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Fred Ayer, Executive Director
Low Impact Hydropower Institute
34 Providence Street
Portland Maine 04103

August 12, 2005

Re: West Springfield Hydro Project, FERC #2608

Dear Mr. Ayer,

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (the Department) is the state agency that issues section 401 Water Quality Certificates. Our records show a reapplication for a Water Quality Certificate was submitted on December 2, 1992 for this project. However, since the Department did not act on the application within one year, the certification was deemed waived by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

It is the opinion of this agency and our sister agency, the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, that all of the conditions that would have appeared in a Water Quality Certificate are part of the FERC license for this project. We believe those conditions are protective of aquatic resources and meet water quality standards.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please call me at 508/767-2854.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "R. Kubit".

Robert Kubit, P.E.
Environmental Engineer

Cc: Caleb Slater/MADFW

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