

July 9, 2025

Laura Paye
Hydropower Coordinator
Maine Department of Environmental Protection
17 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333-0017

**Subject: Lewiston Falls Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. P-2302)
Section 401 Water Quality Certification – Certification Request**

Dear Ms. Paye:

Brookfield White Pine Hydro LLC (BWPH or Applicant) is herein submitting to the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (Department) an Application for Water Quality Certification (WQC) for the Lewiston Falls Hydroelectric Project, which is undergoing relicensing by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) as FERC Project No. 2302, using the Commission's Traditional Licensing Process (TLP). BWPH is the project proponent for certification under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (CWA), the Commission is the federal agency, and the Department is the certifying agency. The Lewiston Falls Hydroelectric Project (Lewiston Falls Project) is in the state of Maine on the Androscoggin River within the cities of Lewiston and Auburn, and the town of Durham. The Lewiston Falls Project is located in Androscoggin County, Maine.

On August 27, 2024, BWPH filed its Final License Application (FLA) for the Lewiston Falls Project with the Commission, which issued its Notice of Application Ready for Environmental Analysis and Soliciting Comments, Recommendations, Terms and Conditions, and Prescriptions (REA Notice) on May 15, 2025. This WQC application is in support of that FLA for the continued operation of the Lewiston Falls Project.

Under the current rules for CWA Section 401 reviews (2023 Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification Improvement Rule or "Final Rule"), an applicant is required to request a pre-filing meeting with the applicable State agency at least 30 days prior to filing for certification (40 CFR § 121.4). BWPH submitted a request for a pre-filing meeting with the Department on May 16, 2025 regarding its intent to file this Section 401 Application. The Department met with BWPH on June 4, 2025, for the pre-filing meeting, via teleconference, to discuss the WQC application process and verify the application content. Additionally, as required, BWPH is sending by certified mail a copy (on thumb drive) of this WQC Application to the city clerks of Lewiston and Auburn, and the town clerk of Durham.

Further, in accordance with the Final Rule, BWPH provides the below information in connection with this Certification request (See Final Rule, at 40 CFR § 121.5):

BROOKFIELD WHITE PINE HYDRO LLC

150 Main Street, Lewiston, ME 04240

T +1 207.755.5600 F +1 207.755.5655 brookfieldrenewableUS.com

a) A certification request shall be submitted to the certifying authority and to the Federal agency concurrently.

The application is being filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission concurrently.

b) A certification request for an individual license or permit shall:

(1) Identify the project proponent(s) and a point of contact;

Brookfield White Pine Hydro LLC is the project proponent, and the point of contact is:

Luke Anderson
Senior Manager, Licensing
Brookfield White Pine Hydro LLC
150 Main Street
Lewiston, ME 04240

(2) Identify the proposed project;

Lewiston Falls Hydroelectric Project (FERC Project No. P-2302)

(3) Identify the applicable federal license or permit;

Application for New License for a Major Water Power Project – Existing Dam,
Lewiston Falls Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2302)

(4) Identify the location and nature of any potential discharge that may result from the proposed project and the location of receiving waters;

The discharge would be waters in the Androscoggin River which would discharge through hydroelectric turbines, or over the dam into the Androscoggin River in the cities of Lewiston and Auburn, Maine.

(5) Include a description of any methods and means proposed to monitor the discharge and the equipment or measures planned to treat, control, or manage the discharge;

BWPH monitors flows and adjusts hydroelectric units, gates, and other conveyances based on inflow to the project.

(6) Include a list of all other federal, interstate, tribal, state, territorial, or local agency authorizations required for the proposed project, including all approvals or denials already received;

The Lewiston Falls Project requires a license from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

(7) Include documentation that a prefiling meeting request was submitted to the certifying authority at least 30 days prior to submitting the certification request;

A copy of the pre-filing meeting request and a summary of the meeting is provided as Attachment 5 to the application.

(8) and (9) Statement

The project proponent hereby certifies that all information contained herein is true, accurate, and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. The project proponent hereby requests that the certifying authority review and take action on this CWA 401 certification request within the applicable reasonable period of time. BWPH respectfully requests that the Department provide a draft of the WQC for review 30 days before issuing the final WQC. If the MDEP requires access and entry to the property and facilities under this certification, BWPH respectfully requests, that the Department coordinate accompanied access with BWPH prior to any inspections deemed necessary by the Department to help ensure access as needed and the safety of on-site operating staff and MDEP staff.

