

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
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OFFICE OF ENERGY PROJECTS

Docket No. CD14-8-000 – Massachusetts
Chicopee Valley Aqueduct – Fish
Hatchery Pipeline Project
Massachusetts Water Resources Authority

Ms. Pamela Heidell
Massachusetts Water Resources Authority
100 First Avenue, Charlestown Navy Yard
Boston, MA 02129

January 8, 2014

Subject: Determination that your project meets the Qualifying Conduit Hydropower
Facility Criteria

Dear Ms. Heidell:

On November 5, 2013, you filed a notice of intent, pursuant to section 30(a) of the Federal Power Act (FPA), 16 U.S.C. § 823a (2012), as amended by Section 4 of the Hydropower Regulatory Efficiency Act of 2013, Pub. L. 113-23, § 4a, 127 Stat. 493 (2013), to construct a qualifying conduit hydropower facility, the Chicopee Valley Aqueduct – Fish Hatchery Pipeline Project.

On November 12, 2013, Commission staff issued a public notice that preliminarily determined that the project met the statutory criteria for a qualifying conduit hydropower facility, and thus was not required to be licensed under Part I of the FPA. The notice established a 45-day period for entities to contest whether the project met the criteria. No comments were filed in response to the notice. Accordingly, this letter constitutes a written determination that the Chicopee Valley Aqueduct – Fish Hatchery Pipeline Project meets the qualifying criteria under FPA section 30(a), and is not required to be licensed under Part I of the FPA.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Christopher Chaney at (202) 502-6778 or christopher.chaney@ferc.gov.

Sincerely,

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and Compliance