



July 14, 2022

**Bar Mills Project
FERC No. 2194-ME**

Kimberly D. Bose Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20426

Subject: Bar Mills Project (FERC No. 2194-ME) Project Surrender License and Decommission Project – Notice of Public Meeting

Dear Secretary Bose:

Brookfield White Pine Hydro LLC (BWPH), owner and operator of the Bar Mills Project (the "Project"), licensed by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC" or "Commission") as Project No. 2194-ME and located on the Saco River in Maine, is providing notice (Attachment 1) of a public meeting for the license surrender and decommissioning process for the Project at the Town of Buxton municipal office meeting room, located at 185 Portland Road, Buxton, Maine on Tuesday, August 2, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. BWPH will publish the notice in the Saco Biddeford OOB Courier, a weekly publication in York County and the Portland Press Herald, to provide notice to landowners abutting the project boundary.

On November 30, 2020, BWPH filed a notice of intent to surrender the Bar Mills Project license and decommission the Project with the FERC. On October 12, 2021, BWPH filed with FERC an updated plan and schedule to decommission the Project, which was acknowledged by FERC by letter dated December 30, 2020. Since that time, BWPH has consulted with state and federal resource agencies to present proposed decommissioning plans for partial dam removal including:

- an agency meeting on December 17, 2022 to present a proposed decommissioning plan,
- distribution of a revised decommissioning plan for a two week review on February 2, 2022 to address agency comments and questions,
- an invitation for a site visit on March 3, 2022, and
- an agency meeting on May 15, 2022 to present the revised decommissioning plan for a proposed partial removal and an additional 30-day comment period (to which no formal comments were received).

In addition to providing FERC with the attached notice of the public meeting, BWPH herein updates the schedule for distributing a draft surrender application to federal and state agencies for 90-day review and comment on or about October 31, 2022. BWPH will file a surrender application with the FERC, likely on or before March 20, 2023. This schedule may be subject to change as ongoing agency and public consultation continues and BWPH will keep FERC apprised of any changes to the schedule.

Please contact me at 207-233-1995 or by email at kelly.maloney@brookfieldrenewable.com with any questions.

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Sincerely,



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Please take notice that Brookfield White Pine Hydro LLC (BWPH), 150 Main Street, Lewiston, ME 04240, (207) 755-5600, will hold a public meeting pursuant to requirements of the Maine Waterway Development and Conservation Act (38 M.R.S. §§ 630-638); MDEP's Rules Concerning the Processing of Applications and Other Administrative Matters (06-096 C.M.R. ch. 2); the Federal Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. §§1251-1388); and consistent with the consultation requirements of 18 CFR § 4.38.

BWPH owns and operates the Bar Mills Project—located in the towns of Hollis and Buxton in York County, Maine—under license issued by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) on August 26, 2008. BWPH is holding a meeting to inform the public of the proposed decommissioning and planned partial removal of the Bar Mills Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2194), discuss the potential environmental impacts of this initiative, and to educate the public about opportunities for public comment on the project.

The public informational meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 2, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. EDT at the Town of Buxton municipal office meeting room, located at 185 Portland Road, Buxton, ME 04093. The meeting agenda will consist of:

- Introduction to Project Team Members
- Overview of FERC License Surrender Process
- Project Description
- Discussion of Identified Issues
- Review of Overall Schedule
- Comments and Questions

If you have questions about the meeting, please contact David Heidrich at maine.inquiries@brookfieldrenewable.com. While not required, an RSVP from those planning on attending will ensure adequate written materials are available.