

APPENDIX F-5  
GILMAN HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT REVIEW  
STATE OF VERMONT DIVISION FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION  
DTD MAY 7, 2012

**Subject:** RE: LIHI - Gilman Hydro & Ladd's Mil Hydro  
**From:** "Colman, Devin" <Devin.Colman@state.vt.us>  
**Date:** 5/7/2012 4:55 PM  
**To:** 'Stephen Hickey' <sjh@essexhydro.com>

Hi Stephen,

The identification of historic properties within the area of potential effect is the responsibility of the federal agency involved in funding, licensing or permitting the project (in this case, FERC). The State Historic Preservation Office is provided an opportunity to review and comment on determinations of eligibility for the National Register of Historic Places, but we do not initiate such assessments on our own. We are a participant in the review process, but the ultimate authority as to whether or not to require studies, document historic resources, and issue a license lies with FERC, not us.

In looking through the project file, I see the following:

- Letter dated April 5, 1985 from our office to Kleinschmidt and Dutting stating that the mill and associated hydro facilities may be eligible for the National Register.
- Statement in the December 1988 FERC application that Georgia-Pacific Co. will continue to consult with our office on the eligibility of Gilman Village and the paper mill facilities for nomination to the National Register.
- Memo dated June 22, 1995, from our office to FERC stating that the project is not in compliance with Section 106, lacks a Programmatic Agreement, a Cultural Resources Management Plan, etc.
- In 1997, as part of an Act 250 permit review for work on the paper mill, the Vermont Advisory Council on Historic Preservation determined that the mill complex was eligible for the State Register of Historic Places.

I hope this is helpful.

Sincerely,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Stephen Hickey [mailto:sjh@essexhydro.com]

Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 4:18 PM  
To: Colman, Devin  
Subject: Re: LIHI - Gilman Hydro & Ladd's Mil Hydro

Devin,

Can the Vermont Division of Historic Resources comment on whether there are historic properties located at either of these projects? I do not believe that this is a FERC regulated issue as your attached letters suggest.

Thank you,

Steve

Sent from my iPhone

On May 7, 2012, at 3:54 PM, "Colman, Devin" <[Devin.Colman@state.vt.us](mailto:Devin.Colman@state.vt.us)> wrote:

> Hi Stephen,  
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> Based on your email of 4/23, it sounds like you may not have received these  
comment letters?  
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> Please contact me if you have any additional questions.  
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> Sincerely,  
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> -----Original Message-----  
> From: Colman, Devin  
> Sent: Monday, March 19, 2012 9:55 AM  
> To: 'Stephen Hickey'  
> Subject: LIHI - Gilman Hydro & Ladd's Mil Hydro  
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> Dear Stephen,  
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> Please find attached two scanned PDFs of the Division's comment letters on the  
Gilman Hydro and Ladd's Mill Hydro projects for the LIHI. The original hard copies  
will be maintained in our project files.  
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> Sincerely,  
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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Stephen Hickey [<mailto:sjh@essexhydro.com>]

> Sent: Wednesday, March 07, 2012 4:52 PM

> To: Colman, Devin

> Subject: Re: Gilman Hydro, Connecticut River - Gilman, VT, Dalton, NH

> - Request for LIHI review

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> Perfect, thank you Devlin. All I really need is confirmation that there are no historic properties of architectural or archaeological significance at the project. It was already determined during licensing that there are not but LIHI likes a reconfirmation.

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> Thanks,

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> On 3/7/2012 4:44 PM, Colman, Devin wrote:

>> Hi Stephen,

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>> Thanks for contacting me about the LIHI application for this project. I have several of these requests in process right now - more than a dozen at least - for hydro projects across the state. Because FERC is control of compliance with their licenses we're not able to comment on whether or not a project is in compliance with its FERC license. I'm working on some general language that can be tailored to suit the specific circumstances of each project as necessary and will get a response back to you.

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>> Sincerely,

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>> Sent: Wednesday, March 07, 2012 3:52 PM

>> To: Colman, Devin

>> Subject: Gilman Hydro, Connecticut River - Gilman, VT, Dalton, NH -

>> Request for LIHI review

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>> Dear Mr. Coleman,

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>> Hydro Management Group, LLC as the authorized agent for Ampersand

>> Gilman Hydro, LP, owner and operator of the Gilman hydroelectric

>> project (FERC Project No. 2392) is hereby notifying you of its intent

>> to submit the Gilman hydroelectric project located on the Connecticut  
>> River in Gilman, Essex County, Vermont and Dalton, Coos County, New  
>> Hampshire to the Low Impact Hydropower Institute  
>> (<http://www.lowimpacthydro.org/>) for certification as a low impact  
>> facility. Attached for your reference is the project's FERC License  
>> issued April 13, 1994. It was confirmed during the application for  
>> the licensing that no historic properties (architectural or  
>> archaeological) are impacted by the project's operation. LIHI  
>> requires confirmation from you that there are still no historic  
>> properties (architectural or archaeological) impacted by the project's  
operations.  
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>> For your convenience I have included a USGS Topographic Map showing  
>> the location of the project.  
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>> Thank you and please feel free to contact me if you have any  
>> questions or need any additional information in order to make this determination.  
>>  
>> Stephen Hickey  
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