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OFFICE OF ENERGY PROJECTS

Project No. 11574-024 -- Connecticut  
Occum Project  
City of Norwich, CT

June 17, 2013

Mr. Wayne McLaughlin  
City of Norwich  
16 South Golden Street  
Norwich, CT 06360

Subject: suspension of effectiveness evaluation of the Occum dam fishway

Dear Mr. McLaughlin:

This acknowledges receipt of your filing concerning the suspension of the annual evaluation of the Occum fish passage facility that you filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) on February 9, 2013, for the Occum Project.<sup>1</sup> Ordering paragraph (B) of the Order Modifying and Approving Fish Passage Plan<sup>2</sup> required you to file reports with the Commission in 2006, 2008, and 2009. Since those reports, you have continued to file an annual report with the Commission, stating that the resource agencies<sup>3</sup> requested that you continue to evaluate the effectiveness of the fishway at Occum dam.

On February 9, 2013, you filed your 2012 annual report of your effectiveness monitoring with the Commission. As an addendum to the report, you informed us that you and the resource agencies determined that the

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<sup>1</sup> See 88 FERC ¶ 62,249; Order Issuing Original License (issued September 29, 1999).

<sup>2</sup> See 108 FERC ¶ 62,115 (issued August 3, 2004).

<sup>3</sup> The resource agencies include: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection / Inland Fisheries Division.

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effectiveness monitoring could be conditionally suspended.<sup>4</sup>

You have completed the evaluation required by the Commission pursuant to the August 2004 order. Thank you for keeping us informed of your annual reporting and current suspension of the effectiveness monitoring. Please inform us of the results of any future monitoring.

Thank you for your cooperation and if you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (202) 502-6289.

Sincerely,

Robert Ballantine  
Aquatic Resources Branch  
Division of hydropower Administration  
and Compliance

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<sup>4</sup> See Norwich Public Utilities February 9, 2013 filing for a detailed explanation of the suspension criteria.

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