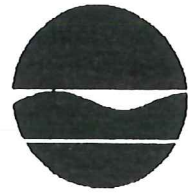


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Mr. Scott Schupe
Niagara Mohawk Power Corp.
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Re: Salmon River Project
DEC No. 7-3599-00013/00001-9
FERC No. 11408
Water Quality Certificate

Dear Mr. Schupe:

The Department of Environmental Conservation (the Department) hereby certifies that, based upon our review of all pertinent information presented by Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation (NMPC) in its application for a federal license for the Salmon River Project and the Settlement Agreement dated December 9, 1993 (copy attached), NMPC has provided reasonable assurance that the subject Project will comply with all applicable effluent limitations, water quality standards, standards of performance and other state statutes, regulations and criteria applicable to the affected water body as required by the State regulatory provisions implementing Section 401 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act.

This certification is issued pursuant to the Section 401 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, 33 U.S.C. 1341. The Department makes this certification provided that the terms and conditions of the attached Settlement Agreement, signed by the Department, NMPC, New York Rivers United, the Adirondack Mountain Club and Trout Unlimited are met. The terms and conditions of this Settlement describes operation of the Salmon River Project, which encompasses the Bennetts Bridge and Lighthouse Hill hydroelectric stations on the Salmon River in the towns of Redfield and Orwell, Oswego County, respectively.

The Department reserves the right to reconsider the entire Certification if there is a significant change in the scope of the proposal or project as licensed, or in the event the referenced application or Settlement Agreement are amended.

Sincerely,

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