

## Low Impact Hydropower Institute Applauds the Baker-Polito Administration for Nation's First Clean Peak Energy Standard

*Low Impact Certified Hydropower Expects to Help State Meet its Goals*

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**August 6, 2020. Lexington, MA** – The Low Impact Hydropower Institute applauds Massachusetts' Governor Baker, Lieutenant Governor Polito and the Department of Energy Resources for finalizing the first-in-the-nation Clean Peak Energy Standard (CPS), launched Monday.

The CPS is a financial incentive program that promotes the use of clean energy technologies to supply power during periods of peak demand when electricity demand is at its highest. Under the CPS, which goes into effect tomorrow, electricity suppliers will be required to annually purchase a certain amount of Clean Peak Energy Certificates (CPECs) based on a defined percentage of the amount of electricity they supply. CPECs are generated and sold by eligible clean energy resources that generate, dispatch, or discharge energy during specified times of the day during each season of the year. The CPEC market is expected to expand the use of clean energy and energy storage technologies.

The Low Impact Hydropower Institute is pleased that the CPS incorporates the eligibility requirements that have long been a part of the state's Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS). Low Impact Certified RPS Class I and Class II hydropower is uniquely positioned partner with energy storage providers to generate CPECs. Compared to other clean energy resources, hydropower has many benefits including predictable generation based on long-term average hydrological data collected over decades.

"The Clean Peak Standard is an exciting development that will jump start important partnerships between clean energy and energy storage technologies," said **Shannon Ames, LIHI's Executive Director**. "Nearly three dozen Low Impact Certified hydropower facilities, representing over 115 megawatts of capacity are already eligible under the program regulations."

The Low Impact Hydropower Institute will be holding a seminar in early September to explore the regulations and the opportunities it presents for Massachusetts-based hydropower generation. Details will be announced soon. To receive notice, please follow LIHI on Twitter, Facebook or LinkedIn or sign up for LIHI's mailing list.

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**About:** The Low Impact Hydropower Institute (LIHI) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to reducing the impacts of hydropower generation through the certification of hydropower projects that have avoided or reduced their environmental impacts pursuant to the Low Impact Hydropower Institute's criteria.

LIHI's mission is to reduce the impacts of hydropower dams through incentives. LIHI does this through its Hydropower Certification Program, a voluntary certification program designed to help recognize hydropower dams that are minimizing their environmental impacts. To learn more visit [Lowimpacthydro.org](http://Lowimpacthydro.org)

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