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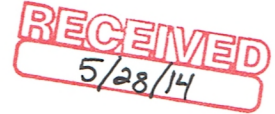
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Re: "Glendale Hydroelectric Project Comments" FERC No. 2801

Dear Dana,

Representing the Housatonic Valley Association (HVA), I would like to comment on the 'micro-hydro' project that has been installed on the Housatonic River in Glendale Massachusetts. It appears that it will have minimal impact to the river and local environs. The specific areas that we would have concerns would be regarding river flow reduction, fish and wildlife impacts, and river navigation impairment.

However we were pleased to see that the required flow from this run-of-river dam will continue to be a minimum of 90 cfs, the fish/trash grate will be 1 inch openings with the sides of the rack being imbedded in the dam structure, and the approach water velocity is less than 2 fps. We were also pleased to see that this new turbine will not interfere with the newly installed river access site and portage trail.

Therefore, for these low impact attributes and since this turbine is installed in a dam structure that is part of an existing hydroelectric facility, the HVA does not have a problem with this installation.

Sincerely,

Dennis Regan
Berkshire Director, HVA