

August 28, 2020

VIA USPS

Re: Notice of Water Quality Certification Application to Owners of Property Adjoining the Shawmut Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2322)

Dear Recipient:

Brookfield White Pine Hydro LLC (Brookfield) holds a license issued by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) for the Shawmut Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2322), located on the Kennebec River in the towns of Skowhegan, Fairfield, Clinton and Benton, Maine. Brookfield is in the process of obtaining a new license from FERC.

In order for FERC to issue a new license, Brookfield must also apply for and obtain a Water Quality Certification (WQC) from the State of Maine Department of Environmental Protection (MDEP) under the provisions of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act. The MDEP WQC application process requires that Brookfield provide notice of the WQC application to those landowners whose property abuts the Shawmut Hydroelectric Project, which is why you are receiving this letter. Notice of the WQC application is attached.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact Randall Dorman at 207-755-5605 or at Randy.Dorman@Brookfieldrenewable.com.

Sincerely,

KLEINSCHMIDT ASSOCIATES



Kayla A. Hopkins
Regulatory Coordinator

Attachment: Notice

ABUTTER NOTICE

NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE

MAINE WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION APPLICATION

Please take notice that Brookfield White Pine Hydro LLC of 150 Main Street, Lewiston, Maine 04240, 207-755-5605, is intending to file an application with the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (MDEP) for a Water Quality Certification pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Clean Water Act, Section 401. The application is for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) relicensing for the continued operation of the Shawmut Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2322) located on the Kennebec River in the towns of Skowhegan, Fairfield, Clinton and Benton Maine under the terms of a new license from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

The application will be filed on or about August 31, 2020 and will be available for public inspection at the MDEP's offices in Augusta during normal working hours. A copy of the application may also be seen at the municipal offices in Fairfield, Skowhegan, Clinton, and Benton, 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 filed with the Department. 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.