

August 22, 2023

VIA ELECTRONIC SUBMITTAL AND HAND DELIVERY

Kyle Olcott Hydropower Coordinator Maine Department of Environmental Protection 17 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333-0017

Subject: Rumford Falls Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2333)

Application for Water Quality Certification

Dear Mr. Olcott:

Rumford Falls Hydro LLC (RFH), a subsidiary of Brookfield Renewable, is herein submitting to the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (MDEP) an application for Water Quality Certification (WQC) for the Rumford Falls Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2333) (Project). The Project, which consists of two discrete developments – the Upper Station Development and the Lower Station Development, is located on the Androscoggin River in the Town of Rumford and Mexico, Oxford County, Maine. The Project's existing Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) license expires on September 30, 2024, and RFH is pursuing a new license for the Project. This WQC application is in support of the license application RFH filed with the Commission on September 29, 2022, for the continued operation and maintenance of the Project.

Pursuant to 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) §121.4(a), and in support of the WQC application for the Project, RFH requested a pre-filing meeting with the MDEP on June 29, 2023. On July 13, 2023, a pre-filing meeting was held via teleconference to discuss the WQC application. Accordingly, RFH is submitting the enclosed WQC application for the Project. Concurrent with the electronic submittal of this application, RFH is hand delivering a check for the WQC application processing fee accompanied by a hard copy of the WQC application (application form only). Finally, RFH is also providing a complete hard copy of the WQC application to the town clerks of Rumford and Mexico via certified mail.

RFH hereby requests that the MDEP review and take action on this WQC request within the applicable period of time and provide a draft of the WQC for review before issuing the final WQC. If the MDEP requires access and entry to the property and facilities under this certification, RFH respectfully requests, that the MDEP coordinate accompanied access with RFH prior to any inspections deemed necessary by MDEP to help ensure access as needed and the safety of on-site operating staff and MDEP staff.

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If there are any questions or comments regarding this submittal, please contact me by phone at (207) 755-5613 or at luke.anderson@brookfieldrenewable.com.

Sincerely,

Luke Anderson Manager, Licensing Brookfield Renewable

cc: Laura Paye, MDEP

Enclosure – Application for Water Quality Certification:

Attachment 1 – Certificate of Good Standing

Attachment 2 – MDEP Check Processing Form

Attachment 3 – Public Notices

- Publication of the "Notice of Intent to File Maine Water Quality Certification Application" in the Rumford Falls Times newspaper
- Certified Mailing of "Notice of Intent to File Maine Water Quality Certification Application" to Abutters
- Certified Mailing of "Notice of Intent to File Maine Water Quality Certification Application" to Town of Rumford and Mexico, Maine

Attachment 4 – Pre-filing Meeting Request to MDEP

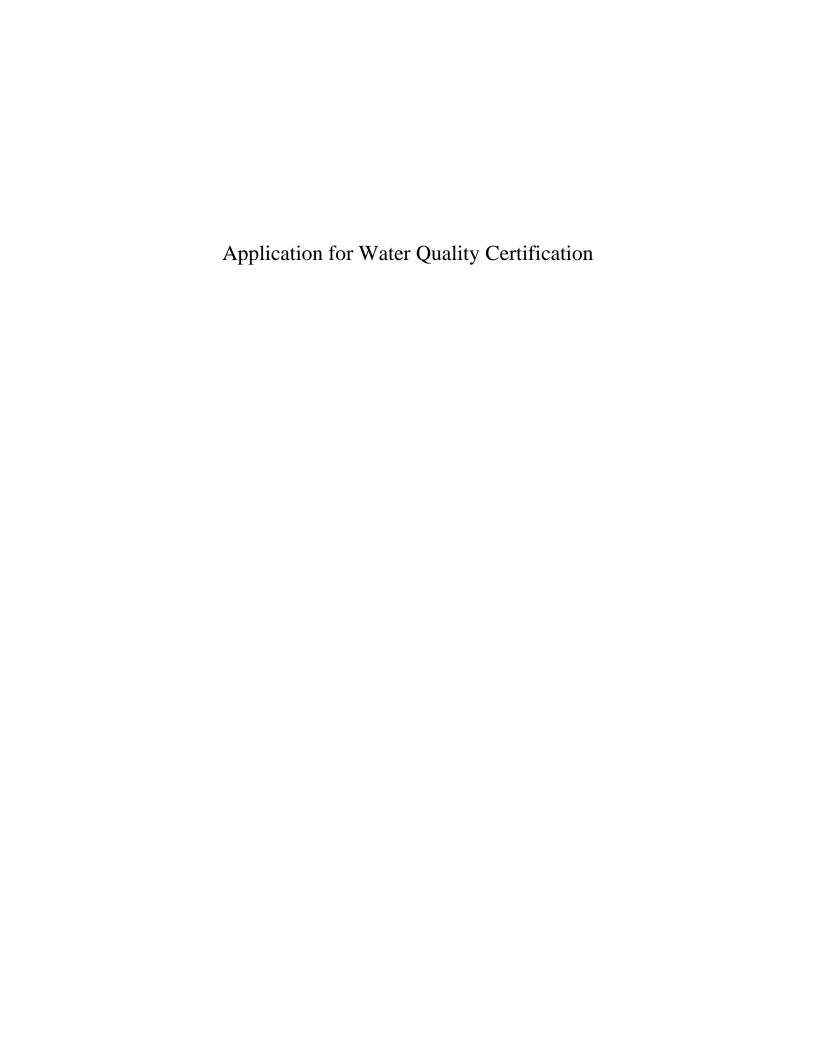
Attachment 5 – 40 CFR §121.5 Certification Request

Attachment 6 – Final License Application and Final License

Application Addendums (submitted with entire application

electronically)

Attachment 7 – Certified Mailing of Application for Maine Department of Environmental Protection Water Quality Certification to Town of Rumford and Mexico, Maine



DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION Bureau of Land Resource Regulation 17 State House Station Augusta, Maine 04333

Telephone: 207-287-7688

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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:			
PROJECT INFORMATION			
Name of Project:	FERC No		
Name of Waterbody Affected:			
Municipality or Township:	County:		
GPS Coordinates, if known:			

Form HYDRO.1 Revised July 2018

REQUIRED INFORMATION

- Provide all the information requested by this application form.
- 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.
- 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 Resource Regulation 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."

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

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

Thomas Uncher, Vice President, Rumford Falls Hydro LLC

PRINTED NAME & TITLE

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.

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WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION APPLICATION

FILING INSTRUCTIONS AND PROCEDURES

- 1. 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.
- 2. 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 feeschedule. Please make checks payable to: Treasurer, State of Maine.
- 3. 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.
- 4. 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.
- 5. 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.
- 6. Additional information may be required during the review process on any aspect of the project relating to compliance with applicable statutory criteria.