BWPH hereby submits the enclosed WQC application to the Maine DEP for the Lewiston Falls Project. The Section 401 WQC Application for the Lewiston Falls Project includes the following:

- WQC Application Form
- WQC Application Attachments
 - Distribution List
 - Attachment 1: Municipal Notice
 - Attachment 2: Abutters Notice
 - Attachment 3: Newspaper Notice
 - Attachment 4: Pre-Filing Meeting Record
 - Attachment 5: Certificate of Good Standing
 - Attachment 6: Fee Payment Form
 - Attachment 7: CZMA Determination
 - Attachment 8: Proof of Mailing Abutters
- WQC Application Appendices
 - Appendix 1: Lewiston Falls Hydroelectric Project FERC No. 2302 Final License Application (hyperlink provided in Application)

If there are any questions or comments regarding this filing, please feel free to contact me by phone at (207) 755-5605 or by email at Luke.Anderson@BrookfieldRenewable.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Anderson', followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Luke Anderson
Senior Manager, Licensing

cc: Claire Briggs, MDEP

Enclosure: Lewiston Falls Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. P-2302) Application for Water
Quality Certification

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
Bureau of Land Resource
17 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
Telephone: 207-287-7688

FOR DEP USE

ATS # _____

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Fees Paid _____

Date Fees Received _____

**APPLICATION FOR
WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION
(U.S. P.L. 92-500, SECTION 401)**

HYDROPOWER PROJECT LICENSING/RELICENSING ONLY

This form shall be used to request Water Quality Certification for the proposed FERC licensing or relicensing of an existing hydropower generating or storage project where no construction, reconstruction or structural alteration of project facilities which would affect water levels or flows is proposed.

All required fees must be paid before application processing will begin. Please contact the Department for current fee schedule information. Fees are payable to Treasurer, State of Maine.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name of Applicant:

Mailing Address:

Name of Contact or Agent:

Telephone:

PROJECT INFORMATION

Name of Project:

FERC No.

Address (use "911" address, if available):

Name of Waterbody Affected

Municipality or Township:

County:

GPS Coordinates, if known:

REQUIRED INFORMATION

1. Provide all the information requested by this application form.
2. If applicant is a registered corporation, provide either a *Certificate of Good Standing* (available from the Secretary of State) or a statement signed by a corporate officer affirming that the corporation is in good standing.
3. A signed Certification of Publication and a completed Notice of Intent to File an application for Water Quality Certification.

NOTE: All supporting documents summarized above must be attached to this form and sent to the DEP Office listed below:

Department of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Land Resources
17 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333
Tel: (207) 287-7688

"I certify under penalty of law that I have personally examined the information submitted in this document and all attachments thereto and that, based on my inquiry of those individuals immediately responsible for obtaining the information, I believe the information is true, accurate, and complete. I authorize the Department to enter the property that is the subject of this application, at reasonable hours, including buildings, structures or conveyances on the property, to determine the accuracy of any information provided herein. I am aware there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment."

DATE:

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

(IF SIGNATURE IS OTHER THAN
APPLICANT, ATTACH LETTER OF AGENT
AUTHORIZATION SIGNED BY
APPLICANT)

PRINTED NAME & TITLE

ATTACHMENTS:

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APPENDIX:

Appendix 1 - Final License Application (FLA) for the Lewiston Falls Hydroelectric Project

WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION APPLICATION

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. By submitting this application, an applicant requests Water Quality Certification pursuant to Section 401 of the Federal Clean Water Act for the continued operation of an existing hydropower generating or storage project under the terms of an initial or a new license from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Certification must be obtained for any activity requiring a federal license or permit which may result in a discharge into the navigable waters of the United States.
2. The purpose of this application form is to obtain from the applicant a thorough description of project facilities and operation and the impacts of the continued operation of the project on water quality.

The Department's Regulations provide that the applicant bears the burden of proof in the application process. This is the burden of presenting sufficient evidence for the Department to make the affirmative findings required by law regarding matters about which no questions are raised and the burden of presenting a preponderance of the evidence regarding matters about which questions are raised.

3. In order to grant certification, the Department must conclude that there is a reasonable assurance that the continued operation of a hydropower generating or storage project will not violate applicable Water Quality Standards. These standards have been established in the State's Water Classification Program (Title 38 MRSA Sections 464-469). These standards designate the uses and related characteristics of those uses for each class of water and establish water quality criteria necessary to protect those uses and related characteristics.
4. Any applicant for a FERC license must complete a three stage consultation process with appropriate state and federal agencies. The purpose of this process is to identify and analyze the potential environmental and socioeconomic impacts of a project.

