

STATE OF TENNESSEE
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION
DIVISION OF WATER POLLUTION CONTROL
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NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE 37243-1534



October 19, 2005

Mr. Fred Ayer
Low Impact Hydropower Institute
34 Providence Street
Portland, Maine 04103

RE: Tapoco Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2169)
Application for Low Impact Hydropower Certification

Dear Mr. Ayer:

We are aware that the Tapoco Division of Alcoa Power Generating Inc. has submitted an Application for Low Impact Hydropower Certification with the Low Impact Hydropower Institute. We are also aware that there are outstanding questions about the water quality immediately below Calderwood Dam. In a 401 Water Quality Certificate issued April 29, 2004, the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC), Division of Water Pollution Control, certified that the operation of the Tapoco Project, in conformance with approved plans and specifications, will not violate applicable water quality standards. As representatives of the TDEC Division of Water Pollution Control and Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA), Division of Environmental Services, we agree that the Tapoco Project is appropriately protective of water quality in the bypass reach below Calderwood Dam.

Sincerely,

Paul E. Davis
Paul E. Davis, Director

Division of Water Pollution Control, TDEC

David McKinnley
David McKinnley, Director
Division of Environmental Services, TWRA

CC: Robert Smet, APGI