

# Low Impact Hydropower Institute

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**Subject: Certification of the West Springfield Project – LIHI Certificate No. 00019**

Dear Tom:

I am delighted to report that the Institute's Governing Board has determined that the West Springfield Project, FERC No. 2608, meets the Low Impact Hydropower Certification Criteria. An original Low Impact certificate will be forwarded to you once the Governing Board Chair and Secretary have executed it.

In reaching its decision to certify the West Springfield Project, the Low Impact Hydropower Institute's Governing Board reviewed the application for certification, as well as the Staff's report and recommendations. Staff recommended that the West Springfield Hydroelectric Project be certified, however, because of the issues concerning fish passage the Staff recommended that the Board condition the certification on the applicant and state and federal fishery agencies arriving at a solution for the three issues by December 31, 2006. The issues are described in the November 15, 2005 letter from the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife. (attached to the Staff report)

The Board's vote to certify the West Springfield Project as a Low Impact facility was unanimous. There were no public comments on the application. The certification's effective date is August 29, 2005. The certification of the West Springfield Project facility is valid for five years and will expire on August 29, 2010.

During the time the West Springfield Project is certified as low impact, you may market the West Springfield Project facilities as a certified Low Impact Hydropower facility. Certification by the Institute also makes the power produced from the West Springfield facility eligible for other "green" power certification programs.

It is your responsibility to maintain compliance with the certification criteria and to notify of us of any changed conditions relevant to the certification. This could include changes in agency recommendations, or changes in operations. You will also be asked to fill out a short form each year to confirm compliance during the preceding year. The Institute may also conduct occasional follow-up checks with you and/or relevant resource agencies to ensure that the West Springfield facility remains in compliance.

I strongly recommend you review LIHI's Certification Use Requirements (addressing the language to be used for describing a Low Impact Hydropower Facility for marketing purposes), our Compliance standards and the penalties for non-compliance, as well as current information about renewing your certification. That information, as you know, is available at the LIHI website ([www.lowimpacthydro.org](http://www.lowimpacthydro.org)). If you have any questions about any of those materials please call.

If the Institute identifies a problem with the West Springfield Project's compliance with the certification criteria, it will evaluate the situation and take any necessary actions. In the case of non-compliance, possible responses include the suspension or revocation of the certification. Factors to be considered would include the scope, duration, and intensity of any non-compliance, its effects on the environment, whether the violation was intentional or not, and whether or not there was a valid reason (e.g., public safety) for the non-compliance.

Thank you again for your interest in the Low Impact Certification Program, and congratulations on securing Low Impact certification for the West Springfield—the first LIHI certified project in Massachusetts. We hope that the West Springfield Project is the first of many Massachusetts hydro facilities to become certified as Low Impact. Contact me if you have any questions, or if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Fred Ayer,  
Executive Director

cc: Public files