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**In reply refer to:
P-2334-MA**

NATDAM# MA00853

**Gardners Falls EAP
Exemption Annual
Reconnaissance**

December 29, 2016

**Mr. Kim Marsili
Station Manager
Essential Power Massachusetts, LLC
15 Agawam Avenue
West Springfield, MA 01089**

Dear Mr. Marsili:

A review of our records shows that we have not received an annual reconnaissance report for the Gardners Falls project since February 29, 2012. Please note that for the low hazard projects with an exemption from filing an EAP (granted to Gardners Falls June 11, 1997), a statement should be made indicating whether any changes upstream or downstream have occurred that would change the hazard classification.

Please submit a reconnaissance report for Gardners Falls within 60 days of the date of this letter. We appreciate your continued commitment to dam safety. Should you have any questions, please contact Ms. Katy Adnams at (212) 273-5921 or by email at katherine.adnams@ferc.gov.

Sincerely,



**John Spain, P.E.
Regional Engineer**

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Essential Power Massachusetts, LLC

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January 13, 2017

VIA E-File

John Spain, P.E.
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Gardners Falls Project
P-2334-MA (NATDAM No. MA00853)
EAP Exemption Annual Reconnaissance

Dear Mr. Spain:

Essential Power Massachusetts, LLC owns and operates the Gardners Falls Project on the Deerfield River in Franklin County, MA. This letter is to notify the Commission that there have been no changes in land use upstream or downstream of the Gardners Falls Project during the 2016 calendar year that would affect the hazard potential classification. This notification is being filed in accordance with 18 CFR §12.21 and the Commission's Letter dated June 11, 1997, exempting the Project from EAP requirements.

If you have any questions, or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me (413) 730-4721 (email: kimmarsili@cogentrix.com)

Sincerely,

Kim Marsili
General Manager,
Gardner Falls Facility

cc: Tony Halcomb (Cogentrix)
John Collins (Cogentrix)

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**Gardners Falls EAP
Exemption
Annual Reconnaissance**

May 18, 2017

**Mr. Kim Marsili
Station Manager
Essential Power Massachusetts, LLC
15 Agawam Avenue
West Springfield, MA 01089**

Dear Mr. Marsili:

We have received your letter regarding the annual reconnaissance to maintain the Gardners Falls project's exemption from filing an Emergency Action Plan (EAP). By letter dated January 13, 2017 you indicated that no changes in land use upstream or downstream of the project would affect the project's hazard potential classification. The project classification remains low hazard and an EAP is not required.

We appreciate your continued commitment to dam safety. Should you have any questions, please contact Ms. Katy Adnams at (212) 273-5921 or by email at katherine.adnams@ferc.gov.

Sincerely,



**John Spain, P.E.
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August 3, 2018

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
Office of Energy Projects
Division of Dam Safety and Inspections
New York Regional Office
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New York, New York 10001

RE: P-2234, Gardner Falls Hydro

Attn: Katherine E. Adnams, P.E:

Since Ware River Power, Inc. (WRP) has managed the Gardner Falls Hydro Power Project, the project has adhered to all recognized minimum stream flow requirements as determined in its FERC License.

Furthermore, there have been no known down-stream changes that would affect our FERC hazard classification.

Sincerely,

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Lucas Wright

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March 13, 2019

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
Office of Energy Projects
Division of Dam Safety and Inspections
New York Regional Office
19 West 34th St. Suite 400
New York, New York 10001

RE: P-2234, Gardner Falls Hydro

Attn: Ryan E. Pickett, P.E:

For calendar year 2018, Ware River Power, Inc. (WRP) has managed the Gardner Falls Hydro Power Project. The project has adhered to all recognized minimum stream flow requirements as determined in its FERC License.

Furthermore, there have been no known down-stream changes that would affect our FERC hazard classification.

Sincerely,

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Lucas Wright

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Central Rivers Power

15 Fletcher Street
Manchester, NH 03102

December 17, 2019

Mr. John Spain
Regional Engineer
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
New York Regional Office
19 West 34th St. - Suite 400
New York, New York 10001

RE: Annual upstream and downstream shoreline surveys for the FERC EAP Exempt
Gardner Falls Hydro Project (Project No. P-2234)

Dear Mr. Spain:

In accordance with Section 12.21 (c) (1) of the Commission's regulations, Central Rivers Power has performed a comprehensive review of the circumstances upstream and downstream of the Gardner Falls Project. Central Rivers Power has determined that conditions have not changed, that would affect, the hazard potential classification of this structure.

The annual survey of existing riverbank conditions at the FERC EAP exempt hydro project took place on October 23, 2019 and was performed by Lucas Wright of Ware River Power Inc. No noticeable changes were observed from the previous year's survey and no new riverbank development was found during the Gardner Falls Hydro survey.

In summary of the survey results, Central Rivers Power is confident that a failure at the Gardner Falls Dam would not result in the inundation of any areas previously noted in past surveys.

If you have any questions concerning this submittal, please call or e-mail.

Sincerely,

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**Central Rivers Power**

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Via Electronic Submission

December 18, 2020

Mr. John Spain, P.E. Regional Engineer
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
New York Regional Office
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Re: 2020 Emergency Action Plan (EAP) Exemption Request
FERC Project No. 2334-MA, Gardners Falls

Dear Mr. Spain:

Central Rivers Power MA, LLC, as Licensee of the Project has performed a field reconnaissance to verify if any change to either the upstream or downstream condition would affect the determination of hazard classifications and that no reasonably foreseeable project emergency would endanger life, health, or property.

For Gardners Falls: A determination was conducted on December 18, 2020 that no new construction or development has taken place and circumstances have not changed which would warrant a change to the Project's exemption status. Therefore, we respectfully request continuation of the exemption from filing an Emergency Action Plan for this project.

In addition, we maintain and annually verify a contact list of people and organizations for the Project. We have updated and confirm that the information on the Project's Emergency Response Plan is accurate and up to date. A copy of the Plan¹ is enclosed.

Should you have any additional questions regarding this submittal, please do not hesitate to reach out to me by phone at (856) 906- 0180 or jlawrence@centralriverspower.com.

Sincerely,
Central Rivers Power MA, LLC

Jillian Lawrence
Chief Dam Safety Engineer

Enclosure: P-2334 Gardners Falls -2020 Emergency Response Plan

cc: M. Stanley, CRP
L. Wright, WRP

¹ The document contains Critical Energy Infrastructure Information (CEII) and it submitted in accordance with Part 388 of the Commission's regulations and CEII guidelines. (<http://www.ferc.gov/legal/ceii-foia/ceii/designation.asp>)

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