# Appendix 4

## South Milton Hydro Project Approved Flow Management Plan with Minimum Flow Discharge Calculations

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January 21, 1993

Secretary Pederal Energy Regulatory Commission 825 N. Capital Street, N. E. Washington, D. C. 20426

> RE: South Milton Project SFR Hydro Corp. Project No. 3984-001-NH

Dear Sir:

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In accordance with your order of November 24, 1992, enclosed is the original and eight copies of our plan to monitor flow at the South Milton project.

Our letter of December 10, 1992 to the agencies requesting their comments is also attached. Only the USFWS responded and their letter is enclosed. Bill Ingham of the New Hampshire Fish & Game Dept. confirmed by phone that the plan is acceptable to him. (

Very truly yours

Robert L. Winship President, National Hydro for SFR Hydro Corp.

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## United States Department of the Interior

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REF: FERC #3984

January 8, 1993

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Mr. Robert L. Winship National Hydro 99 Bedford Street Boston, Massachusetts 02111-2217

Dear Mr. Winship:

We have reviewed and concur with your proposed plan for monitoring flow releases at the South Nilton Hydroelectric Project, located on the Salmon Falls River on the Maine/New Hampshire border. We note that the plan calls for monitoring water levels in the headpond as well as discharges from the powerhouse, for the purposes of demonstrating that the project will be operating in a run-of-river mode. By doing so, you will be in compliance with the minimum flow requirement of 58 cfs or inflow to the project area, whichever is less.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this instream flow monitoring plan. If you have any questions, please contact Gordon Russell at (207) 827-5938.

Sinceraly yours,

Gordon F. Beckett

Gordon E. Beckett Supervisor New England Field Offices



December 10, 1992

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Mr. William C. Ingham New Hampshire Fish & Game Dept. Two Hazen Drive Concord, New Hampshire 03301 Certified/Return Receipt

Mr. Gordon Russell <u>Cert</u> U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service 1033 So. Main Street Old Town, Maine 04468

Mr. Robert Hammond U. S. Geological Survey 525 Clinton Street Bow, New Hampshire 03304

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RE: South Milton Project SFR Hydro Corp. FERC No. 3984-001-NH

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is a copy of the Compliance Order issued by FERC on November 24, 1992 relating to monitoring of releases from the project. Also enclosed is our plan to meet the requirements of the order.

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The order requires that our plan to be filed with the FERC contain your agencies' comments. Please provide those comments by January 18, 1993 so that my response to the FERC can be timely.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss this plan, please call.

Very truly yours,

Robert L. Winship President

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December 10, 1992

Project No. 3984-001-NH South Milton Project SFR Hydro Corp.

#### PLAN FOR MONITORING RELEASE FROM THE PROJECT

This plan is presented in accordance with the Compliance Order issued by the FERC on November 24, 1992.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the plan is to demonstrate compliance with Article 2 of the FERC exemption for the project. Specifically, this plan describes how the project manager shall demonstrate that releases from the project are at least 58 cfs, or when inflows are less than 58 cfs, that outflows shall be no less than inflows.

### METHODOLOGY:

The purpose will be accomplished by continuous monitoring of the pond level behind the dam. A pressure transducer will be installed at the pond and its signal will be monitored by a computer located in the powerhouse. Pond elevation will be recorded every hour.

A printout showing hourly production from the plant is provided by PSNH, the power purchaser.

The production data, along with the pond level data, will demonstrate that the inflows to the reservoir are discharged from the project. This conclusion can drawn since the pond is very small (about three acres), the normal pond level is about 8 inches below the top of the stop logs, and inflows must pass over the dam or through the turbine. There is effectively no free storage in the reservoir and inflows must therefore equal outflows if the pond is held at a constant elevation.

SCHEDULE FOR IMPLEMENTING THE PLAN:

1. The computer system has been delivered.

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2. Software will be written by August 1, 1993.

3. The transducer, wiring to the dam (about 3800 feet), and the computer will be installed by September 15, 1993.

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4. The system will be operational by October 30, 1993.

5. The results of monitoring will be available for reporting to the agencies by January 15, 1994.

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