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WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION APPLICATION

1.	NATURE OF ACTIVITY. Check appropriate item:		
		_ Application for Initial License.	
		_ Application for New License (Relicense).	
		PY OF A COMPLETED FERC APPLICATION FOR LICENSE (THIRD STAGE SULTATION) MUST ACCOMPANY THIS FORM.	
	NOTE	E: 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.	projec	FING ENVIRONMENT . Provide a description of the physical environment of the ct site and its immediate vicinity. The project site includes all land and water areas ed by the project.	
	REFE	RENCE: 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.	
	REFE	RENCE: FERC EXHIBIT(S)	
4.	PROJECT OPERATION. Provide a description of project operation, to include:		

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

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5.		DJECT PLANS. Provide general design drawings showing all major project extures in sufficient detail to provide a full understanding of the project, including: Plans (overhead view); Elevations (front view); and Sections (side view).
	REF	ERENCE: FERC EXHIBIT(S)
6.	PRO	JECT 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.
	REF	ERENCE: FERC EXHIBIT(S)
order to have standing to seek a permit, license, or certification. Please comappropriate item(s) below establishing title, right or interest and attach a copindicated document(s): Deed Option to buy. Lease.		icant must possess sufficient title, right or interest in all project lands and waters in r to have standing to seek a permit, license, or certification. Please complete the opriate item(s) below establishing title, right or interest and attach a copy of the ated 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.		FER QUALITY. Provide a description of the impact of the project on water quality, ding:
	A.	A description of the applicable water quality standards and stream segment

REFERENCE: FERC EXHIBIT(S)

- 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 instream 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.

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9. **PUBLIC NOTICE**. The Department requires that an applicant provide public notice describing the location and nature of the activity proposed for approval. The public notice requirements that apply to this application are described in the Certification of

Publication below, which must be signed and dated by the applicant or authorized

agent.

The following information must be submitted with this form:

A copy of a completed Notice of Intent to File.

 A list of abutters to whom notice was provided. [For the purposes of public notice of this application, an "abutter" is any person who owns property that is both (1) adjoining and (2) within 1 mile of the delineated project boundary, including owners of property directly across a public or private right of way.]

CERTIFICATION OF PUBLICATION

By signing below, the applicant (or authorized agent) certifies that he or she has:

- 1. Published a Notice of Intent to File once in a newspaper circulated in the area where the project site is located, within 30 days prior to filing the application;
- Sent a completed copy of the Notice of Intent to File by certified mail or Certificate
 of Mailing to abutters, as determined by local tax records or other means, within
 30 days prior to filing the application; and
- 3. Sent a copy of the Notice of Intent to File by certified mail or Certificate of Mailing and filed a duplicate of this application with the town clerk of the municipality(ies) where the project is located, within 30 days prior to filing the application.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Thomas Uncher, Vice President, Rumford Falls Hydro LLC

Name and title of applicant

If signature is other than that of the applicant, attach letter of agent authorization signed by the applicant.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE

MAINE WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION APPLICATION

Please take notice that	_	
(applicant)		
of	_	
of(address and telephone number)		
s intending to file an application with the Maine Department of Environmental Protection Water Quality Certification pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Clean Water Act, Section 401. The application is for		
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(summary of the activity)		
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n the town/city of (municipality, tax map or numbers)		
under the terms of an initial or new license from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commi	ssion.	
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nspection at the DEP's offices in Augusta during normal working hours. A copy of the application may also be seen at the municipal offices in		
, Maine.		
(town/city)		

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 found by the Department to be complete and is accepted for processing. Public comment on the application will be accepted throughout the processing of the application.

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.

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

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Attachment 1 Certificate of Good Standing

State of Maine



Department of the Secretary of State

I, the Secretary of State of Maine, certify that according to the provisions of the Constitution and Laws of the State of Maine, the Department of the Secretary of State is the legal custodian of the Great Seal of the State of Maine which is hereunto affixed and of the reports of qualification of foreign limited liability companies in this State and annual reports filed by the same.

I further certify that RUMFORD FALLS HYDRO LLC, a DELAWARE limited liability company, is a duly qualified foreign limited liability company under the laws of the State of Maine and that the application for authority to transact business in this State was filed on February 08, 2006.

I further certify that said foreign limited liability company has filed annual reports due to this Department, and that no action is now pending by or on behalf of the State of Maine to forfeit the authority to transact business in this State and that according to the records in the Department of the Secretary of State, said foreign limited liability company is a legally existing limited liability company in good standing under the laws of the State of Maine at the present time.



In testimony whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the State of Maine to be hereunto affixed. Given under my hand at Augusta, Maine, this fourteenth day of July 2023.

Shenna Bellows Secretary of State

Shenna Bellows

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Attachment 2 MDEP Check Processing Form



STATE OF MAINE

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Individual Permit Application Fee – Check Processing Form

The Department is now requiring the submission of the following permit applications by email:

- Site Location of Development Law (Site Law)
- Natural Resources Protection Act (NRPA)
- Stormwater Management Law
- Maine Waterway Development and Conservation Act (MWDCA)
- Borrow Pits and Quarries Variances and Notices of Intent to Comply

All applications must include the application fee. The Department's review of an application for completeness begins upon receipt of the application and application fee. The fee for each permit type is listed in the Department's fee schedule (https://www.maine.gov/dep/feeschedule.pdf).

Payment by Credit Card. Application fees up to \$5,000 may be paid by credit card on the Department's <u>payment portal</u>. Instructions for using the portal and including payment confirmation with an application are available on the Department's website: (https://www.maine.gov/dep/land/permits/individual/index.html).

(You do not need to complete this form if you pay the application fee using the portal.)

Payment by Check. Individual permit applicants paying the application fee by check must:

- a. Complete this form and include a copy along with the email submission of the application to DEP.LandApplication@maine.gov; AND
- b. Mail a check for application fee and completed copy of this form to: Department of Environmental Protection, 17 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0017. Checks should be payable to "Treasurer, State of Maine."

Project Information		
Applicant Name		
Municipality		
Contact Name		
Contact Email		
Contact Phone #	Ext:	

Application Fee				
Permit Type	Processing Fee	Licensing Fee	Total	
Site Law				
NRPA				
Other				

Check No.: Amount:

Attachment 3 Public Notices

Publication of the "Notice of Intent to File Maine Water Quality Certification Application" in the Rumford Falls Times newspaper

Featured speakers at RVRC on July 24



The featured speaker at the River Valley Rotary Club Fellowship meeting on July 24 was George O'Keefe, economic developer for Rumford. He spoke about the Rumford Senior Living building at 105 Hancock Street is still expected to break ground in August/September. Work continues on preparation for the creation of a new community center at Rumford Elementary School when RSU #10 vacates that building in 2025. From left are Dave Duguay, club President; George O'Keefe; and Joann Bisson, Fellow Rotarian and CEO of OFCU.



The featured speaker July 24 at the River Balley Rotary Club Fellowship meeting, held at Hope Association, was the honorable retired attorney, Albert (Darby) Beliveau, Jr. from Scarborough, a native born and raised in Rumford. He spoke on "Friends of the River Valley!" From left are Ed Paterson, Fellow Rotarian; Darby Beliveau; and Dave Duguay, River Valley Rotary Club President.

Greenberg named to dean's list

ROCHESTER, NY — year.

Dylan Greenberg of Hanover was named to the dean's list at Rochester Institute of Technology for the spring semester of the 2022-2023 academic the 2022-2023 academic the spring semester of the 2022-2023 academic the computer engineering product their term GPA is greater than or equal to 3.400; they do not have any grades of "Incomplete", "D" or "F"; and they have registered to the pring semester of the 2022-2023 academic excellence during the Spring 2023 semester. Sirois is a member of the Class of 2023 and is majorated they have registered to pean's List for achieving academic excellence during the Spring 2023 semester. Sirois is a member of the Class of 2023 and is majorated they have completed at least four loans they are their term GPA is greater than or equal to 3.400; they do not have any grades of "Incomplete", "D" or "F"; and they have registered for, and completed, at least loans to their term GPA is greater than or equal to 3.400; they do not have any grades of "Incomplete", "D" or "F"; and they have registered for, and completed, at least loans to the computer engineering production to the Spring 2023 semester. Sirois is a member of the Class of 2023 and is majorated to the Spring 2023 semester. Sirois is a member of the Class of 2023 and is majorated to the Spring 2023 semester. Sirois is a member of the Class of 2023 and is majorated to the Spring 2023 semester. Sirois is a member of the Class of 2023 and is majorated to the Spring 2023 semester. Sirois is a member of the Class of 2023 and is majorated to the Spring 2023 semester. Sirois is a member of the Class of 2023 and is majorated to the Spring 2023 semester. Sirois is a member of the Class of 2023 and is majorated to the Spring 2023 semester. Sirois is a member of the Class of 2023 and is

Sirois named to dean's list

New UMF students get realistic feel for college life with summer program

FARMINGTON—
Starting college can be quite an adjustment for many students. That's why participating in one of the recent summer Experience programs at the University of Maine at Farmington offered first-year and new transfer students such a successful introduction to living and learning on campus.

