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Dear Mr. Boeri:

This responds to your letter of November 9, 1983, received on November 18, which asked for our review and comment on your draft environmental report for the Martinsville Water Power Project, FERC No. 7373, Lull Brook, Windsor County, Vermont.

Your environmental report addresses fish passage and minimum streamflow impacts. Because of the steep gradient of Lull Brook in the project area it is unlikely anadromous fish would be able to ascend the stream. Thus, no fish-passage facilities are necessary at this time, or for the foreseeable future.

Since you propose to operate the project in true run-of-river fashion, a minimum discharge of 11 cfs below the tailrace, or inflow to the project, whichever is less, should not adversely affect project operation. A release of 2 cfs at the dam at all times, as available from inflow, is adequate for fishery and water quality purposes.

By separate letter, we are sending our comments on threatened and endangered species.

Please call Mr. Bob Scheirer of my staff at (603)224-2585 if you wish to discuss this letter in further detail.

Sincerely yours,

Gordon E. Beckett  
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