

Memo to Public Files

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From: Kenneth Hogan
Date: January 17, 2013
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Subject: Tribal Consultation with the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head

On November 14, 2012, the Commission sent a letter to Cheryl Andrews-Maltais, Chairwoman of the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Tribe) inquiring about the Tribe's interest in the relicensing of the above referenced projects and providing an opportunity to meet with Commission staff to initiate communications between tribal and commission staffs.

On December 6, 2012, Ken Hogan of the Commission staff followed up with on the November 14th letter and left a voicemail for the Chairwoman. On December 28, 2012 Mr. Hogan left a second voicemail message for the Chairwoman, inquiring about the Tribe's interest in the Commission's relicensing process for the above mentioned project and sent the Chairwoman (via email) the Commission's National Environmental Policy Act Scoping Document (issued on December 21, 2012).

To date, the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head has not indicated an interest in the Commission's relicensing process for the above mentioned projects.

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Subject: Tribal Consultation with the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe

On November 8, 2012, the Commission sent a letter to Cedric Cromwell, Tribal Chair of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe (Tribe) inquiring about the Tribe's interest in the relicensing of the above referenced projects and providing an opportunity to meet with Commission staff to initiate communications between tribal and commission staffs.

On December 6, 2012, Ken Hogan of the Commission staff followed up with the Tribe (via telephone), and discussed the pending relicensing of the projects with Mr. Quan Toby, the Tribe's Director of Resources. Mr. Toby requested electronic copies of the Commission's November 8, 2012 letter, and the Pre-Application Document for the Turners Falls (FERC No. 1889-081) hydroelectric project and the Northfield Mountain Pumped Storage Project (FERC No. 2485-063), be sent to him via email. Mr. Hogan sent Mr. Toby the requested information on December 6, 2012.

On December 28, 2012, Mr. Hogan left a voice mail message with Mr. Toby seeking confirmation of the Tribe's interest and sent Mr. Toby (via email) the Commission's National Environmental Policy Act Scoping Document (issued on December 21, 2012).

To date, the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe has not indicated an interest in the Commission's relicensing process for the above mentioned projects.

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