New students who are enrolled for the fall were able to register and select from mall than the reflecting on that experiment to their soon to be home away from home at Experience programs at the University of Maine at Farmington offered first-year and new transfer students out of the program was the experience is to work closely with faculty in a variety of disciplines to learn through the experiential clears on campus.

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tiple three-day, two-night sesuper trice-tay, two-tight ses-sions this summer where they could stay in a campus resi-dence hall to get a realistic feel for college residential living.

Reviving Temple Stream; or Literature, Computers and Artificial Intelligence.

"Experiential learning is all about learning by doing and ences fun and informational."

Students about the solution and settler solve a cohort with fellow incoming students. Students and better prepared for life at UMF."

Students also had the opportunity to make new

vices veterans information. obtain a campus job and take Farmington community busi-care of any special dietary nesses were excited to partner sered for life at UMF.

Students also had the requirements. with the control of make new The Summer Experience students feel welcome

arso came from offices throughout campus including Residence Life, Library Services, IT, Conferences and Events, Facilities, Sodexo Dining Services, Mainely Outdoors and the Fitness & Persection Control Mose Recreation Center, Many with the University and help

SeniorsPlus to present the 2023 Aging Well Living Well Expo

LEWISTON - The 2023
Aging Well Living Well Expo, presented by SeniorsPfus, will be held Friday, September 29, from 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at the

learning opportunity for adults. SeniorsPlus is the designated Area Agency on Aging serving entrance to workshops. Tickets Area Agency on Aging serving
Androscoggin, Franklin, and
Oxford counties.

Tickets for the Expo are \$35
and mailing the registration

Seats are limited; advance registration is strongly recom-

istration is strongly recom-mended. A complete schedule of programming may be found at www.seniorsplus.org. Attendees are invited to explore serious learning, as well as first-time explorations. The 12 workshops and pro-The 12 workshops and pro-grams attendees choose from cover a spectrum of topics including law, health, exercise, cooking, and art. Workshop titles range from "Seasonal Desserts in a Mug," to "Estate Planning," to "Self Defense for Older Adults" and "Know Your Rights: A Primer on the Americans with Disabilities Act." Workshops run 75 min-utes each. Exhibitor booths and displays provide an opportunity to learn about a variety of products, services, and information. Raffle tickets may be purchased for an addi-

New this year will be a music jam session, as well as a vaccination clinic offered by SeniorsPlus in conjunction with Northern Light Health. Flu and COVID vaccinations will be available to anyone over the age of 18. If interest-ed, please bring your insurance

form at www.seniorsplus.org. card with you and check "inter-

card with you and check "inter-ested" on the registration form.

The keynote speaker will be Mary Lou Ciolfi, JD, MS.
Ciolfi is a Senior Program Manager at the University of Maine Center on Aging where she has recently directed a national project creating a Designation of Excellence in person-centered long-term care. The title of her presenta-tion will be "Looking Forward tion will be "Looking Forward to Our Own Aging? It Shouldn't Be This Hard." She will share insight into about the root causes of ageist ideas and attitudes such as "anti-aging" and "greedy geezer," and what we can all do to support a posi-tive shift in our beliefs about

aging and older people.

Almost 300 attendees attended the Expo in 2019, the last year it was held; 2023 will mark the 13th year that the event has been presented.

Seniors/Plue is greateful for

event has been presented.

SeniorsPlus is grateful for
the support of its sponsors of
Expo: Turner Publishing, Inc.,
Healey & Associates, VRI &
New England Emergency
Response Systems, Aetna
Medicare Solutions, Martin's
Point Healthcare, Bichard Point Healthcare, Richard Brothers Financial Advisors, and University Credit Union.

Church Directory 1 and 1

If you would like your church information to run in the Rumford Falls Times weekly Church Directory, please contact Nancy at 364-7893.

North Woodstock

North Woodstock

Come to our Sunday service, 9:00 a.m. Grace Bible Church, in the historic 1860 Pinhook Meeting House, Rt. 232, North Woodstock. Pastor David Theriault

Rumford

Parish of the Holy Savior 364-4556

St. A & St. John's Church Rumford 126 Maine Avenue, Rumford Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:15am Mass Saturday 4:00pm Mass Sunday 9:30am Mass Our Lady of the Snows Bethel 265 Walkers Mills Road Saturday 6:00pm Mass

Rumford United Methodist Church

364-8703 455 Linnell Street Adult Bible Class 9:30 a.m. Worship Service and Sunday School 11:00 a.m. e-mail: sunflowerchaput62@gmail.com Pastor Robin Chaput

NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE MAINE WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION APPLICATION

Please take notice that Rumford Falls Hydro LLC of 150 Main Street, Lewiston, Maine 04240 and (207) 755-5613 is Main Street, Lewiston, Maine 04240 and (207) 755-5613 intending to file an 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. The application is for the continued operation and maintenance of the Rumford Falls Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2333) in the town/city of Rumford and Mexico, Maine under the terms of a new license from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. The application will be filed on or about August 23, 2023

for public inspection at the DEP's offices in Augusta during normal working hours. A copy of the application may also be seen at the municipal offices in Rumford and Mexico, Maine.

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 found by the Department to be complete and is accepted for processing. Public comment on the application will be accepted throughout the processing of the application.

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

Public Notices are a permanent and independent record of government and court actions. These include state and local government meetings, rule making, available contracts, zoning changes, and many more, as required by law. In addition, parties to some court proceedings, such as foreclosures, probate, and estate actions are required to publish notices to ensure notification of affected parties, as well as the general public These notices also alert business owners, large and small, to potential government contractual jobs helping to ensure economic activity across a level playing field. Public notices have existed to ensure transparency in all levels of government since the founding of the United States,

State and local notices are published in Maine newspapers and are also recorded at mainenotices. com, where anyone can browse or search notices and sign up to receive email alerts when relevant notices appear.

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Publisher's Affidavit

The undersigned, <u>Bruce Farrin</u>, this day personally appeared before me and says that he is the <u>Editor</u> of the Rumford Falls Times, a weekly newspaper published at Rumford, in Oxford County in the State of Maine, and that in the edition of **August 16**, 2023 herein printed a public notice stating that the Rumford Falls Hydro LLC, intends to file an application with the Maine Department of Environmental Protection for a Water Quality Certification, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of this affidavit.

