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Regarding: WPA 085-893 OOC Extension

Tom,

Thanks in advance for scheduling a review of my request to extend the WPA Order of Conditions. Acton Hydro Co. is seeking a one-year extension of the Order for the following reasons:

- Continued need for drawdown: Some construction work remains to be performed on the new concrete spillway. The remaining work on these dam structures can only be completed with the impoundment drawn at least 4'-10" below normal pond level in order to assure the safety of the dam until the structures have been restored.
- Time needed to complete construction: The remaining work to restore dam structures requires a continuous period of time with low flow conditions to complete (approximately 2-3 weeks of on-site work).
- Need for low flow conditions: Though the impoundment has been drawn down in order to assure dam safety during permitting and construction, relatively low river flow is necessary in order for construction to be performed without undue risk to personnel and equipment. Such conditions historically occur during the months of August through October. Acton Hydro Co. believes that adequate weather and flow conditions are likely to occur during some portion of the time from April 2011 to April of 2012.

For the above reasons, Acton Hydro Co. requests that the Acton Conservation Commission grant a one-year extension to OOC 085-893.

Sincerely,



Michael E. Coates, President
Acton Hydro Company, Inc.