



Deerfield River Watershed Chapter #349

To protect the Deerfield River and its watershed in Massachusetts, with diverse community partners, and to enhance wild and native trout habitat for future generations through science-based conservation and education.

Carlisa Linton, Director
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
Division of Administration and Compliance

Re: Flow Release Warning System Comments
Bear Swamp/Fife Brook Project,
FERC No. 2669-089 and 2669-092

July 30, 2026

Dear Ms. