

STATE OF MAINE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



May 9, 2025

Hydro Kennebec LLC 150 Main Street Lewiston, ME 04240 <u>Randy.Dorman@brookfieldrenewable.com</u> VIA EMAIL

RE: DEP APPLICATION # L-011244-33-Q-N, HYDRO KENNEBEC HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT

Dear Mr. Dorman:

Your application by Hydro Kennebec LLC for water quality certification of the Hydro Kennebec Hydroelectric Project (Project) in support of a FERC license amendment request to incorporate the terms of the Kennebec Species Protection Plan was received at the Department of Environmental Protection on May 8, 2025, and found to be acceptable for processing on May 9, 2025. Your application has been given the above- referenced number; please use this number in any correspondence related to this application.

Acceptance of the application does not preclude the Department from requesting additional information and analysis during processing.

The Project will now be examined to determine whether a certification can be issued. The statutory deadline for the Department to reach a final decision on your application is May 7, 2026. No construction related to any proposed activities currently under review may be started prior to receiving a final decision from the Department.

Please feel free to contact me at (207) 219-9563 or via email at <u>Laura.Paye@maine.gov</u> if you have any questions regarding this project.

Sincerely,

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Laura Paye Hydropower Coordinator Bureau of Land Resources

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