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Jeanette A. Sypek
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Re: DE 10-151, Holyoke Gas & Electric Department Certification Application for the Existing Small Hydroelectric Facilities Pursuant to RSA 362-F Request for Additional Information

Dear Ms. Sypek:

On June 2, 2010, the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application from the City of Holyoke Gas & Electric Department (HG&E) requesting certification for 14 hydroelectric facilities located in Holyoke, Massachusetts as Class II renewable energy sources pursuant to RSA 362-F, New Hampshire's Renewable Portfolio Standard law. Staff has reviewed your application and has noted the following items that must be addressed before it is considered complete:

1. Pursuant to NH Code of Administrative Rule Puc 2505.02 (b) (8), please provide documentation that HG&E is a party to a currently effective interconnection agreement for each of the 14 facilities mentioned in your application.
2. Please define the term "physically and electrically separate facilities," which is used to describe some of the facilities listed in your application.
3. Are the Albion Mill A and Albion B facilities "physically and electrically separate facilities?"

4. The FERC licenses for the facilities prescribe spilling water over the Holyoke Dam during high water flow periods to prevent migrating fish populations from entering the canal system. Please provide documentation, if available, that such mitigation measures have minimized the amount of fish from being trapped in the canal.
5. Is there any documented fish migration during low water flow periods? If yes, what measures are taken during these periods?
6. Has HG&E installed upstream and downstream fish passages at any of the other facilities besides the Hadley Falls Station?
7. Please provide the latest fish monitoring reports from the Hadley Falls Station and any other facility's fish passages, if installed.

These items must be received by the Commission to complete your application. Until such time as your application is complete, it will not be processed. If the requested documentation is not provided within ten business days, your file will be closed without prejudice. Please refer to docket number DE 10-151 in all future correspondence with the Commission. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. My phone number is 603-271-2431 and my e-mail is maureen.reno@puc.nh.gov.

Sincerely,



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cc: Suzanne Amidon
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