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Subject: LIHI Re-certification Application for TransCanada's Vernon Project

Hello Mr. Nolan:

The NH Fish and Game Department agrees with the observations discussed in the Vt. Dept. Of Environmental Conservation's letter (attached) regarding the LIHI re-certification of the Vernon project. More specifically, we also support the VTANR recommendation noted below; if the project is certified regardless of the comments received to date:

“As a result of this review, the Agency's does not believe the Vernon hydroelectric project complies with LIHI's criteria, particularly in regards to the criteria for flows and fish passage. As such, the Agency would recommend against certification of this project as “low impact”. If LIHI does certify the project, the Agency would recommend the following condition be included in any certification issued for the project. “

“During the term of this certification, should a resource agency request implementation of passage measures for catadromous or riverine fish, the applicant shall notify LIHI within 14 days, provide LIHI with a copy of the request, and the applicant's response.”

If you have any comments or questions about this information, please do not hesitate to contact ma via email or by phone at 603-271-3511. Thank you, Carol henderson, NH Fish and Game Department, Environmental Review Coordinator

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