The consultation process requires an applicant to have either requested or obtained water quality certification at the time of filing with FERC. The process also requires that an applicant serve a copy of its FERC application, including any revisions, supplements or amendments thereto, on each of the agencies consulted.

WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION APPLICATION

FILING INSTRUCTIONS AND PROCEDURES

When filing, send an original paper copy plus one (1) electronic copy of a completed Application for Water Quality Certification to the Department, along with two (2) copies of the Application for Initial License or New License that has been or will be filed with FERC. The State filing can be made prior to or concurrent with the FERC filing.

The Department is required by law to assess fees for processing applications and for monitoring permit compliance. Application processing will not begin until all required fees have been paid. When filing, submit full fee payment as shown on the [DEP fee schedule](#). Please make checks payable to: Treasurer, State of Maine.

A number of consulting agencies will be involved in the State review process of hydropower projects. Distribution of copies of the FERC application to these agencies may be coordinated by DEP or may be handled directly by the applicant. When filing, please notify the DEP staff to discuss distribution procedures.

Most information requested by this application form can be provided by making reference to the appropriate exhibit of the FERC license application. Space is provided on the form for such references.

Within 15 working days of receiving an application and all required fees, the DEP shall determine whether the application as filed is acceptable for processing.

Additional information may be required during the review process on any aspect of the project relating to compliance with applicable statutory criteria.

WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION APPLICATION

1. **NATURE OF ACTIVITY.** Check appropriate item:

Application for Initial License.

Application for New License (Relicense).

A COPY OF A COMPLETED FERC APPLICATION FOR LICENSE (THIRD STAGE CONSULTATION) MUST ACCOMPANY THIS FORM.

NOTE: A copy of any document revising, supplementing, amending, or correcting deficiencies in the application as originally filed with FERC must also be filed with D.E.P.

2. **EXISTING ENVIRONMENT.** Provide a description of the physical environment of the project site and its immediate vicinity. The project site includes all land and water areas affected by the project.

REFERENCE: FERC EXHIBIT(S)

3. **PROJECT DESCRIPTION.** Provide a detailed description of the existing project. A hydropower project includes all powerhouses, dams, water conduits, transmission lines, water impoundments, roads, and other appurtenant works and structures that are part of the development. This description must include:

- A. The physical composition, dimensions, and general configuration of all project structures;
- B. The normal maximum surface area and elevation, gross storage capacity, and usable storage capacity of any impoundments;
- C. The number, type, and rated capacity of any turbines or generators; and
- D. The number, length, and voltage of any primary transmission lines.

REFERENCE: FERC EXHIBIT(S)

4. **PROJECT OPERATION.** Provide a description of project operation, to include:

- A. The mode of project operation during low, mean, and high water years, including extent and duration of flow release and impoundment fluctuations;
- B. An estimate of the dependable capacity and average annual energy production, in kilowatt hours, of the project;
- C. An estimate of minimum, mean, and maximum flows, in cubic feet per second, at the project site, including a flow duration curve;
- D. An estimate of the maximum and minimum hydraulic capacities, in cubic feet per second, of any powerplant; and
- E. A statement of the manner in which the power generated at the project is utilized.

REFERENCE: FERC EXHIBIT(S)

5. **PROJECT PLANS.** Provide general design drawings showing all major project structures in sufficient detail to provide a full understanding of the project, including:
- A. Plans (overhead view);
 - B. Elevations (front view); and
 - C. Sections (side view).

REFERENCE: FERC EXHIBIT(S)

6. **PROJECT MAPS.** Provide maps of the project showing:
- A. The location of the project, including principal project structures and features, with reference to local geographic features; and
 - B. A project boundary enclosing all principal project structures and features proposed to be licensed.

REFERENCE: FERC EXHIBIT(S)

7. **TITLE, RIGHT OR INTEREST.** The Department's Regulations require that any applicant must possess sufficient title, right or interest in all project lands and waters in order to have standing to seek a permit, license, or certification. Please complete the appropriate item(s) below establishing title, right or interest and attach a copy of the indicated document(s):

Deed.

Option to buy.

Lease.

Valid FERC License (including all amendments/modifications).

Exercise of flowage rights through operation of the Mill Act (12 MRSA Section 651).

Exercise of eminent domain under FERC License.

