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Gulf Island/Deer Rips Project
FERC No. 2283

November 29, 2021

To: Distribution List

Subject: Cherry Pond Day-use Recreation Site

To All Consulting Parties and Petitioners

Brookfield White Pine Hydro LLC ("BWPH") has been in discussion with the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife ("MDIFW") concerning the daily operations and management of the Cherry Pond Day-use Recreation Site, located on River Road in Greene, Maine. As many of you may recall this site has been a site of many complaints and concerns from the neighbors in the past. Presently MDIFW has agreed to take control of the site under an Operation and Maintenance Agreement. Under this agreement MDIFW would have the right but not the obligation to construct additional amenities to the site such as a hard surface Boat Launch and Dock(s) which will enable them to conduct educational classes.

In 2019 BWPH had several meetings with the Maine Warden Service, and the Greene Town Manager, to discuss the issues at the site. BWPH discussed several alternatives including turning the routine maintenance and operations of the site over to the Town or closing the site altogether. However, the Town's Board of Selectmen rejected these proposals and requested that BWPH continue to maintain and operate the site.

As a first attempt to temper undesirable behavior at the Project site, BWPH proposed to remove all of the site amenities (picnic tables, fire rings and porta-potty) and continue to have the Maine State Police, Androscoggin County Sheriff's Office and Maine Warden Service patrol the site. Should this attempt fail to curb the conflicts, BWPH would petition FERC to allow closure of the site altogether. Closing the site was not seen as a desirable solution to the problems that existed. During the 2020 recreation season, BWPH hired the Androscoggin County Sheriffs Office to preform special patrols of the site to ensure Public Safety.

BWPH requests your thoughts and/or comments on this proposal within 30 days, as part of the record of consultation to be presented to the FERC to turn daily operations and maintenance over to the MDIFW, while allowing the site to remain open to provide access to project waters.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ernest M. DeLuca at 207-755-5619 or by e-mail at ernest.deluca@brookfieldrenewable.com.

Regards,



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