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Cc: "Nuria Holmes"
Subject: RE: Pending Application: Center Rutland Project, VT
Date: Tuesday, September 30, 2025 2:17:09 PM

Hello MaryAlice,

As you are aware, Otter Creek is a highly sensitive area for Abenaki Historical occupation. There are many artifacts found walking along it's shores, fields, and waterways. Since our tribe has limited staff, I would like to be contacted only if artifacts are found and based on the disposition to be done: left alone, repatriated to our Abenaki Tribes, or develop a solution for caring for the objects found. I will not speak for others.

I have included three people on this email thread that were missing from your previous email.

1. Chief Roger Longtoe – Elnu Abenaki Tribe
2. Rich Holschuh – Elnu Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
3. Brian Chenevert – Nulhegan Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

Waoowzi (Be Very Well),

Don Stevens, Chief
Nulhegan Band of the Coosuk - Abenaki Nation

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Cc: 'Nuria Holmes' <nuria.holmes17@gmail.com>
Subject: FW: Pending Application: Center Rutland Project, VT

Good afternoon - You may have already received the notice below if you are on the Low Impact Hydropower Institute (LIHI) email list (www.lowimpacthydro.org). However, you were also identified as an agency, tribal, or stakeholder contact by LIHI staff or included in the contact lists for the LIHI

certification application recently submitted by Green Mountain Power Corp for the Center Rutland hydroelectric project located on Otter Creek in Vermont. The application reviewer, Nuria Holmes (copied here), may be in contact with you if she has questions about the project or wishes to clarify any aspects of the LIHI application that fall within your organization's jurisdiction or interest area. You may also provide public comments directly to LIHI as indicated below.

More information about the project and its application can be found in the link provided in the announcement below. If you would like to receive additional notices about this project or other hydroelectric projects in your region applying for LIHI certification, please sign up for [our mailing list](#). If you have questions, feel free to contact me. Please also share this notification with your colleagues and others who may have an interest in this project.

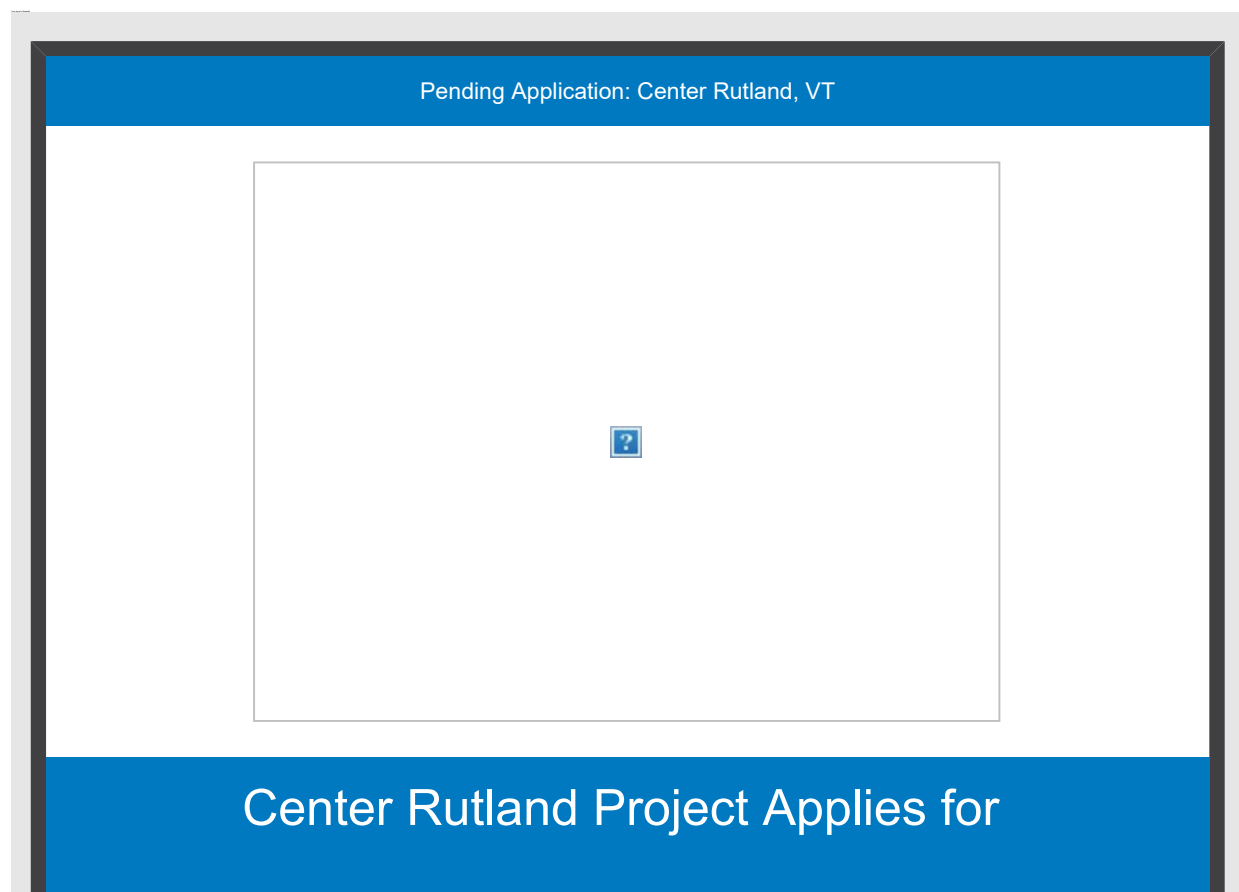
Best regards,
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Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 12:45 PM

To: mfischer@lowimpacthydro.org

Subject: Pending Application: Center Rutland Project, VT



Low Impact Certification, Public Comment Period Open

September 29, 2025: The Low Impact Hydropower Institute received a complete application for Low Impact Certification from Green Mountain Power for the Center Rutland Hydroelectric Project located on Otter Creek in Vermont. LIHI is seeking public comment on this application. Specifically, we are interested in knowing whether you think the Project meets the LIHI Low Impact Certification Criteria, as revised in the 2nd Edition Handbook in effect at the time of the initial application.

Comments that are directly tied to specific LIHI criteria (flows, water quality, fish passage, etc.) are most helpful, but all comments will be considered. Comments may be submitted to the Institute by e-mail at comments@lowimpacthydro.org with "Center Rutland Project Comments" in the subject line, or by mail addressed to the Low Impact Hydropower Institute, 68 Harrison Ave Ste 605, PMB 113938 Boston, Massachusetts 02111-1929. **Comments must be received on or before 5 pm Eastern time on November 28, 2025**, to be considered. All comments will be posted to the website, and the applicant will have an opportunity to respond. Any response will also be posted.

The project description and complete application can be found [HERE](#).

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