

From: Wengroff, Ariel
Sent: Friday, May 13, 2011 10:26 AM
To: Recchia, Chris; MacLean, Alex
CC: Colbert, Ginny; Miller, Elizabeth
Subject: RE: Governor Support Letter
Attachments: HydroelectricDams.Support.Final.docx

Just wanted to let everyone know the letter is approved and I'll mail it out. I'm attaching a copy as well so those who are not cc'ed on the letter can see it.

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From: Recchia, Chris
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2011 10:19 AM
To: MacLean, Alex; Wengroff, Ariel
Cc: Colbert, Ginny; Miller, Elizabeth
Subject: Governor Support Letter

Dear Alex and Ari –

Hi. Enjoying your new life since the legislature went home? I did not know who to send this to, so I'm trying you guys, but if this needs to go elsewhere, please forward or let me know.

Attached is a letter to FERC (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission) regarding two hydro projects in Southern Vt – Ball Mountain and Townshend dams, where a project developer is proposing to add hydroelectric generation to two existing flood control dams. Though there remain some environmental issues to resolve, a Governor letter of support encouraging FERC to act expeditiously is worthwhile as funding is time-dependent (ARRA), and if the environmental issues are addressed successfully, the projects would add important capacity to our electric grid service.

If you find the attached acceptable, can you process for the Governor's signature and mail out?

Thanks. Let me know if there is a different process I should be following for such requests.

Best,

- Chris

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July 22, 2016

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

RE: Ball Mountain Dam Hydroelectric Project – FERC Project No. 13226
Townshend Dam Hydroelectric Project – FERC Project No. 13368

Dear Secretary Bose,

I am writing in support of the licensing process for the proposed Ball Mountain Dam and Townshend Dam hydroelectric projects to be located at existing U.S. Army Corps of Engineers dams on the West River in Windham County, Vermont. Specifically, I request that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) make every effort to complete the licensing process efficiently and without undue delay.

In order for the hydroelectric projects to be successfully completed our project developer, Blue Heron Hydro, has indicated that issuance of the licenses before the end of 2011 is necessary. As these projects would increase renewable generation capacity within the state, there is a public benefit resulting from development of these projects. Further, there is public investment support through a grant from the State's Clean Energy Development Fund.

There are two deadlines necessitating the need for prompt licensure approval. The first is a December 31, 2011 deadline to qualify for benefits under the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act. The second deadline relates to the Vermont Sustainably Priced Energy Development Program (SPEED), which provides a guaranteed price for power generated from renewable sources. To qualify for this program, all projects must be on-line and generating by the end of 2012.

While this need is due to outlying deadlines, Vermonters are continuing to express a strong desire to develop these projects in a manner that is protective of Vermont's river resources. The Vermont Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) has identified several issues that must be addressed to ensure that water quality and aquatic resources are protected. ANR will continue to work actively with the developer, FERC and other federal agencies to bring this proceeding to a timely and successful conclusion.

Thank you for this consideration. If I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Peter Shumlin
Governor

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cc: Secretary Deborah Markowitz, Agency of Natural Resources
Commissioner Elizabeth Miller, Department of Public Service