

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
Communication Memorandum**

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FROM: Michael Watts, Office of Energy Projects, DHL

TO: Public files for the Lower Mousam Project No. 14856-000

SUBJECT: Electronic Correspondence Dated June 19, 2018 for the Lower Mousam Project.

On June 19, 2018, Commission staff was copied on to the following email correspondence from the potential applicant in the integrated licensing process for the Lower Mousam Project No. 14856-000 regarding a meeting it held with several state and federal resource agencies to discuss the proposed study plan for the project.

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Folks,

America First Hydro would like to thank all those agencies that attended yesterday's meeting. Paul Nolan and I both felt like it was a productive meeting. We wanted to send out some high level points taken away.

-It was agreed that there will be 4 study areas for the water quality study. One below Kessler dam, approximately 1,000 feet away from the dam. Then there will be one study area, in the deepest area, of each impoundment. Protocol will be followed as recommended from the department.

-Run of river needs were discussed. Improvements to operations will greatly assist this. Our afternoon meetings with outside engineers helped confirm this discussion.

-Fish studies will be conducted in late May, at night. Fish weights, catch/unit, and other pertinent information will be collected. Electro-fishing will be utilized up each shoreline. At Kessler - backpack methods will be utilized to count given the low depth.

-Discussion at the end focused on an extension of a license while giving fish/eel passageway. AFH discussed putting in fish/eel ladders in Kessler at first to assess the impact. Counts and analysis could be used to determine the need for fish/eel passage in Twine/Dane Perkins. Subsequent eel/fish passageway could be installed in the upper two dams provided the data warranted it. AFH believes this settlement provides a reasonable and logical way to install passageways sooner while providing the data needed to assess the projects impact. The above will be reflected in the June 21st submission.

Again, we want to thank all those involved. It was great to see those in attendance, and the clarity gained was helpful. Any loose feedback can be sent my way. We look forward to working with all of you.

Regards

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