

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20426

OFFICE OF ENERGY PROJECTS

Docket No. CD18-3-000 –
Massachusetts
Narrows Road Pressure Reduction Valve
Station Project
City of Fitchburg, Massachusetts

January 23, 2018

Weston & Sampson Engineers, Inc.
100 International Drive, Suite 152
Portsmouth, NH 03801

Subject: Determination that the Narrows Road Pressure Reduction Valve Station Project
Meets the Qualifying Conduit Hydropower Facility Criteria

Dear Weston & Sampson Engineers, Inc.:

On December 1, 2017, on behalf of the City of Fitchburg, Massachusetts, 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 Narrows Road Pressure Reduction Valve Station Project, to be located near the City of Fitchburg, Worcester County, Massachusetts.

On December 7, 2017, Commission staff issued a public notice that preliminarily determined 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. On January 3, 2018, the U.S. Department of Interior filed a letter stating it has no comments. No other comments or interventions were filed in response to the notice. Accordingly, this letter constitutes a written determination that the Narrows Road Pressure Reduction Valve Station Project meets the qualifying criteria under FPA section 30(a), and is not required to be licensed under Part I of the FPA. Qualifying conduit hydropower facilities remain subject to other applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

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

Sincerely,

Kelly Houff
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Division of Hydropower Administration
and Compliance