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Mr. Brian Pitt, Acting Chief NPDES Municipal Permits Branch Office of Ecosystem Protection EPA-New England, Region 1 5 Post Office Square, Suite 100 Boston, Massachusetts 02109-3912

Re: Notice of Intent

General Permit for Hydroelectric Generating Facilities – NHG360000

Garvins Falls Hydro Station

Public Service Company of New Hampshire

Dear Mr. Pitt,

In accordance with the extension letter issued by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) dated March 5, 2010, Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH) is submitting the Notice of Intent (NOI) to request coverage for the Garvins Falls Station in Bow under the General Permit for Hydroelectric Generating Facilities (Permit) in the State of New Hampshire (NHG360000):

PSNH Energy Park

Manchester, NH 03105-0330

The Northeast Utilities System

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Public Service Company of New Hampshire

PSNH requests that the individual permit application submitted for this facility in 1983 be withdrawn.

As discussed during our February 9, 2010 meeting with George Papadopoulos and Robin Johnson of your office, PSNH has several questions pertaining to site eligibility for the five remaining PSNH hydroelectric facilities. PSNH has forwarded those eligibility questions to Mr. George Papadopoulos in a letter dated April 2, 2010. Following resolution of the potential eligibility issues, PSNH will work with our consultant to complete the required Notice of Intent documentation or Individual Permit applications prior to July 8, 2010.

If you have any questions, please contact Sheila Burke, PSNH Generation at 603-634-2512.

Very truly yours,

PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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John M. MacDonald

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cc: George Papadopoulos/EPA Robin Johnson/EPA Daniel Dudley/NHDES

## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY NEW ENGLAND - REGION I 5 POST OFFICE SQUARE, SUITE 100 BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02109-3912

## Request for General Permit Authorization to Discharge Wastewater (Notice of Intent (NOI) to be covered by the General Permit)

### Hydroelectric Generating Facilities (HYDROGP) NPDES General Permits No. MAG360000 and NHG360000

A. Facility Information	
1. Indicate applicable General Permit for discharge	:: MAG360000
	NHG360000 X
Facility Name, Location, and Data:     Name Garvins Falls Hydroelectric Station	
Street/POBox 5 Garvins Falls Road	City Bow
State New Hampshire	7in Code 03304
Latitude N43° 09' 51.3"	Longitude W71° 30' 27.0"
Type of Business Electric Power Generation	n
SIC Code(s) 4911	
Facility Mailing Address (if different from Local Name Public Service Company of NH	
Street/PO Box P.O. Box 330 State New Hampshire	
State New Hampshire	Zip Code 03105-0330
4. Facility Owner:  Name Public Service Company of NH  Street/PO Box P.O. Box 330  State New Hampshire  Contact Person John M. MacDonald  Owner is (check one): 1. Federal 2. State  Other (Describe)	e-mail (optional) macdojm@nu.com City Manchester Zip Code 03105-0330 Telephone Number 603-634-2236 3. Tribal 4. Private X
5. Facility Operator (if different from above): Legal Name Public Service Company of NH	e-mail (optional) gunder@nu.com  City Manchester  Zip Code 03105-0330  Telephone Number 603-634-2616
<ul> <li>6. Current permit status (please check Yes or No):</li> <li>a. Has a prior NPDES permit (individual or general particle NOI? Yes X No If Yes, Permit No. Is the facility covered by an individual NPDES per If Yes, Permit Number NH0001406</li> </ul>	permit coverage) been granted for the discharge that is listed or NH0001406  ermit? Yes_X_ No
c. Is there a pending NPDES application on file with	n EPA for this discharge? Yes X No If Yes, date

7. Attach a topographic map indicating the location of the attached? X	facility and the outfall(s) to the receiving water. Map
8. Provide the number of turbines and the combined turbin minimum output, in cubic feet per second (cfs). Number of capacity): maximum output, cfs 6,380 and minimum output, cfs 2,483 (4 units) / 700 (one unit)	f turbines 4 Combined turbine discharge (installed
9. Is the hydroelectric generating facility operated as a pur	mp storage project? No
B. Discharge Information (attach additional sheets a	s needed).
Name of receiving water into which discharge will occur     Freshwater:X Marine Water:	r: Merrimack River
<ol> <li>Attach a line drawing or flow schematic showing water water, operations contributing flow, treatment units, out schematic attached?X</li> </ol>	flow through the facility including sources of intake falls, and receiving waters(s). Line drawing or flow
3. List each outfall under the following categories and number equipment and floor drain water; maintenance-related was water events, and equipment-related backwash strainer was 4). Attach additional sheets to identify outfalls as needed	ter; facility maintenance-related water during flood/high ater (see Parts I.A.1, 2, 3, and 4; or Parts I.B.1, 2, 3, and
Equipment-related cooling water	Equipment and floor drain water
See attached table.	
Maintenance-related water	Facility maintenance-related water during flood/high water events
Equipment-related backwash strainer water	

4. List each outfall discharging any combination of the following to identify the combined discharges: equipment-related cooling water, equipment and floor drain water, maintenance-related water, equipment-related backwash strainer water, and facility maintenance-related water during flood/high water events (see Parts I.A.5 and B.5) and continue the sequential numbering. Attach additional sheets to identify outfalls as needed.

