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October 12, 2021

**Bar Mills Project
FERC No. 2194-ME**

Kimberly D. Bose Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20426

Subject: Bar Mills Project (FERC No. 2194-ME) Updated Plan and Schedule to Surrender License and Decommission Project

Dear Secretary Bose:

Brookfield White Pine Hydro LLC (BWPH), licensee for the Bar Mills Project, FERC Project No. 2194 (the "Project") on the Saco River in Maine, is providing an updated plan and schedule to decommission the Project following BWPH's notice of intent to surrender the license submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) on November 30, 2020. The Commission acknowledged the plan and schedule by letter dated December 30, 2020.

BWPH herein provides a revised plan and schedule for the Project decommissioning. The schedule revision is largely due to a determination that additional data collection was necessary to sufficiently model dam breach conditions to accommodate migratory fish passage requirements and potential infrastructure impacts. Bathymetry data collection was completed the week of September 13, 2021 and is currently being incorporated into the hydraulic model to support the proposed action to be presented in the FERC application for decommissioning and surrender and the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (MDEP) Maine Waterway Development and Conservation Act (MWDCA) and US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) permit applications for in water work and demolition activities. BWPH has developed the revised proposed process plan and schedule to fulfil the requirements of both the Federal Power Act and the MWDCA:

- On January 12, 2021: BWPH held a pre-application meeting with DEP staff to determine the statutory and regulatory requirements that apply to Bar Mills Project;
- On or before May 18, 2022: BWPH will send notice of a Public Informational Meeting to abutters, federal and state agencies, and affected municipalities;
- On or before June 2, 2022: BWPH will hold a Public Informational Meeting in accordance with the MWDCA requirements and to inform the FERC surrender application and decommissioning plan; and
- On or before July 17, 2022: BWPH will provide a draft surrender application and decommissioning plan to federal and state agencies for 90-day review and comment (note that letters supporting the removal of the Bar Mills Project have been filed on the docket by Saco Salmon Restoration Alliance and the Sebago Chapter of Trout Unlimited).

Following the completion of the procedural steps noted above, BWPH will file a surrender application and decommissioning plan with FERC, likely on or before November 14, 2022. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. Should any further modifications of the above schedule be necessary, BWPH will notify and update the FERC accordingly and as soon as practical.

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Sincerely,



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