

**Vermont Agency of Natural Resources
Department of Environmental Conservation**

**NOTICE OF COMPLETED APPLICATION AND PUBLIC HEARING
GREAT FALLS HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT**

Lyndonville Electric Department of Lyndonville, Vermont has initiated the process to obtain a new license from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to continue to operate the existing Great Falls Hydroelectric Project on the Passumpsic River.

As part of this process, the Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) is reviewing an application for a Clean Water Act §401 Water Quality Certification, required pursuant to the provisions of Section 401 of the federal Clean Water Act, 33 USC §1341.

The applicant proposes to operate the Great Falls Project to maintain instantaneous run-of-river operation below the project and to maintain a conservation flow in the bypass reach of the river of 62 cfs. Additionally, the applicant proposes to improve the recreational access at the Project.

The applicant must demonstrate that the project will be in compliance with the Vermont Water Quality Standards by not having an undue adverse impact on the aquatic environment, or the designated and existing uses of the waters of the State. ANR's tentative determination is to grant the certification with conditions to mitigate impacts on water quality.

The Department is seeking public comments on this tentative determination, during a 30-day public notice period. All timely comments will be considered in formulation of the final decision. During this notice period, a person may request a public informational meeting regarding the draft decision. Written comments will be accepted at the address below, or via e-mail to Jeff.Crocker@vermont.gov, until 4:30 PM on November 18, 2019.

Public Hearing: A public hearing will be held on **November 14, 2019 at 3:30 pm** at the Lyndon Municipal Office Building. Persons having an interest in the project and the affected waters are encouraged to attend and provide oral testimony or written statements and data that would bear on the final water quality certification decision.

Copies of the draft certification and Water Quality Standards are available by mail or on the Agency website: <https://dec.vermont.gov/watershed/permits/public-notices/401>

For information on the application, access to related documents, or copies of the Water Quality Standards, interested persons should contact:

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