

## **NEPPA Resolution Streamline the Hydropower Relicensing Process**

WHEREAS, Hydropower is a critical resource, providing clean, renewable and reliable baseload power that fuels our homes and economy, and;

Whereas, the licensing and relicensing process for hydropower projects can be burdensome, costly, and time consuming, which in some cases can make relicensing these projects uneconomical, and;

Whereas, small hydropower projects that are common in New England face steep costs and regulatory hurdles that lead to abandonment of projects that are otherwise economical;

Be it now

RESOLVED, that NEPPA:

1. Supports legislation to reform the hydropower licensing and relicensing process, including giving the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission the authority to set schedules and streamline federal regulatory reviews.

*Adopted by the NEPPA Board of Directors July 20, 2020.*