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June 29, 2011

Scott D. Hall  
Vice President – Environmental & Business Services  
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Davenport Street, PO Box 276  
Milford, ME 04461

Re: DE 11-140, Bear Bear Group's Certification Application  
Pursuant to RSA 362-F Request for Additional Information

Dear Mr. Hall:

On June 13, 2011, the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application from Black Bear HVGW, LLC requesting certification for Black Bear's Howland Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2721) as a Class IV renewable energy source 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 your application is considered complete:

- 1.) Please refer to PUC 2505.02(b); item 8. The Commission requires proof that the applicant either has an approved interconnection study on file with the Commission, is a party to currently effective interconnection agreement, or is otherwise not required to undertake an interconnection study. Your current application does not appear to address this requirement.
  - a. The interconnection agreement is required to be signed by both the utility and the owner of the generation source.
- 2.) The photographs submitted as proof of both upstream and downstream diadromous fish passages is inconclusive. Please send a completed FERC order approving your license. Please also including proof from an appropriate Maine state agency that the fish passages were installed and are operational.

- 3) Verification is required that the facility is in compliance with the Clean Water Act. (This may be covered in your FERC license.)
- 4.) Your current application includes a number of attachments that are incomplete documents. The Commission understands the desire to limit the use of paper; please send complete documents electronically to [barbara.bernstein@puc.nh.gov](mailto:barbara.bernstein@puc.nh.gov).

These items must be received by the Commission to complete your application. Until such time, it will not be processed. **Please also note that review of the application would be greatly expedited if the Supplemental Information Sheets were numbered and corresponded to the Attachments.**

If the requested information and documentation are not provided within ten business days, your file will be closed without prejudice. Please refer to docket number DE 11-140 in all future correspondence with the Commission. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. My phone number is 603-271-6011 and my e-mail address is [barbara.bernstein@puc.nh.gov](mailto:barbara.bernstein@puc.nh.gov).

Sincerely,



Barbara Bernstein  
Sustainable Energy Analyst

cc: Suzanne Amidon, NHPUC Staff Attorney