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Ms. Shannon Ames, Executive Director
Low Impact Hydropower Institute
68 Harrison Ave Ste 605 PMB 113938
Boston, Massachusetts 02111-1929

RE: Intake Review for LIHI Certification for the Mount Ida Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 5465)

Dear Ms. Ames,

Relevate Power (Relevate), on behalf of Mount Ida Hydro LLC, Exemptee for the Mount Ida (FERC No 5465) Project on Poestenkill Creek in Troy, NY herein provides responses to comments regarding the Low Impact Hydropower Institute (LIHI) intake review for the Project's LIHI Certification application.

Background

On September 5, 2025, Mount Ida Hydro LLC (MIHLLC) submitted its LIHI Certification application for the Mount Ida Project. LIHI provided comments via email suggesting that the application information be updated similar to information requested for the Tannery Island and West End LIHI applications. MIHLLC revised the application and resubmitted on January 28, 2026.

MIHLLC received the initial Intake Review for the Project on February 26. Relevate, on behalf of MIHLLC herein files a response to comments received.

LIHI Comment #1:

Multiple Tribal and stakeholder email addresses need to be completed or updated in the contacts tables.

Relevate Response:

Relevate has provided all of the readily available tribal email addresses that could be obtained through official tribal and DOI websites.

The email address for Bob Nasdor, American Whitewater, is: bob@americanwhitewater.org.

The City Clerk of Troy, NY does not have an email address published. Email correspondence is

through the following form: <https://www.troyny.gov/formcenter/City-Clerk-21/Contact-City-Clerks-Office-84>

LIHI Comment #2:

Provide letters that specifically reference that the purpose of maintaining the 5 cfs flows are aesthetic purposes, and not fishery related.

Relevate Response:

By letter dated September 23, 1982, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation stated "A minimum stream flow of 5 cfs will be maintained during daylight hours explicitly for the purpose of maintaining the visual resource of the falls and the gorge." Linked herein: <https://elibrary.ferc.gov/eLibrary/filedownload?fileid=E3D6E576-67B7-C4C7-8785-8DC7B0D00000>

LIHI Comment #3:

Please provide a screenshot of the NY mapper showing no species in the project area.

Relevate Response:

Provided below. As discussed in the application, the Hudson River Estuary, highlighted in orange in the mapper, is home to incidents of Atlantic and Shortnose Sturgeon.



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LIHI Comment #4:

The application states that A CRIS inquiry has been submitted to the SHPO – please describe the nature of that inquiry and whether a response has been received.

Relevant Response:

SHPO requested information on the particular requested action. A copy of the Mount Ida LIHI Certification application was sent to SHPO on February 27, 2026.

Relevant Power appreciates the opportunity to submit this information to LIHI in support of its LIHI Certification application for the Mount Ida Project. Please do not hesitate to contact me at Kelly.maloney@relevantpower.com or 207-233-1995 if additional information is required or if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Thank you,



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Relevant Power