

November 1, 2024

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**Subject: *Shawmut Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. P-2322)*
 Section 401 Water Quality Certification – Certification Request
 *ADA Accessible Versions of Previously Filed Application Materials***

Dear Ms. Paye:

On October 21, 2024, Brookfield White Pine Hydro LLC (BWPH or Applicant) filed with the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (Department) an Application for Water Quality Certification (WQC) for the Shawmut Hydroelectric Project which is undergoing relicensing by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) as FERC Project No. 2322. 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 Shawmut Hydroelectric Project (Shawmut Project) is in the state of Maine on the Kennebec River within the towns of Skowhegan, Fairfield, Clinton, and Benton. The Shawmut Project is located in Kennebec and Somerset counties.

Via email dated October 23, 2024, the Department notified BWPH that an ADA compatible version of the previously filed Shawmut 401 Water Quality Certification Application was needed in order to be uploaded onto the Department's website. Via separate email dated October 25, 2024, the Department provided BWPH with the Department of Justice's new ADA Accessibility Guidance Document and the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG).

Consistent with the ADA Accessibility Guidelines provided, BWPH has done the Adobe Acrobat conversion of the previously filed PDF Application, as well as two of the Appendices that are original documents, and not "archived" or "preexisting conventional electronic documents"; both of which are identified in the ADA Accessibility Guidelines as exceptions. Specifically, BWPH is providing ADA accessible versions of the following previously filed 401 Application materials.

- WQC Application Form
- WQC Application Attachments
 - Attachment 1: Additional Details Document
 - Attachment 2: Distribution List
 - Attachment 3: Notice to Abutters, Abutters List, and Proof of Mailing
 - Attachment 4: Notice to Municipalities, Proof of Mailing, Newspaper Notice
 - Attachment 5: Pre-Filing Meeting Request

BROOKFIELD WHITE PINE HYDRO LLC

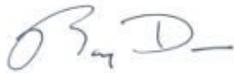
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- Attachment 6: Certificate of Good Standing
- Attachment 7: Fee Payment Receipt
- WQC Application Appendices
 - Appendix 3: 2024 Shawmut Fish Passage Measures
 - Appendix 6: Kennebec Hydro Developers Group (KHDG) Status Summary / Chronology

If there are any questions or comments regarding these documents, please feel free to contact me by phone at (207) 755-5605 or by email at Randy.Dorman@BrookfieldRenewable.com.

Sincerely,



Randall Dorman
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