8. **WATER QUALITY.** Provide a description of the impact of the project on water quality, including:
- A. A description of the applicable water quality standards and stream segment classification for the project impoundment and downstream waters, including a description of designated uses;
 - B. A description of existing water quality in the project impoundment and downstream waters affected by the project, including a description of existing in-stream water uses;
 - C. A statement of the existing measures to be continued and new measures proposed for the purpose of protecting and improving water quality, including measures for the mitigation of project impacts on the designated uses of project waters; and
 - D. A description of any anticipated continuing impact on water quality from the continued operation of the project, including impacts on the designated uses of project waters.

PUBLIC NOTICE FILING AND CERTIFICATION

Department Rules, Chapter 2, require an applicant to provide public notice for Water Quality Certification projects within 30 days prior to filing the application. In the notice, the applicant must provide the information included in the attached Notice of Intent to File form. "Abutter" for the purposes of the notice provision means any person who owns property that is contiguous with the property on which the project requiring a license from the Department is proposed.

1. **Newspaper:** You must publish the Notice of Intent to File in a newspaper circulated in the area where the activity is located. The notice must appear in the newspaper within 30 days prior to the filing of the application with the Department. You may use the attached Notice of Intent to File form, or one containing identical information, for newspaper publication.
2. **Abutters and Others Owning Land Within 1,000 Feet:** You must mail a copy of the Notice of Intent to File to abutters and all persons owning land within 1,000 feet of the proposed project. Their names and addresses can be obtained from the town tax maps or local officials. They must receive notice within 30 days prior to the filing of the application with the Department.
3. **Municipal Office or County Commissioner(s):** You must mail a copy of the Notice of Intent to File and a duplicate of the entire application to the Municipal Office or, if the proposed project is located in an unorganized or deorganized area of the State, to the county commissioner(s). The Municipal Office or county commissioner(s) must receive notice within 30 days prior to the filing of the application with the Department.

ATTACH a copy of the published notice and a list of persons to whom notice was provided.

CERTIFICATION

By signing below, the applicant or authorized agent certifies that:

1. A Notice of Intent to File was published in a newspaper circulated in the area where the project site is located within 30 days prior to filing the application;
2. A mailing of the Notice of Intent to File was sent to all abutters and all other persons owning land within 1,000 feet of the proposed project within 30 days prior to filing of the application;
3. A mailing of the Notice of Intent to File, and a duplicate copy of the application was sent to the town office of the municipality in which the project is located or, if applicable, to the county commissioner(s); and
4. Provided notice of and held a public informational meeting, if required, in accordance with the Department's Chapter 2 rules, Processing of Applications and Other Administrative Matters, Section 12, prior to filing the application. Notice of the meeting was sent to abutters and all other persons owning land within 1,000 feet of the proposed project and to the town office of the municipality in which the project is located or to the county commissioner(s), as applicable, at least at least ten days prior to the meeting. Notice of the meeting was also published once in a newspaper circulated in the area where the project site is located at least seven days prior to the meeting.

The Public Informational Meeting was held on

(Date)

Approximately members of the public attended the Public Informational Meeting.

Signature of Applicant or Authorized Agent

Date

**PUBLIC NOTICE:
NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE**

Please take notice that:

Brookfield White Pine Hydro LLC, 150 Main Street, Lewiston, ME 04240

(Name and Mailing Address of Applicant)

207-755-5613; Luke.Anderson@brookfieldrenewable.com

(Phone Number and Email Address of Applicant)

is intending to file a permit application with the Maine Department of Environmental Protection for a Water Quality Certification pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Clean Water Act, Section 401 on or about : *(Anticipated Filing Date)* July 9, 2025

The application is for: FERC Relicensing of the Lewiston Falls Hydroelectric Project (P-2302)

(Description of the Project)

at the following location:

Lewiston, Auburn, and Durham, Maine

(Project Location)

A request for a public hearing must be received by the Department in writing no later than 20 days after the application is found by the Department to be complete and is accepted for processing. A public hearing may or may not be held at the discretion of the Commissioner or Board of Environmental Protection. Public comment on the application will be accepted throughout the application processing period.

For Federally licensed, permitted, or funded activities in the Coastal Zone, review of this application shall also constitute the State's consistency review in accordance with the Maine Coastal Program pursuant to Section 307 of the federal Coastal Zone Management Act, 16 U.S.C. § 1456. (Delete if not applicable.)

