

Project is at river mile 49.3 and the Gorge Project is at river mile 10.6) and that there was no post-1935 construction at either project.⁵ Commission staff's prior finding regarding navigability relied primarily on the lack of evidence of running logs above Winooski Falls. Vermont DEC requests that the Commission reexamine navigability of the Winooski River and look specifically at the river's use or suitability for commercial use. A stream's suitability for commercial use can be demonstrated based on its physical characteristics, as well as its actual use or suitability for use for recreational boating, if this information shows the river is suitable for the simpler types of commercial navigation.⁶

In response to Vermont DEC's requests, Commission staff is investigating the jurisdictional status of the Middlesex Hydroelectric Project (UL25-2-000) and the Gorge Hydroelectric Project (UL25-4-000). A copy of Vermont DEC's requests may be viewed on the Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number, UL25-2-000 or UL25-4-000. You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, call 1-866-208-3676 or email FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, for TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

The Commission is soliciting comments, motions to intervene, and protests in these proceedings. Comments, motions to intervene, and protests must be filed by *45 days from notice or October 6, 2025, by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time*. Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules and Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, 211, and 214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rule may become a party

⁵ See *Green Mountain Power Corp.*, 8 FERC ¶ 62,077 (1979).

⁶ See *FPL Energy Maine Hydro LLC v. FERC*, 287 F.3d 1151, 1158 (D.C. Cir. 2002) (affirming navigability finding based on stream characteristics and test trips by canoe).

to the proceedings. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, protests, and motions to intervene using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, you may submit a paper copy. Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue Rockville, Maryland 20852. The first page of any filing should include Docket Numbers UL25-2-000 and/or UL25-4-000.

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Dated: August 20, 2025.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Secretary.

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401(a)(1) water quality certification as defined in 40 CFR 121.5, from Northern States Power Company, in conjunction with the above captioned project on December 4, 2024. Pursuant to the Commission's regulations,¹ we hereby notify Wisconsin DNR of the following dates.

Date of Receipt of the Certification Request: December 4, 2024.

Reasonable Period of Time to Act on the Certification Request: One year, December 4, 2025.

If Wisconsin DNR fails or refuses to act on the water quality certification request on or before the above date, then the certifying authority is deemed waived pursuant to section 401(a)(1) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1341(a)(1).

Dated: August 20, 2025.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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Northern States Power Company; Notice of Reasonable Period of Time for Water Quality Certification Application

On August 11, 2025, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (Wisconsin DNR) submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) notice that it received a request for a Clean Water Act section 401(a)(1) water quality certification as defined in 40 CFR 121.5, from Northern States Power Company, in conjunction with the above captioned project on December 4, 2024. Pursuant to the Commission's regulations,¹ we hereby notify Wisconsin DNR of the following dates.

Date of Receipt of the Certification Request: December 4, 2024.

Reasonable Period of Time to Act on the Certification Request: One year, December 4, 2025.

¹ 18 CFR 4.34(b)(5)(iii).

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