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Richard Murray City of Holyoke Gas & Electric Department 99 Suffolk Street Holyoke MA 01040-5082

RE: FERC Project No. 2772, 2775, 2771, 2487, 2768, 2766, 2758, 2770

Dear Mr. Murray,

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection has received your request for water quality certifications for FERC Project No. 2772, Gillmill A; FERC Project No. 2775, Gillmill D; FERC Project No. 2771, Nonotuck; FERC Project No. 2497, Mt. Tom Mill; FERC Project No. 2768, Albion Mill A; FERC Project No. 2766, Albion Mill D; FERC Project No.2758, Crocker Mill and FERC Project No. 2770, Crocker Mill C. A

Please note that within the water quality certification issued for FERC Project No. 2004, are conditions that require compliance for operations and flows within the Holyoke canal system. All eight Projects listed above are located within the Holyoke canal system. We consider the recently issued water quality certification for FERC Project 2004 to apply to these eight Projects.

Please call me at 508/767-2854 if there are any questions.

Sincerely,

Robert Kubit, P.E.

Environmental Engineer

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