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Honorable Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20426

SUBJECT: J. Brodie Smith Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2287-053) and Gorham Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2288-057) Draft License Applications

Dear Secretary Bose:

Central Rivers Power NH, LLC (CRP), on behalf of its subsidiaries CRP NH Smith, LLC and CRP NH Gorham, LLC, is in the process of relicensing the J. Brodie Smith Hydroelectric Project, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) Project No. 2287 and Gorham Hydroelectric Project, FERC Project No. 2288. The Projects are located on the Androscoggin River, Coos County, New Hampshire in the city of Berlin and the town of Gorham. The current licenses for the J. Brodie Smith and Gorham Projects expire on July 31, 2024. CRP is pursuing new licenses for the Projects using the FERC Integrated Licensing Process (ILP) pursuant to 18 C.F.R. Part 5 of the Commission's regulations. CRP must file its final application for a new license with FERC no later than July 31, 2022.

In accordance with 18 CFR § 5.16(c) and 18 CFR § 4.51, CRP respectfully submits the J. Brodie Smith Draft License Application (DLA) for filing with the Commission. The DLA is being filed in accordance with the ILP and consists of the following draft technical exhibits and environmental report:

- Initial Statement;
- Exhibit A - Project Description;
- Exhibit B - Project Operation and Resource Utilization;
- Exhibit C - Construction History;
- Exhibit D - Statement of Cost and Financing;
- Exhibit E - Environmental Report;
- Exhibit F - General Design Drawings and Supporting Design Report [*to be provided in the Final License Application*];
- Exhibit G - Project Maps; and
- Exhibit H - Description of Project Management and Need for Project Power

In accordance with 18 CFR § 5.16(c) and 18 CFR § 4.61, CRP respectfully submits the Gorham Draft License Application (DLA) for filing with the Commission. The DLA is being filed in accordance with the ILP and consists of the following draft technical exhibits and environmental report:

- Initial Statement;
- Exhibit A - Project Description;
- Exhibit E - Environmental Report;
- Exhibit F - General Design Drawings and Supporting Design Report [*to be provided in the Final License Application*];
- Exhibit G - Project Maps; and
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CRP is providing electronic access to the DLAs to relevant resource agencies, tribes, non-governmental organizations, and other potential interested parties included on the attached distribution list. An electronic copy of the DLAs can be downloaded from FERC's eLibrary system (<https://elibrary.ferc.gov/eLibrary/search>) by searching under docket number P-2287 (sub docket 053) and P-2288 (sub docket 057). The DLA will also be available at the Project's public relicensing website at <https://www.smithgorhamrelicensing.com/>.

In accordance with FERC regulations (18 CFR § 5.16(e)), participants and Commission staff may submit comments to the Licensee regarding the DLA within 90 days following this filing, i.e., by June 1, 2022.

Certain information within the DLAs is still under development or more appropriately filed with the Updated Study Report (USP), due by June 5, 2022, and/or the Final License Application (FLA) in July 2022. Exhibit E discusses the results of the studies conducted in support of the relicensing and considers how the information and data collected during those studies addresses issues that were raised by agencies and other relicensing participants, and how that data addresses the Licensee's proposal. In support of this proposal, Exhibit E evaluates the potential effects environmental, recreational¹, and cultural resources that may occur as a result of continued Project operation under a new license. As appropriate, Exhibit E includes Licensee's preliminary proposals for the protection and mitigation of effects on, or enhancement to, resources that are associated with the continued operation of the Project.

Exhibit F - General Design Drawings and Supporting Design Report are in preparation and will be filed with the FLA.

¹ The study of recreational use at the projects will be conducted in 2022 and reported as a supplement to the FLA which is anticipated to be filed with FERC in late 2022.

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Please contact me at (978) 935-6039 or by email at kwebb@centralriverspower.com if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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Attachments: Draft License Application for the J. Brodie Smith Hydroelectric Project
Draft License Application for the Gorham Hydroelectric Project

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