



DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 15366-000]

Town of Stowe Electric Department; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR Part 380, the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the application for an exemption from licensing to construct, operate, and maintain the Smith's Falls Hydroelectric Project No. 15366. The project would be located on the Little River in Lamoille County, Vermont. Commission staff has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the project.¹

The EA contains staff's analysis of the potential environmental impacts of the project and concludes that issuing an exemption for the project, with appropriate environmental protective measures, would not constitute a major federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

The Commission provides all interested persons with an opportunity to view and/or print the EA via the Internet through the Commission's Home Page (<http://www.ferc.gov/>), using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number, excluding the last three digits in the docket number field, to access the document. For assistance,

¹ For tracking purposes under the National Environmental Policy Act, the unique identification number for documents relating to this environmental review is EAXX-019-20-000-1744215115.

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Debbie-Anne A. Reese,

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