



## PUBLIC NOTICE

### **DRAFT Water Quality Certification #WQC 2026-FERC-001 for Gilman Hydroelectric Project (FERC Project No. 2392) Dalton, New Hampshire and Gilman, Vermont**

#### **Available For Public Comment**

In accordance with [RSA 485-A:12, III](#),<sup>1</sup> Ampersand Gilman Hydro, LP, (AGH or the Applicant), has filed an application with the NHDES for Water Quality Certification for Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) relicensing of the Gilman Hydroelectric Project (FERC Project No. 2392), located on the Connecticut River in the Village of Gilman (Town of Lunenburg) in Essex County, Vermont, and in the Town of Dalton in Coos County, New Hampshire. NHDES has reviewed the application and has prepared a draft certification, which is available for public comment:

[WQC 2026-FERC-001: Water Quality Certification for Gilman Project](#)<sup>2</sup>

Subject to conditions included in the certification, NHDES has determined that the Project operation will comply with surface water quality standards specified under [RSA 485-A:8](#)<sup>3</sup> and NH Code of Administrative Rule [Env-Wq 1700](#).<sup>4</sup> Therefore, NHDES proposes to grant the certification.

A description of the Project can be found in Section C of the above-linked draft certification.

A copy of the Applicant's application can be accessed from the [NHDES Water Quality Certification webpage](#),<sup>5</sup> under "What applications for Water Quality Certifications are Currently under review?"

#### **INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING COMMENTS:**

Comments will be accepted until **4 p.m. Monday January 19, 2026**. Only written comments will be accepted. Comments may be sent by postal mail, or email (email is preferred). Please include the Project name, certification number, your name, organization, mailing address, email address and telephone number with your submittal.

By Mail: Water Quality Certification Program (Attention: Dan Demers)  
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If you have questions about the draft certification or have difficulties accessing the files, please contact Daniel Demers, Supervisor of the NHDES Water Quality Certification program at [\(603\) 271-0699](tel:6032710699) or by email at [daniel.j.demers@des.nh.gov](mailto:daniel.j.demers@des.nh.gov).

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<sup>1</sup> [gc.nh.gov/rsa/html/L/485-A/485-A-12.htm](http://gc.nh.gov/rsa/html/L/485-A/485-A-12.htm)

<sup>2</sup> [des.nh.gov/news-and-media/draft-water-quality-certification-wqc-2026-ferc-001-gilman-hydroelectric-project](http://des.nh.gov/news-and-media/draft-water-quality-certification-wqc-2026-ferc-001-gilman-hydroelectric-project)

<sup>3</sup> [gc.nh.gov/rsa/html/L/485-A/485-A-8.htm](http://gc.nh.gov/rsa/html/L/485-A/485-A-8.htm)

<sup>4</sup> [des.nh.gov/rules-and-regulatory/administrative-rules?keys=envwq1700](http://des.nh.gov/rules-and-regulatory/administrative-rules?keys=envwq1700)

<sup>5</sup> [des.nh.gov/water/rivers-and-lakes/water-quality-certification](http://des.nh.gov/water/rivers-and-lakes/water-quality-certification)