

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

EXTENSION OF TIME FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS  
WIDLER HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT

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The Department of Environmental Conservation issued a draft decision on December 23, 2024, for an application for a Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification, pursuant to the provisions of Section 401 of the federal Clean Water Act, 33 USC section 134, for the Wilder Hydroelectric Project. The Wilder Hydroelectric Project is owned and operated by Great River Hydro LLC. Public notice of this draft decision also occurred on December 23, 2024.

On Monday January 13, 2025, there was a request for an extension of time to provide written comments on the draft decision. The Department by this notice is granting an extension of time. The Department is now welcoming public feedback on its December 23, 2024 draft decision **until 4:30 PM on February 6, 2025**. Written and voice memo feedback will be accepted at the address or telephone number below, or via e-mail to [Jeff.Crocker@vermont.gov](mailto:Jeff.Crocker@vermont.gov).

As a reminder, there are numerous ways the public can provide timely comments on the draft decision. In addition to written feedback, the Department will accept voice memo feedback, oral comments during the public meeting, those provided virtually during the public hearing, via voicemail, those received at the address below, and comments provided through the ENB website.

Draft decisions for the Bellows Falls Hydroelectric Project and the Vernon Hydroelectric Project Section 401 water quality certification applications are expected to be issued within the next month. The Department will provide a minimum of 30 days for comments, in addition to holding a public hearing. The Department encourages all parties to plan accordingly.

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