 and began to buy power previously produced by SRH's facilities from another source. Id. SRH claimed that Ashland illegally disconnected its facilities from the electric grid in 2021 and pulled the town's licenses without notice to SRH. Id. SRH maintained that Ashland has refused to reconnect its facilities or pay SRH its avoided costs, as required by PURPA. Id.

SRH requested the Commission to order Ashland to reconnect its hydropower facilities to the electric grid and replace the town fuses that were pulled. It also requested the Commission to order Ashland to pay the following: (1) avoided costs for the power SRH's facilities produce going forward; (2) reimbursement for SRH's lost revenue since termination of the PPA and disconnection of SRH's facilities, which includes avoided costs and REC alternative compliance payments; and (3) reimbursement for SRH's interconnection costs incurred in connection with the PPA. SRH estimated its lost revenue at \$245,523, as well as its avoided costs and REC revenues estimated at \$74,153.97 and investment costs of over \$419,000, as of the time it filed its petition. Id. ¶¶ 9, 10.

2. ISSUES PRESENTED

The filing presents, *inter alia*, the following issues: whether SRH's hydropower facilities constitute "qualifying facilities" under PURPA and "limited electrical energy producers" under RSA chapter 362-A, whether the Town of Ashland Electric Department is subject to regulation by the Commission under PURPA and state law, including RSA chapter 362, whether Ashland's disconnection of SRH's hydropower facilities was permitted under state and federal law, including RSA chapter 362-A and 18 C.F.R. sections 292.30(a) and (c), 292.30(a)(2), and 292.30(b), whether Ashland is required to reconnect SRH's hydropower facilities to the electric grid, and whether Ashland is required to compensate SRH for avoided costs, lost revenues, REC alternative compliance payments, and interconnection costs under state and federal law, including RSA chapter 362-A and 18 C.F.R. sections 292.30(a), 292.30(a)(2), and 292.30(b). Accordingly, an adjudicative proceeding will be convened to address these issues.

The Commission will be conducting the prehearing conference and any hearings scheduled in this matter in person. The Commission will consider requests to conduct hearings using a hybrid format to permit remote participation by a specific individual only if the Commission has determined that a sufficient reason has been provided for why that individual would be unable to attend in person. Any party requesting that a specific individual be permitted to participate remotely should file a written request with the Commission's Clerk's office no later than fifteen (15) days prior to the prehearing conference or hearing date. If the Commission determines that one or more individuals will be permitted to appear remotely, then individuals in the Commission's hearing room, including the Commissioners, will be broadcast on a web-enabled platform.

Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED, that an adjudicative proceeding be commenced for the purpose of reviewing and resolving the foregoing issues pursuant to RSA chapter 541-A, RSA chapter 362, RSA chapter 362-A, PURPA, 18 C.F.R. sections 292.30(a) and (c), 292.30(a)(2), and 292.30(b), and the Commission's procedural rules, and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that the Commission will hold a prehearing conference, pursuant to N.H. Admin. R. Pub. 203.17, at its offices located at 21 S. Fruit St., Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire, on May 18, 2023, at 1:30 p.m., at which each party should be prepared to address any of the issues set forth in N.H. Admin. R. Pub. 203.17, and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that during the prehearing conference, the Commission will consider the matters listed in Pur. 203.14(c) and (d), including the establishment of a procedural schedule governing the remainder of the proceeding. Parties and potential parties are encouraged to facilitate the development of a procedural schedule by conferring prior to the prehearing conference, so that the presiding officer can address any matters on which there is disagreement during the prehearing conference. Any procedural schedule, however, will not be approved until after the prehearing conference and after consulting the Commission's calendar, and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that immediately following the prehearing conference, SRH shall make appropriate personnel available for the parties to hold a technical session to review the filing, and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that any entity or individual may petition to intervene and seek to be admitted as a party in this proceeding. Each party has the right to have an attorney represent the party at the party's own expense, and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that any party objecting to a petition to intervene make said objection on or before May 1, 2023, and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that the parties shall file their responses to SRH's petition on or before May 2, 2023, and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that the parties may submit a stipulation containing a discovery schedule, statement of any additional issues not identified in this order of notice, and at least three dates on which they would be available for a final hearing in this matter, including how much time will be required, with a request that the prehearing conference and technical session be cancelled on or before May 9, 2023. The Commission may cancel the prehearing conference and technical session upon approval of such a stipulation, and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that parties shall file any proposed exhibits, written testimony, motions, or other documents intended to become part of the record in this proceeding with the Commission. Parties may submit documents to the Commission's website at <https://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Secretariat/2023009.html>. See: <https://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Secretariat/2023009.html>. Parties may elect to submit any filing in electronic form unless otherwise ordered by the Commission. Filings will be considered filed as of the time the electronic copy is received by the Commission, and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that routine procedural inquiries may be made by contacting the Commission's Clerk's office at (603) 271-2431 or Clerk@puc.nh.gov. All requests to the Commission should be made in a written pleading filed with the Commission. Unless otherwise authorized by law, ex parte communication are prohibited, and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.H. Admin. R. Pub. 203.12, SRH shall notify all entities and individuals desiring to be heard at this hearing by publishing a copy of this order of notice no later than April 14, 2023, in a newspaper with general circulation in those portions of the state in which operations are conducted, and shall post a copy of this order of notice at the Ashland Town Hall at 30 Highland Street in Ashland, no later than two business days after the date of issue, such publication to be documented by affidavit filed with the Commission on or before April 21, 2023. In addition, the Clerk shall publish this order of notice on the Commission's website no later than two business days after the date of issue, and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that any hearings in this matter shall be conducted in accordance with the attached hearing guidelines.

So ordered, this thirty-first day of March, 2023.

Daniel C. Goldner
Chairman
Pradip K. Chattopadhyay
Commissioner

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BUREAU OF TURNPIKES INVITATION TO BID: RFB TPK 2023-02 DOOR MAINTENANCE SERVICES

The Department of Transportation, Bureau of Turnpikes is soliciting proposals for providing door maintenance and repair services at sixteen (16) maintenance, welcome center, and toll facilities, for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025, effective upon Governor and Council approval.

Proposals must be completed in both words and numerals on regular bid forms. The proposal shall specify the rate of compensation for providing these services at Turnpike maintenance, welcome center, and toll facilities.

Specs and bid forms and instructions for submitting bids are available on these websites (RFB TPK 2023-02):

<https://ds.nh.gov/purchasing/tendersources.asp>
<http://www.nh.gov/dot/nh/operations/turnpikes/documents.htm>

Specifications and bid forms may also be obtained from the Business Administrator of the Bureau of Turnpikes by calling 603-485-3850 or emailing Samuel.L.Foster@dot.nh.gov.

Sealed proposals shall be opened and read aloud at 2:00 o'clock p.m., prevailing time on Friday, April 21, 2023. An invitation to a video conference call will be emailed upon request.

The right is reserved to waive any informality in or to reject any or all proposals.