



February 13, 2012

Mr. Michael Mullen, Director
Bureau of Land and Water Quality
Maine Department of Environmental Protection
17 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0017

Brassua Project (FERC No. 2615)
Application for Water Quality Certification
Withdrawal and Re-filing

Dear Mr. Mullen:

As you know, the Owners of Brassua Dam (FPL Energy Maine Hydro LLC, Madison Paper Industries, and Merimil Limited Partnership, "Owners") have a pending application before the Department for a Water Quality Certification in conjunction with the relicensing of the Brassua Hydroelectric Project. It is apparent to the Owners that the Department will not be able to take final action on the pending application before the end of the statutory one year processing period (March 24, 2012). Therefore, for the purpose of establishing a new one-year period for certification processing, FPL Energy Maine Hydro LLC on behalf of the Owners is hereby simultaneously withdrawing the application filed on March 24, 2011, and re-filing for Water Quality Certification for the above referenced project. Enclosed is a copy of the new application form for Water Quality Certification for the project. The applications for Water Quality Certification as previously filed, with attachments, and all subsequent supplemental filings, are hereby incorporated by reference into the re-filed application. As noted in previous correspondence, Owners anticipate filing in the near future the results of supplemental secchi disk measurements in Brassua reservoir and macroinvertebrate sampling in the Moose River.

As with the prior withdrawal and re-filing, we are of the understanding that no additional public notice is required, and that all processing fees previously paid will be credited to the re-filed application.

If there are any questions or comments regarding this filing, please contact me at (207) 629-1817 or by email at Frank.Dunlap@NextEraEnergy.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Frank H. Dunlap", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Frank H. Dunlap
Senior Environmental Specialist

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**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.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name of Applicants: FPL Energy Maine Hydro LLC
Madison Paper Industries
Merimil Limited Partnership

Mailing Address: c/o FPL Energy Maine Hydro LLC
26 Katherine Drive, Hallowell, ME 04347

Name of Contact: Frank H. Dunlap

Telephone: (207) 629-1817

PROJECT INFORMATION

Name of Project: Brassua Hydroelectric Project FERC No. 2615

Address (use "911" address, if available): 211 Dam Road, Rockwood, ME 04478

Name of Waterbody Affected: Moose River, a tributary to the Kennebec River

Municipality or Township: Townships of Taunton & Raynham Academy, Rockwood Strip, Tomhegan TWP, Rockwood Strip, Sandwich Academy Grant, and Brassua TWP.

County: Somerset

GPS Coordinates, if known: UTM 19T 436668.22m.E 5056621.91m.N

Data and Information: The application for Water Quality Certification filed on March 26, 2010 and re-filed March 24, 2011, including all attachments and supplemental filings, are incorporated herein by reference.

CERTIFICATION

Refiling of Application of Application for Water Quality Certification – Brassua Project

"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."

DATE: February 13, 2012



SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

Chad P. Clark, Vice President
FPL Energy Maine Hydro LLC