The application will be filed for public inspection at the Department of Environmental Protection's office in ☐ Portland, ☒ Augusta, ☐ Bangor, or ☐ Presque Isle during normal working hours. A copy of the application may also be seen at the municipal offices in Auburn, Lewiston, and Durham, Maine

(City/Town)

Written public comments may be sent by email to LandOnCall@maine.gov or by mail to the regional office in Portland, Augusta, Bangor, or Presque Isle where the application is filed for public inspection:

MDEP, Southern Maine Regional Office, 312 Canco Road, Portland, Maine 04103

MDEP, Central Maine Regional Office, 17 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333

MDEP, Eastern Maine Regional Office, 106 Hogan Road, Bangor, Maine 04401

MDEP, Northern Maine Regional Office, 1235 Central Drive, Presque Isle, Maine 04769

*For more information on how to submit public comment with the DEP, please go to our website:
[Public Participation in the Licensing Process \(Information Sheet\) Maine DEP](#)*

ATTACHMENT 1:

**LETTER TO MUNICIPALITIES WITH NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE APPLICATION FOR
WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION**

June 24, 2025

City of Lewiston
27 Pine Street
Lewiston, Maine 04240

VIA USPS

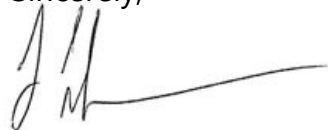
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To obtain a new license, Brookfield must apply for and receive a Water Quality Certification (WQC) from the State of Maine Department of Environmental Protection (Maine DEP) under the provisions of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act. The Maine DEP WQC application process requires that Brookfield provide notice of its intent to file the WQC application to those municipalities within which the Lewiston Falls Project is located, which is why you are receiving this letter. Attached is the notice of intent to file the aforementioned WQC application. The application will be filed on or about July 9, 2025. If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact me by phone at 207-755-5613 or by email at Luke.Anderson@BrookfieldRenewable.com.

Sincerely,



Luke Anderson
Senior Manager, Licensing

Attachment: Notice of Intent to File

Notice of Intent to File

Lewiston Falls Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2302) Maine Water Quality Certification Application with the Maine Department of Environmental Protection

Please take notice that Brookfield White Pine Hydro LLC of 150 Main Street, Lewiston, Maine 04240, 207-755-5613, is intending to file an application with the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (Maine DEP or Department) for Water Quality Certification pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Clean Water Act, Section 401. The application will be submitted in compliance with regulations of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) relicensing process for the continued operation of the Lewiston Falls Hydroelectric Project (P-2302) located on the Androscoggin River in the cities of Lewiston and Auburn and the town of Durham, Maine.

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Written public comments may be sent to the Maine Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Land and Water Quality, 17 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333.

June 24, 2025

City of Auburn
60 Court Street
Auburn, Maine 04210

VIA USPS

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Town of Durham
630 Hallowell Road
Durham, Maine 04222

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ATTACHMENT 2:

**LETTER TO ABUTTERS WITH NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE APPLICATION FOR WATER
QUALITY CERTIFICATION**

June 24, 2025

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

**Subject: Lewiston Falls Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. P-2302)
Notice of Intent to File Application for Water Quality Certification**

Dear Property Owner:

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Notice of Intent to File

Lewiston Falls Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2302) Maine Water Quality Certification Application with the Maine Department of Environmental Protection

Please take notice that Brookfield White Pine Hydro LLC of 150 Main Street, Lewiston, Maine 04240, 207-755-5613, is intending to file an application with the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (Maine DEP or Department) for Water Quality Certification pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Clean Water Act, Section 401. The application will be submitted in compliance with regulations of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) relicensing process for the continued operation of the Lewiston Falls Hydroelectric Project (P-2302) located on the Androscoggin River in the cities of Lewiston and Auburn and the town of Durham, Maine.

The application will be filed on or about July 9, 2025. After the application is filed, it will be available for public inspection at the Maine DEP's offices in Augusta during normal business hours. A copy of the application may also be seen at the municipal offices in Lewiston, Auburn, and Durham.

A request for a public hearing or a request that the Board of Environmental Protection assume jurisdiction over this application must be received by the Department in writing, no later than 20 days after the application is filed with the Maine DEP and found by the Department to be complete and accepted for processing. Public comment will be accepted throughout the processing of the application.

Written public comments may be sent to the Maine Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Land and Water Quality, 17 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333.

APPENDIX 1

LEWISTON FALLS PROJECT (FERC No. 2302) FINAL LICENSE APPLICATION

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