Charge for such publication amounted to \$100.07

Editor - Rumford Falls Time

Bruce Farrin

Subscribed and sworn

Before Me

Oxford County

Nancy Theriault

Notary Public

My commission expires

Certified Mailing of "Notice of Intent to File Maine Water Quality Certification Application" to Abutters



August 15, 2023

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

Subject: Notice of Intent to File Maine Water Quality Certification Application to

Abutters of the Rumford Falls Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2333)

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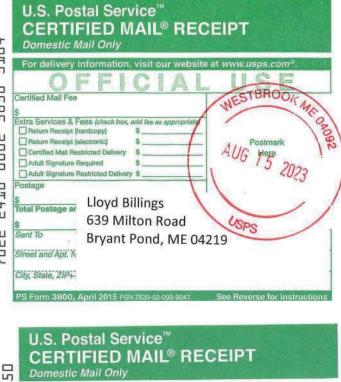














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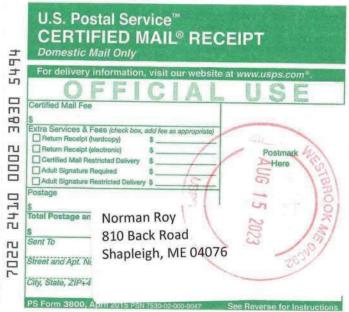




