



## Hoosic River Watershed Association

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Re: Certification of Pownal Hydroelectric Project

Ms. Fischer:

The Hoosic River Watershed Association (HooRWA), at its monthly Board meeting held on January 7, 2019, voted to support the application by Hoosic River Hydro, LLC to be certified as a Low Impact Hydroelectric generating site. HooRWA is a 30+ year-old non-profit corporation dedicated to the conservation, habitat restoration and enjoyment of the Hoosic River and its watershed through education, research and advocacy.

HooRWA has been supportive of this particular hydroelectric generating facility since its development by Hoosic River Hydro (group). Through its development, the owners /operators have kept the public informed of its progress and has periodically invited the public to view the construction process and operation. HooRWA believes the applicant has met the certification criteria as specified in the LIHI handbook.

The Board of Directors believes this is a beneficial hydropower project in that it uses an existing dam and will not negatively impact the Hoosic River by its operation. Furthermore, the power generated does not create carbon emissions that negatively affect climate change issues.

HooRWA wishes to thank LIHI for this opportunity to comment on Hoosic River Hydro's application.

Sincerely,

Andrew Kawczak  
President