- 5. Provide for each outfall the following:
- a. Latitude and longitude to the nearest second (see EPA's siting tool at: <a href="http://www.epa.gov/tri/report/siting\_tool/">http://www.epa.gov/tri/report/siting\_tool/</a>) and the name(s) of the receiving water(s) into which the discharge will occur.
- b. The operations contributing flow and the treatment received by the discharge. Indicate the average flow from each operation.
- c. Indicate if the discharge can be sampled at least once per year or can be sampled using the representative outfall sampling provisions (see Parts I.A.6 or B.6 and III.E).
- d. Note if the outfall discharges intermittently or seasonally.

#### C. Chemical Additives

Are any non-toxic neutralization chemicals used in the discharge(s)? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_ If so, include the chemical name and manufacturer; maximum and average daily quantity used on a monthly basis as well as the maximum and average daily expected concentrations (mg/l) in the discharge, and the vendor's reported aquatic toxicity (NOAEL and/or LC<sub>50</sub> in percent for typically acceptable aquatic organism).

#### D. Endangered Species Act Eligibility Information

A facility, with a previous ESA Section 7 consultation with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), seeking coverage under the Massachusetts general permit and discharging to the Connecticut River or Merrimack River should provide one of the following, if available.

- 1. A formal certification indicating consultation with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) resulted in either a no jeopardy opinion or a written concurrence on a finding that the discharges are not likely to adversely affect the shortnose sturgeon or critical habitat. Information should also be provided indicating the hydroelectric facility's previous ESA Section 7 consultation with NMFS covered the discharges to be authorized under this general permit and demonstrating no significant changes in the discharges have occurred since the previous consultation.
- 2. Another operator's certificate of the ESA eligibility for those discharges to be authorized under this general permit.

#### E. Supplemental Information

Please provide any supplemental information, including antidegradation review information applicable to new or increased discharges. Attach any certification(s) required by the general permit.

#### F. Signature Requirements

The Notice of Intent must be signed by the operator in accordance with the signatory requirements of 40 CFR Section 122.22 (see below) including the following certification:

I certify under penalty of law that no chemical additives are used in the discharges to be authorized under this general permit except for those used for pH adjustment and (2) this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted.

Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, I certify that the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I certify that I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.

Signature Calanta	Much s	Date 4/7/10
Printed Name and Title _	John M. MacDonald, Vice President, Generation	

Federal regulations require this application to be signed as follows:

1. For a corporation, by a principal executive officer of at least the level of vice president;

2. For partnership or sole proprietorship, by a general partner or the proprietor, respectively, or,

3. For a municipality, State, Federal or other public facility, by either a principal executive officer or ranking elected official.

# Public Service Company of New Hampshire Garvins Falls Hydro Station

Equipm	Equipment and Floor Drains								
Outfall	Description	Location	Contributing Operations	Average Flow	Total Average Flow	Occasional or Consistent Discharge	Discharging Water	Sample Location or	Possible Annual
		N 43° 09' 53.2"	Gate stem leakage	10-20 GPY				Nepresentative Outlan	Simping
001	Wheel Pit Drain Generator 4	W 71° 30' 26.8"	Guide bearing seal (in failure)	10-20 GPY	20-60 GPY	Consistent	Merrimack River	Lift top plate and grab sample	Yes
			Top plate leakage	0-20 GPY				from wheel pit	]
		N 43° 09' 52.7"	Gate stem leakage	10-20 GPY					
005	Wheel Pit Drain Generator 3	W 71° 30' 27.8"	Guide bearing seal (in failure)	10-20 GPY	20-60 GPY	Consistent	Merrimack River	Representative Outfall 001	γøγ
			Top plate leakage	0-20 GPY					)
	Turkine Room Suma	N 43° 09' 51.8"	Bearing leakage	3 GPM					
003	(Generator 1 and Generator 2)	W 71° 30' 28.3"	Floor drains	0.5 - 3 GPM	3.5 - 6 GPM	Consistent	Merrimack River	Install sampling port to collect	Yes
	/2 (000 pup + 1000 pu							water from sump	

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004	Dewatering Draft Tubes	N 43° 09' 51.1"	N 43° 09' 51.1" Draft tube dewatering pump 1200 GPM	1200 GPM	4400 0004	1.1		Install sampling port to collect		*****
	(Generator 1 and Generator 2) W 71° 30′ 28.5″	W 71° 30' 28.5"		(pump rate)	0-1200 GP W	intermittent	Merrimack Kiver	water from draft tube	Yes	
100	C # Total minute control points	N 43° 09' 53.0"	Scroll case drain	5-20 GPM				Grah cample from correlation		
3	Scroil Case Diam 101 Gen. # 3	W 71° 30' 26.8"			5-20 GPM	Intermittent	Merrimack River	cias sample nomiscion case piloi	Yes	
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900	Scroll Case Drain for Gen # 4	N 43° 09' 53.0"	Scroll case drain	5-20 GPM						
3	F : 100 101 101 101 101 101 101 101 101 1	W 71° 30' 26 8"			5-20 GPIM	Intermittent	Merrimack River	Representative Outfall 005	Yes	