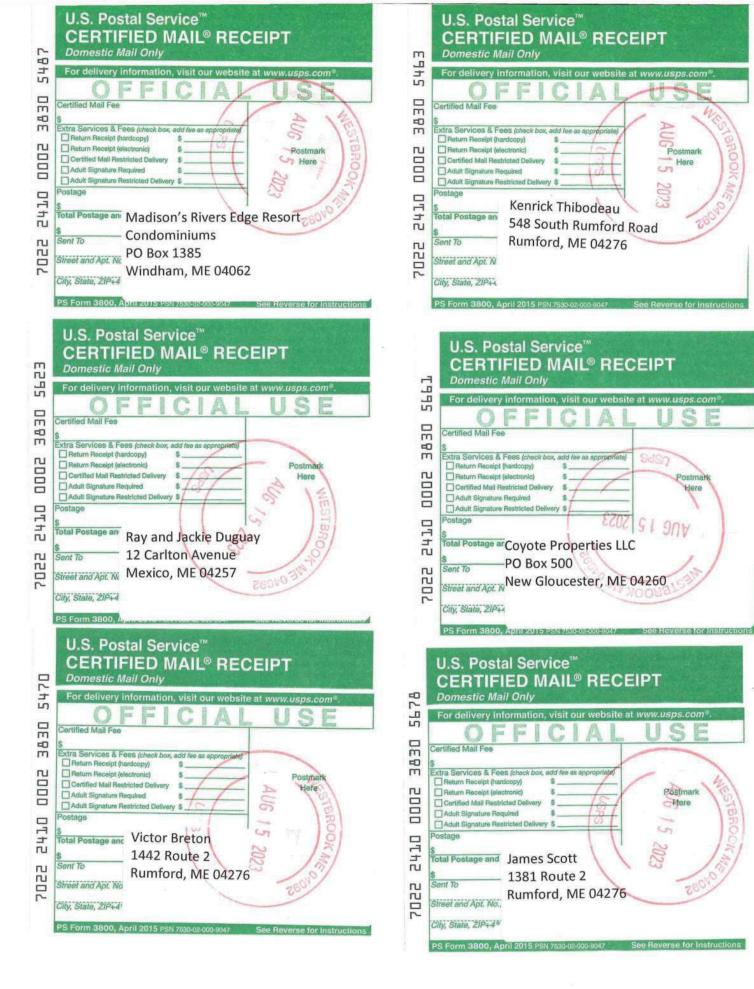


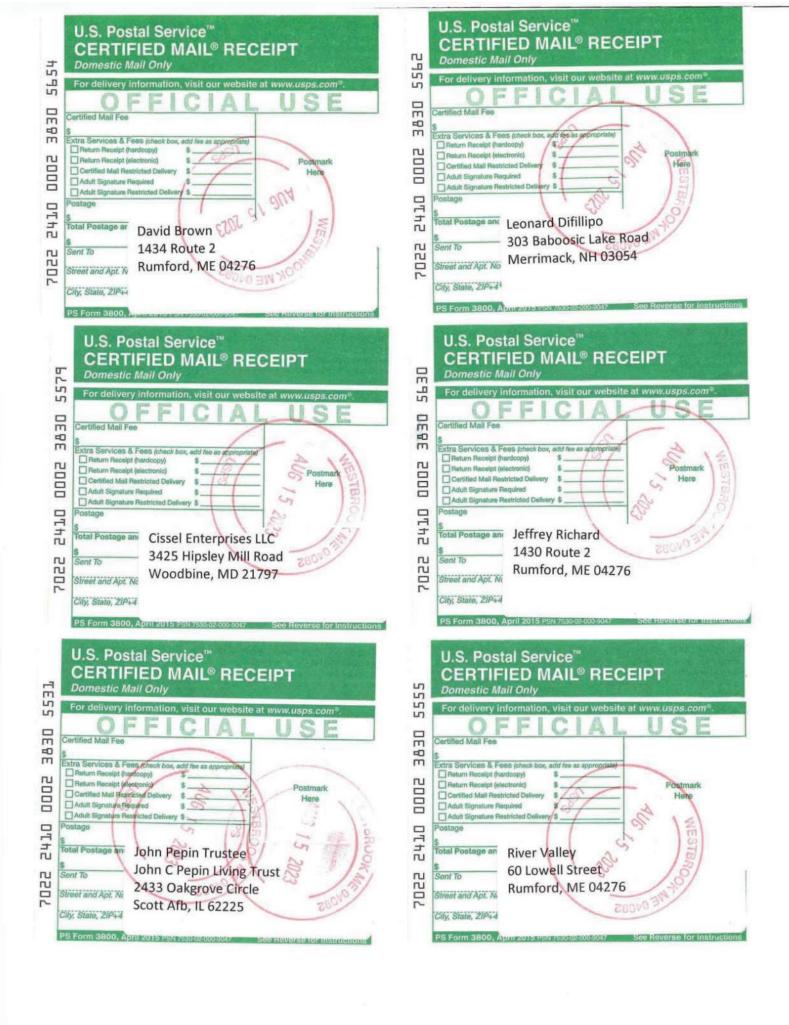














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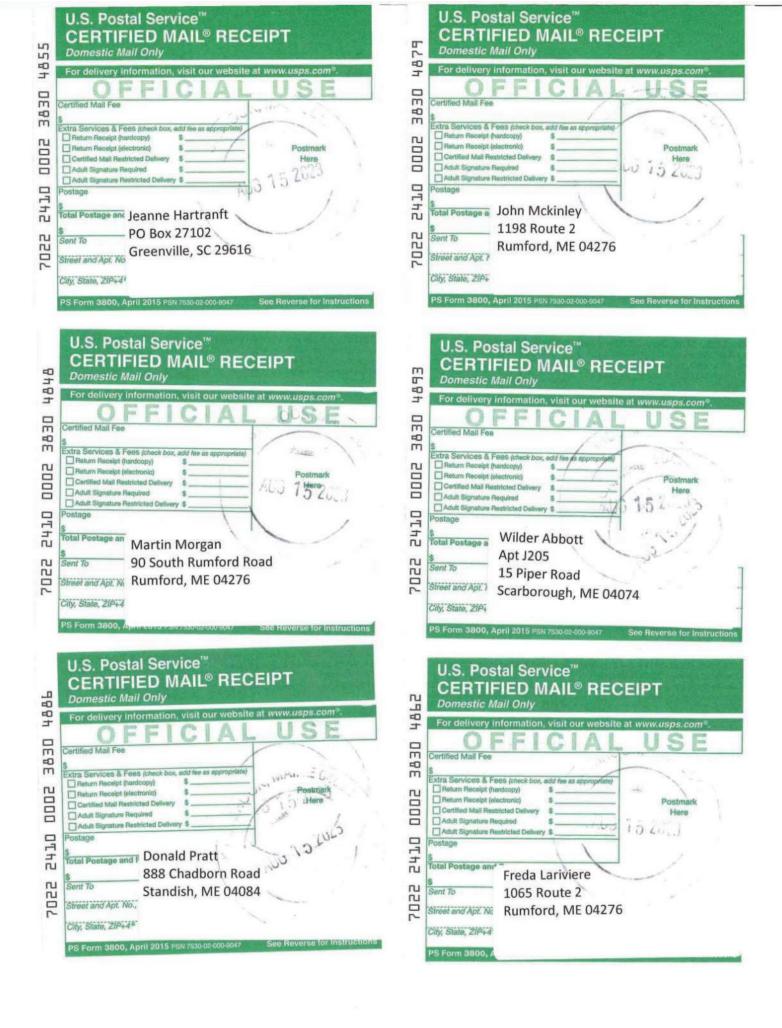
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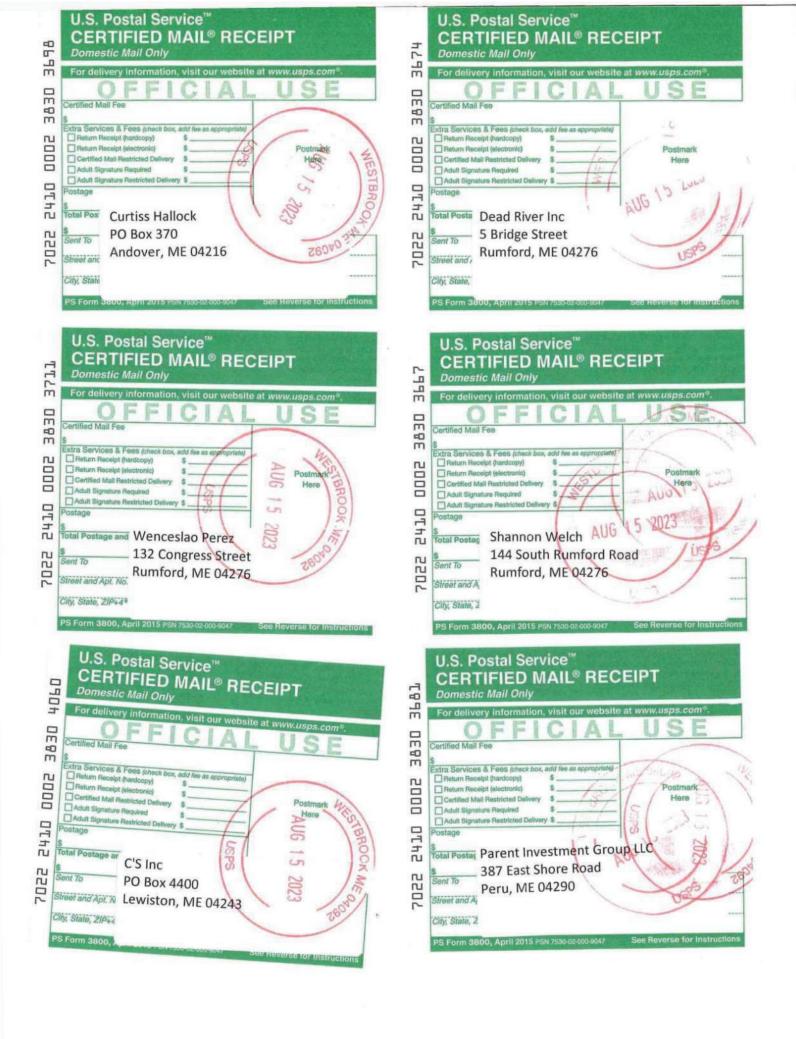
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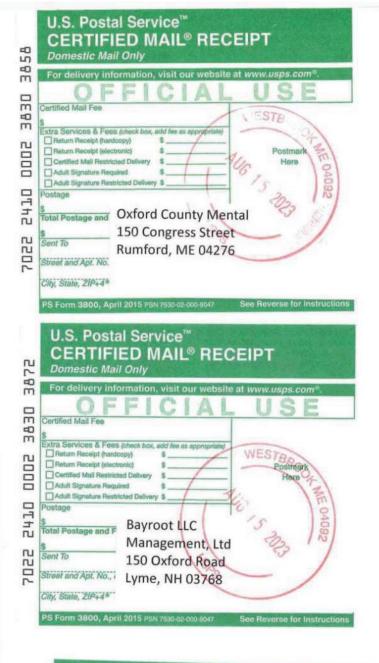














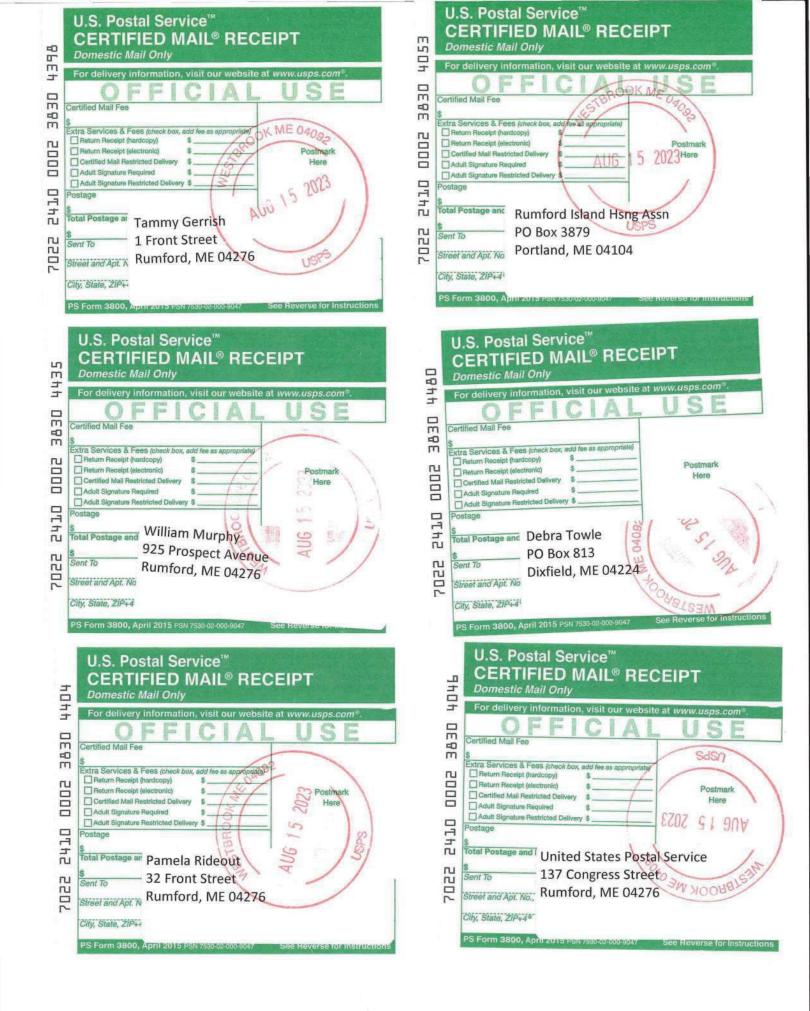
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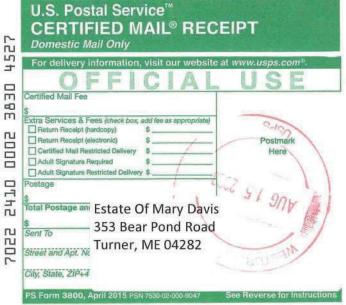


