

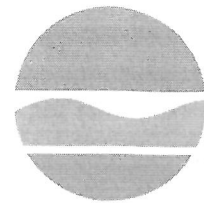
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**Re: Carver Falls Hydroelectric Project
FERC Project No. 11475
DEC # 5-5336-00003/00001
Putnam (T), Washington County**

Dear Mr. George:

This letter is in response to your January 19, 2012 email communication which included other documentation notifying the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation that the hydraulic capacity of the as-built Unit 1 turbine is higher than as specified in the existing FERC license. Department staff has reviewed the information that you provided and based on the fact that there is no decrease in the bypass flow, has made a determination that no modification to Water Quality Certification (DEC 5-5336-00003/00001) will be required for the continued operation of the facility.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

Michael J. McMurray
Regional permit Administrator

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