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IN REPLY REFER TO:
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Debbie-Anne Reese, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street N.E.
Washington, DC 20426

RE: Lewiston Falls Hydroelectric Project, Project No. 2302-101, Androscoggin River,
Androscoggin County, ME. Application Ready for Environmental Analysis and Soliciting
Comments, Recommendations, Terms and Conditions, and Prescriptions.

Dear Secretary Reese:

The U.S. Department of the Interior (Department) has reviewed the May 15, 2025, *Notice of Application Ready for Environmental Analysis and Soliciting Comments, Recommendations, Terms and Conditions, and Prescriptions* for the Application for a New Major License filed by Brookfield White Pine Hydro, LLC (Applicant) for the Lewiston Falls Hydroelectric Project (Project) (Project No. 2302-101), located on the Androscoggin River in Androscoggin County, Maine. The Applicant filed a Final License Application for the Project with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) on August 28, 2024. The Department is submitting a Reservation of Authority to Prescribe Fishways for the Project, below.

RESERVATION OF AUTHORITY TO PRESCRIBE FISHWAYS

In order to allow for the timely implementation of fishways, including effectiveness measures, the Department proposes to reserve its authority by requesting that the Commission include the following condition in any license it may issue for the Project:

Authority is reserved to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to require the licensee to construct, operate, and maintain, or provide for the construction, operation, and maintenance of such fishways as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior during the term of the license pursuant to Section 18 of the Federal Power Act.

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Project. If you have any questions, please contact Amanda Cross, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, at 207-385-5679. Please contact me at 617-223-8565 if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

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