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July 14, 2026

Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20426

**Subject: Ripogenus Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2572-141)
Penobscot Mills Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2458-273)
Final License Application Update**

Dear Secretary Reese:

Great Lakes Hydro America, LLC (GLHA) herein files with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) an update to the Final License Application (FLA) for the Ripogenus Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2572) and the Penobscot Mills Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2458) (collectively referred to as the “Projects”). The Projects are located on the West Branch of the Penobscot River and Millinocket Stream in Piscataquis and Penobscot Counties, Maine.

Background

GLHA is pursuing new separate licenses from FERC for the continued operation and maintenance of the Projects. On September 30, 2024, GLHA filed with FERC a FLA in support of obtaining new licenses for the Projects pursuant to FERC’s regulations at 18 Code of Federal Regulations §5.17. In the FLA, GLHA proposed various protection, mitigation, and enhancement (PM&E) measures related to continued operation and maintenance of the Projects, including whitewater boating flows from the Ripogenus Project.

On January 22, 2026, MEPRO filed with FERC a whitewater boating flow proposal for the Ripogenus Project. GLHA reviewed the whitewater boating flow proposal and filed with FERC a response to the proposal on July 14, 2026. As indicated in the July 14, 2026 filing, GLHA is adopting the MEPRO proposed boating flows for the Ripogenus Project, which will replace the previously proposed boating flows for the Ripogenus Project as defined in the FLA.

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GLHA herein updates its proposal for whitewater boating flows at the Ripogenus Project in the Final License Application as described below:

Exhibit B

Table 3.1-2 in Section 3 of Exhibit B is replaced with the following:

**TABLE 3.1-2
 PROPOSED MINIMUM BOATING FLOWS DOWNSTREAM OF MCKAY STATION
 FOR THE RIPOGENUS PROJECT**

Date Range & Time of Day	Minimum Boating Flows^{1,2}
May 1 through Friday prior to Memorial Day Weekend (8:30 AM – 3:00 PM)	Normal and wet hydrologic periods: • 2,300 cfs (Sat, Sun) • 2,200 cfs (Mon, Fri) • 2,000 cfs (Tue, Wed, Thu) Dry hydrologic periods: • 1,700 cfs (daily)
Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend through Sunday of Labor Day Weekend (8:30 AM – 3:00 PM)	Normal and wet hydrologic periods: • 2,300 cfs (Sat, Sun) • 2,200 cfs (Mon, Fri) • 2,000 cfs (Tue, Wed, Thu) Dry hydrologic periods: • 2,200 cfs (Sat, Sun) • 2,000 cfs (Mon, Fri) • 1,800 cfs (Tue, Wed, Thu)
Labor Day through October 1 (8:30 AM – 3:00 PM)	Normal and wet hydrologic periods: • 2,300 cfs (Sat, Sun) Dry hydrologic periods: • 2,200 cfs (Sat, Sun)

¹ Flows for each hourly period measured on the basis of an hourly average.

² The whitewater flow for each month from May through September is determined on the first day of each month based on an analysis of Total Available Water as described in the Water Use Plan in the application for new license filed with the Commission on December 17, 1991. The determination of “wet,” “normal,” or “dry” shall be determined on a weekly basis. The range of “normal” available water represents the expected available water during normal hydrologic conditions. It is defined as the range between $x-s$ and $x+s$, where “ x ” is the mean value and “ s ” is the standard deviation. Based on a statistical analysis, total available water would be expected to be within this “normal” range two-thirds of the time and outside of this range (“wet” or “dry” years) one-third of the time.

Exhibit D

Row 5 in Table 4.2-1 in Section 4.2 of Exhibit D is replaced with the following:

TABLE 4.2-1
ESTIMATED CAPITAL COST AND ANNUAL OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE EXPENSE
FOR THE PROPOSED PM&E MEASURES FOR THE RIPOGENUS PROJECT

Type	Ripogenus Project - Proposed PM&E Measure	Capital Cost (2024 dollars)	Incremental O&M or Annual Cost (2024 dollars)
Operations – Recreation Flow	Provide minimum boating flows downstream of McKay Station in accordance with the following schedule, subject to water availability. • May 1 through Friday prior to Memorial Day Weekend (8:30 AM – 3:00 PM) ○ Normal and wet hydrologic periods • 2,300 cfs (Sat, Sun) • 2,200 cfs (Mon, Fri) • 2,000 cfs (Tue, Wed, Thu) ○ Dry hydrologic periods – 1,700 cfs (daily) • Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend through Sunday of Labor Day Weekend (8:30 AM – 3:00 PM) ○ Normal and wet hydrologic periods • 2,300 cfs (Sat, Sun) • 2,200 cfs (Mon, Fri) • 2,000 cfs (Tue, Wed, Thu) ○ Dry hydrologic periods • 2,200 cfs (Sat, Sun) • 2,000 cfs (Mon, Fri) • 1,800 cfs (Tue, Wed, Thu) • Labor Day through October 1 (8:30 AM – 3:00 PM) ○ Normal and wet hydrologic periods • 2,300 cfs (Sat, Sun) ○ Dry hydrologic periods • 2,200 cfs (Sat, Sun)	\$0	\$0

Exhibit E

Row 5 in Table 5.3-1 in Section 5.3 of Exhibit E is replaced with the following:

**TABLE 5.3-1
 PROPOSED PM&E MEASURES FOR THE RIPOGENUS PROJECT**

Type	Ripogenus Project - Proposed PM&E Measure
Operations – Recreation Flow	Provide minimum boating flows downstream of McKay Station in accordance with the following schedule, subject to water availability. • May 1 through Friday prior to Memorial Day Weekend (8:30 AM – 3:00 PM) ○ Normal and wet hydrologic periods • 2,300 cfs (Sat, Sun) • 2,200 cfs (Mon, Fri) • 2,000 cfs (Tue, Wed, Thu) ○ Dry hydrologic periods – 1,700 cfs (daily) • Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend through Sunday of Labor Day Weekend (8:30 AM – 3:00 PM) ○ Normal and wet hydrologic periods • 2,300 cfs (Sat, Sun) • 2,200 cfs (Mon, Fri) • 2,000 cfs (Tue, Wed, Thu) ○ Dry hydrologic periods • 2,200 cfs (Sat, Sun) • 2,000 cfs (Mon, Fri) • 1,800 cfs (Tue, Wed, Thu) • Labor Day through October 1 (8:30 AM – 3:00 PM) ○ Normal and wet hydrologic periods • 2,300 cfs (Sat, Sun) ○ Dry hydrologic periods • 2,200 cfs (Sat, Sun)

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If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me by phone at (315) 566-0197 or by email at michael.scarzello@brookfieldrenewable.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'MSR', is positioned above the printed name.

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