

APPENDIX C-2  
Email to US Fish and Wildlife requesting comments

**Subject:** West Dudley Hydro, Quinebaug River LIHI Review  
**From:** Stephen Hickey <sjh@essexhydro.com>  
**Date:** Thu, 24 Feb 2011 09:28:30 -0500  
**To:** melissa\_grader@fws.gov  
**CC:** John\_Warner@fws.gov, "Tarpey@massgravity.com" <Tarpey@massgravity.com>

Dear Ms. Grader,

Essex Power Services, Inc. (EPSI) has been hired by Mr. Ben Rawson of Rawson Manufacturing, the owner, operator and exemptee of the West Dudley Hydroelectric Power Project (the Project) located on the Quinebaug River in the town of Dudley, County of Worcester, MA to write an application to the Low Impact Hydropower Institute ("LIHI") for the low impact certification of the Project. As a requirement of the LIHI application, applicants are required to seek comment from the relevant hydroelectric agencies regarding the Project's compliance with the requirements of its FERC license or exemption. As such, EPSI, would appreciate any comments you have regarding the Project's compliance with the upstream and downstream fish passage requirements of its exemption (FERC Project No. 7254). At the time the exemption was issued in June of 1983, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)certified that there was not a significant existing population of migratory fish at the project dam. However, USFWS did prescribe migratory fish restoration measures as a condition of the exemption, in the event that migratory fish are ever restored to the subject area of the Quinebaug River in the near future. No state or federal agency has recommended fish passage be installed at the Project to date.

Attached for your reference is the project FERC notice of exemption (FERC Project No. 7254) issued June 10, 1983 which includes comment letters from the relevant agencies including USFWS, an amendment to the exemption dated January 21, 1994 to correct the project description as well as two project maps.

Thank you in advance for your comments.

Sincerely,

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on behalf of Rawson Manufacturing  
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**Subject:** Re: West Dudley Hydro, Quinebaug River LIHI Review  
**From:** Stephen Hickey <sjh@essexhydro.com>  
**Date:** Tue, 05 Apr 2011 11:09:27 -0400  
**To:** melissa\_grader@fws.gov

Dear Ms. Grader,

I wanted to follow up with you for any comments you have regarding West Dudley Hydro's (FERC Project No. 7254) compliance with the fish passage requirements of its FERC Exemption dated May 1, 1983. We have heard back from Dr. Caleb Slater at the Massachusetts Department of Fisheries and Wildlife (Mass DFW) who confirmed that currently there are no anadromous fish species present in the vicinity of the project and thus fish passage is not required until such time as migratory fish are returned to the project area (see attached comment letter from Mass DFW dated March 16, 2011).

Thank you again for taking the time to review and comment on the West Dudley Hydroelectric Project and please let me know if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,

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On 2/24/2011 10:42 AM, Stephen Hickey wrote:

Ms. Grader,

In addition to the previous email I sent you requesting your comments regarding the West Dudley Hydro project (FERC Project No. 7254) application to the Low Impact Hydropower Institute, attached are the amendment to the exemption dated January 21, 1994 to correct the project description as well as two project maps.

Thank you in advance for your comments.

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