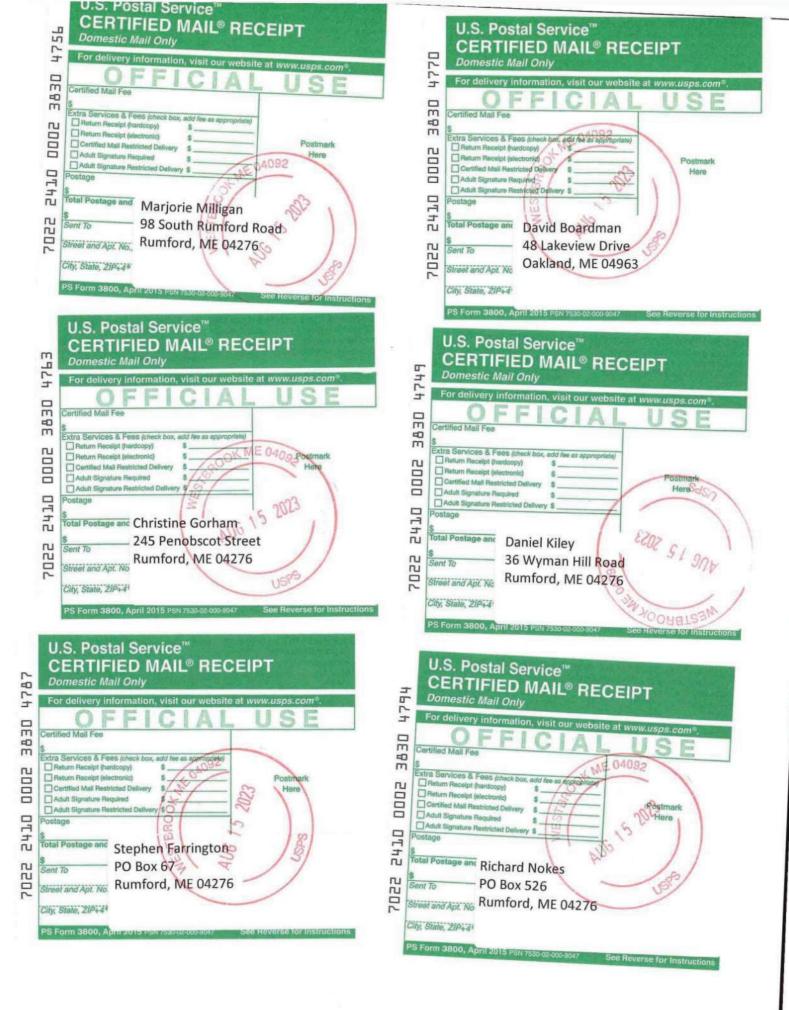




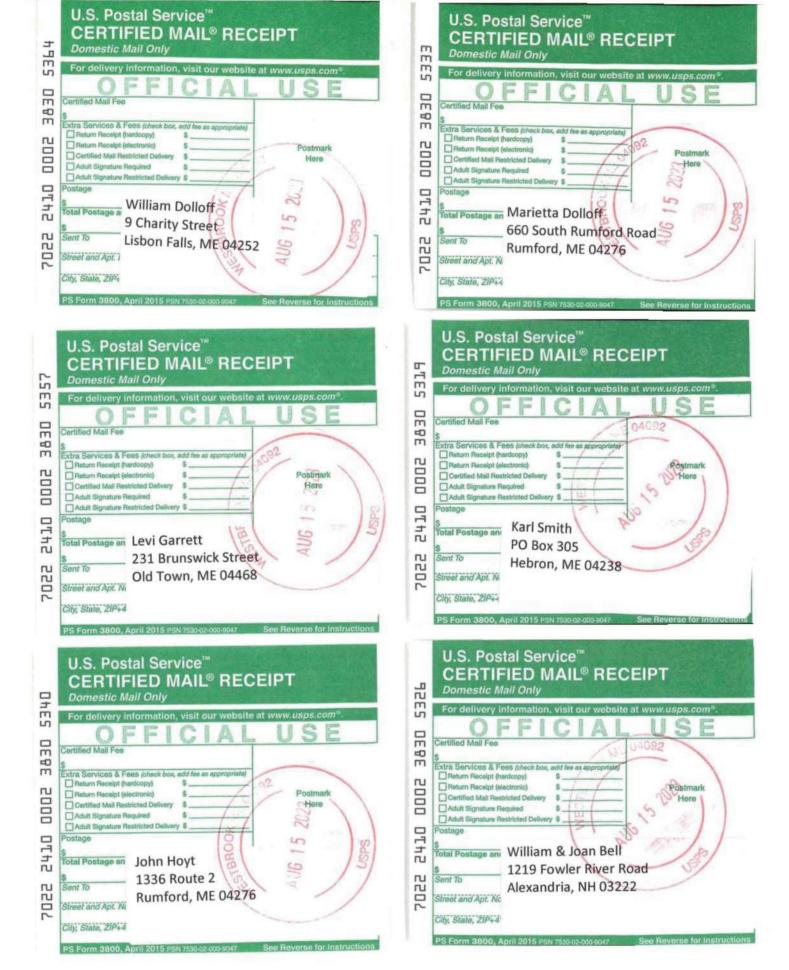






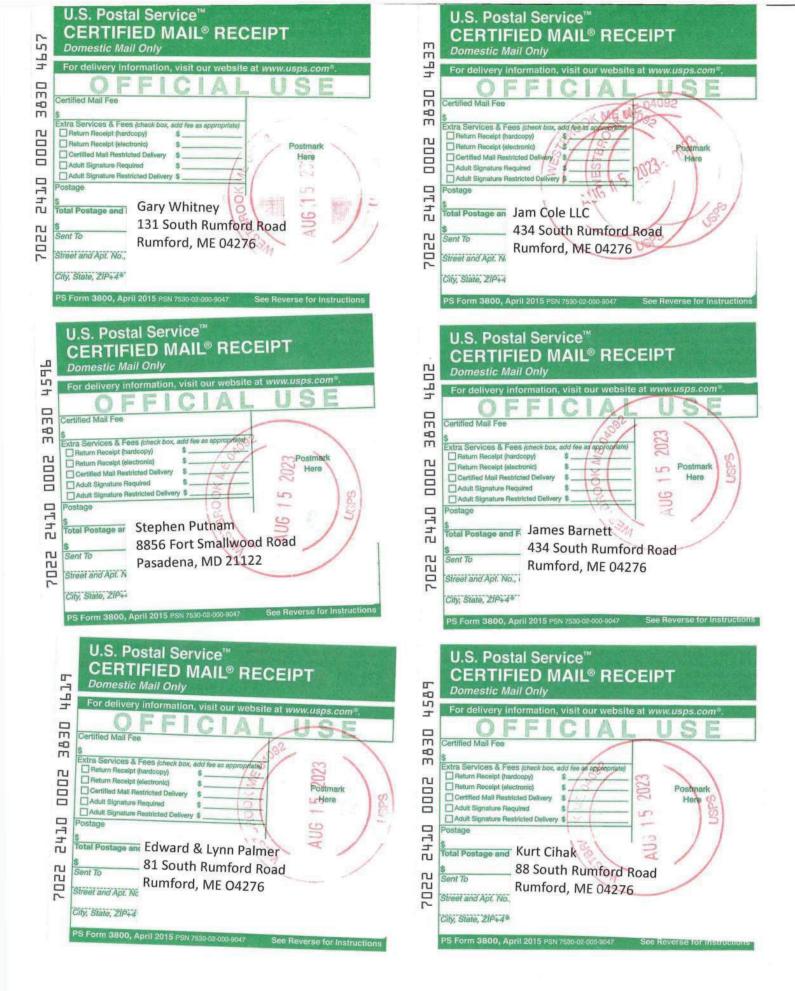












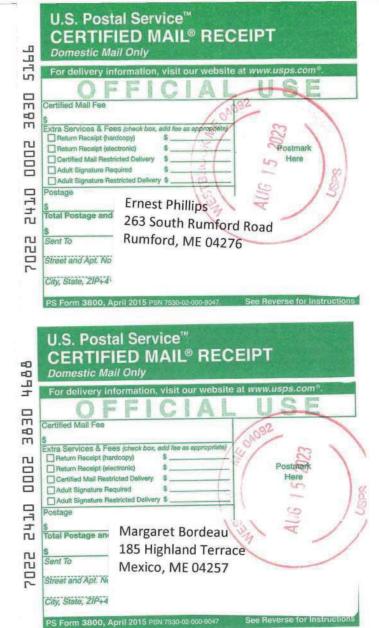




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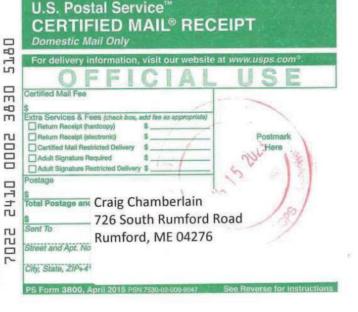


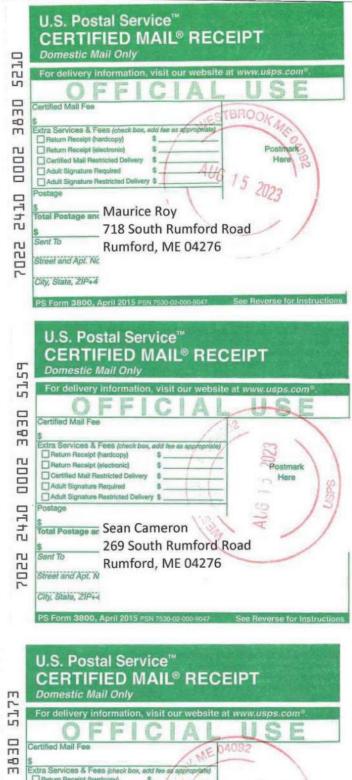




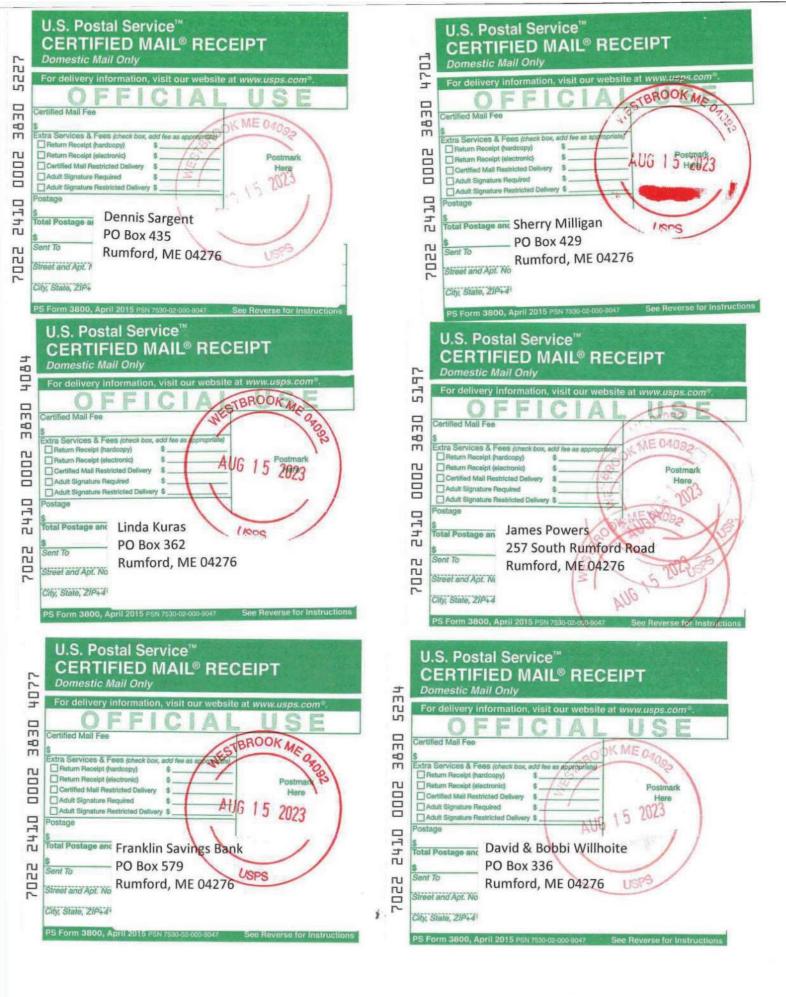








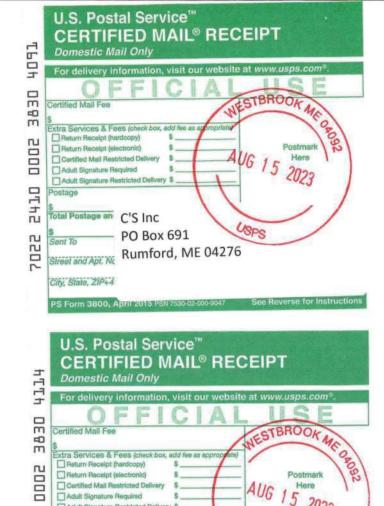












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August 15, 2023

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Stacy Carter Town Manager Town of Rumford 145 Congress Street Rumford, ME 04276

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Attachment 4 Pre-Filing Meeting

From: Anderson, Luke < Luke. Anderson@brookfieldrenewable.com>

Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2023 2:41 PM

To: Olcott, Kyle

Cc: laura.paye@maine.gov; Cousens, Dawn

Subject: Rumford Falls Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2333) - 401 WQC Pre-filing Meeting Request

Attachments: 20230629 RFH to MDEP Prefiling Meeting Request for WQC.pdf

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Good afternoon, Kyle,

Please find the attached letter requesting a 401 WQC pre-filing meeting for the Rumford Falls Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2333) located on the Androscoggin River in the Town of Rumford, Oxford County, Maine.

Please let us know if any of the following dates and range of times work for you or if you have alternative dates that work better. We anticipate a relatively brief call however we are available for whatever amount of time is needed by the Department.

- Wed, July 12, 9-12
- Thu, July 13, 9-10
- Fri, July 14, 9-12
- Wed, July 19, 9-12
- Fri, July 21, 9-12

Please acknowledge receipt of the meeting request and let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Luke T. Anderson Manager, Licensing

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June 29, 2023

VIA EMAIL

Kyle Olcott Hydropower Coordinator Maine Department of Environmental Protection 17 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333-0017

Subject: Rumford Falls Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2333-094)

Section 401 Water Quality Certification

Dear Mr. Olcott:

On September 29, 2022, Rumford Falls Hydro LLC (RFH), a subsidiary of Brookfield Renewable, filed the Final License Application with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) for the Rumford Falls Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2333) (Project). On June 26, 2023, the Commission issued a Notice of Application Acceptance and Ready for Environmental Analysis (REA).

