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Re: Loring Road (FERC #13400), Oakdale Hydro (FERC #10689) and Cosgrove Hydro
(FERC #10688) Comments
LIHI Certification

Dear Mr. Ayer,

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (the Department) is the state agency responsible for issuing the 401 Water Quality Certificate for hydroelectric projects.

We have reviewed the operations of these three hydroelectric facilities and believe they all meet LIHI criteria.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project. If you have any questions, please call me at 508-767-2854.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Kubit'.

Robert Kubit, P.E.