

Steve Hickey

From: Walsh, Ted
Sent: Thursday, January 29, 2015 9:29 AM
To: Steve Hickey
Subject: RE: 2015 LIHI WQ sampling at Stevens Mill (FERC Exemption No. 3760)

Steve,

I am home today w a sick daughter. Yes DES will work with the applicant ensure that data is collected that would allow DES to make a decision on whether the project is impacting water quality.

Ted

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From: Steve Hickey [mailto:sjh@essexhydro.com]
Sent: Wed 1/28/2015 3:13 PM
To: Walsh, Ted
Subject: 2015 LIHI WQ sampling at Stevens Mill (FERC Exemption No. 3760)

Ted,

As you are aware, in 2013 Essex Power Services Inc., agent for Eagle Creek Renewable Energy LLC ("the applicant"), owner and operator of the Stevens Mill/Riverbend hydroelectric project ("the project") located on the Winnepesaukee River river in Franklin, NH conducted water quality testing as required by your sampling plan ("the plan") for the project. The water quality sampling was done to confirm the project does not cause or contribute to violations of New Hampshire State water quality standards.

This is required in the applicant's application to the Low Impact Hydropower Institute for certification of the project as a low impact facility. Upon your review of the data in 2015, it became apparent that the data loggers used in the impoundment and tailrace suffered from a mechanical malfunction calling into question the validity of the results.

Please confirm by responding to this email that you will work with the applicant in 2015 to re assess the water quality conditions above and below the Stevens Mill/Riverbend hydroelectric project. The applicant will re conduct the sampling as required by your sampling plan, or an updated plan if so required and provide the results to you for your review.

Thank you and please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Steve

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