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Division of Fisheries & Wildlife

Jack Buckley, *Director*

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Dana Hall, Director
Low Impact Hydropower Institute
34 Providence Street
Portland, ME
04103

RE: Loring Road Conduit Hydroelectric Project (FERC #13400)

Dear Ms. Hall:

The Department of Fish and Game (“DFG”) hereby submits the following comments on the Low Impact Hydropower Institute’s (“LIHI”) Pending Application for the proposed LIHI re-certification of the Loring Road Project located in Weston, Massachusetts.

DFG is submitting these comments to LIHI in order to fulfill the requirements of the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources (“DOER”) Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard Regulations (225 CMR 14.00; “RPS I” and 225 CMR 15.00; “RPS II”). The RPS I and RPS II regulations were promulgated by DOER on January 1, 2009 and require that any hydroelectric project wishing to qualify as either a RPS I or RPS II generator first obtain LIHI certification. These regulations also require all relevant regulatory agencies to comment on the pending LIHI application.

PROJECT

The Loring Road hydroelectric project is located in a valve chamber at the Loring Road Covered Storage Facility in Weston, Massachusetts.

The project has an installed capacity of 200kW and average annual generation of 1,200,000 kWh.

COMMENTS

There have been no issues with this project since it was LIHI certified in 2010, therefore the DFG has no objection to the re-certification of the Loring Road Conduit Hydroelectric Project as a “Low Impact” facility.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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