RFH is preparing to file an application for Water Quality Certification (WQC) under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act with the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (MDEP). Pursuant to 18 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) §5.23(b)(1), a license applicant must file an application for WQC no later than 60 days following the date of issuance of the REA notice, which requires RFH to file a WQC application for the Project by August 25, 2023.

Pursuant to 40 CFR §121.4(a), an applicant is required to request a pre-filing meeting with the certifying authority at least 30 days prior to submitting a certification request. Accordingly, RFH is herein requesting a pre-filing meeting with the MDEP for the Project.

If there are any questions regarding this request, please contact me by phone at (207) 755-5613 or at luke anderson@brookfieldrenewable.com.

Sincerely.

Luke Anderson Manager, Licensing Brookfield Renewable

Cc: Laura Paye, MDEP

Attachment 5 40 CFR §121.5 Certification Request

40 CFR §121.5 Certification request

The following is an addendum to the Application for Water Quality Certification (WQC) pursuant to 40 CFR §121.5(b).

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

The certification request is being submitted concurrently to the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (MDEP) and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

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

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

Rumford Falls Hydro LLC (RFH), a subsidiary of Brookfield Renewable, is the applicant for the certification request. The point of contact is:

Mr. Luke Anderson Manager, Licensing Rumford Falls Hydro LLC 150 Main Street Lewiston, Maine 04240 (207) 755-5613

(2) Identify the proposed project;

A WQC application for a New License for Major Water Power Project is being submitted for the Rumford Falls Hydroelectric Project (Project) (FERC No. 2333). The Project consists of two discrete developments – the Upper Station Development (29.3 MW) and the Lower Station Development (15.2 MW) totaling an authorized generating capacity of 44.5 MW. The Project is an existing run-of-river hydroelectric facility with an active FERC license. It is located on the Androscoggin River in the Town of Rumford and Mexico, Oxford County, Maine. The Project's existing FERC license was issued on October 18, 1994 and expires on September 30, 2024. On September 29, 2022, RFH filed an application with FERC for a new license for the continued operation and maintenance of the Project. Accordingly, RFH is applying for WQC from the MDEP under the provisions of Section 401 of the Federal Clean Water Act (CWA).

(3) Identify the applicable federal license or permit;

Applicable federal licenses and permits include the FERC license to be issued and the Maine WQC.

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

Water from the Androscoggin River is passed through the turbines at the Project's Upper Station and Lower Station Developments to generate hydropower. No pollutant discharge is proposed. Please see Exhibit B in the provided Final License Application (FLA) for additional information on Project operation.

(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;

Water from the Androscoggin River is passed through the turbines at the Project's Upper Station and Lower Station Developments to generate hydropower. No pollutant discharge is proposed. The Project is operated in a run-of-river mode. Please see Exhibit B in the provided FLA for additional information on how water levels and flows are managed at 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;

As stated in No. 3 above, applicable federal licenses and permits include the FERC license to be issued and the Maine WQC. None of the required aforementioned authorizations have been approved or denied as of the date of this WQC application submittal. Please see Section 3.0 of Exhibit E in the provided FLA for additional information on the statutory and regulatory requirements for the Project.

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

Please see Attachment 4 of this WQC application, which includes documentation that a prefiling meeting request was submitted to the MDEP on June 29, 2023, at least 30 days prior to submitting the certification request. The prefiling meeting between RFH and the MDEP was held on July 13, 2023.

(8) Contain the following statement: 'The project proponent hereby certifies that all information contained herein is true, accurate, and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief'; and

The signature at the bottom of this document affirms that the Project proponent hereby certifies that all information herein is true, accurate, and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

(9) Contain the following statement: `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.'

The signature at the bottom of this document affirms that 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.

Signature:

Mr. Thomas Uncher Vice President

Rumford Falls Hydro LLC

Attachment 6 Final License Application and Final License Application Addendums (submitted electronically)

Attachment 7

Certified Mailing of Application for Maine Department of Environmental Protection Water Quality Certification to Town of Rumford and Mexico, Maine



August 21, 2023

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

Beth Bellegarde Town Clerk Town of Rumford 145 Congress Street Rumford, ME 04276

Subject: Application for Maine Department of Environmental Protection Water

Ouality Certification for the Rumford Falls Hydroelectric Project (FERC

No. 2333)

Dear Ms. Bellegarde:

Rumford Falls Hydro LLC (RFH), a subsidiary of Brookfield Renewable, is the licensee of the Rumford Falls Hydroelectric Project (Project). The Project, which consists of two discrete developments – the Upper Station Development and the Lower Station Development, is located on the Androscoggin River in the Town of Rumford and Mexico, Oxford County, Maine. The Project's existing Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) license expires on September 30, 2024, and RFH is pursuing a new license for the Project. On September 29, 2022, RFH filed the license application for the continued operation and maintenance of the Project with FERC.

As part of the FERC relicensing process, RFH must also apply for a Water Quality Certification (WQC) from the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (MDEP) under the provisions of Section 401 of the Federal Clean Water Act. The WQC application process requires an applicant to send a completed copy of the "Notice of Intent to File Maine Water Quality Certification Application" and a copy of the WQC application to the towns in which the Project is located. On August 15, 2023, RFH sent the attached "Notice of Intent to File Maine Water Quality Certification Application" to the Town of Rumford via certified mail. Please find a complete hard copy of the WQC application enclosed.

If there are any questions or comments regarding this letter, please contact me by phone at (207) 755-5613 or at luke.anderson@brookfieldrenewable.com.

Sincerely,

Luke Anderson Manager, Licensing Brookfield Renewable

Attachment (1) Enclosure (1)

cc: Stacy Carter, Town of Rumford



August 15, 2023

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

Stacy Carter Town Manager Town of Rumford 145 Congress Street Rumford, ME 04276

Subject: Notice of Intent to File Maine Water Quality Certification Application to

Towns of the Rumford Falls Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2333)

Dear Mr. Carter:

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Sincerely,

Luke Anderson Manager, Licensing Brookfield Renewable

Enclosure (1)

NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE MAINE WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION APPLICATION

Please take notice that Rumford Falls Hydro LLC of 150 Main Street, Lewiston, Maine 04240 and (207) 755-5613 is intending to file an 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. The application is for the continued operation and maintenance of the Rumford Falls Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2333) in the town/city of Rumford and Mexico, Maine under the terms of a new license from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

The application will be filed on or about August 23, 2023 for public inspection at the DEP's offices in Augusta during normal working hours. A copy of the application may also be seen at the municipal offices in Rumford and Mexico, Maine.

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 found by the Department to be complete and is accepted for processing. Public comment on the application will be accepted throughout the processing of the application.

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.

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



August 21, 2023

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

Tami Vradenburgh Town Clerk Town of Mexico 134 Main Street Mexico, ME 04257

Subject: Application for Maine Department of Environmental Protection Water

Ouality Certification for the Rumford Falls Hydroelectric Project (FERC

No. 2333)

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Brookfield Renewable

Attachment (1)

Enclosure (1)

cc: Raquel Welch-Day, Town of Mexico



August 15, 2023

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

Raquel Welch-Day Town Manager Town of Mexico 134 Main Street Mexico, Maine 04257

Subject: Notice of Intent to File Maine Water Quality Certification Application to

Towns of the Rumford Falls Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2333)

Dear Ms. Welch-Day:

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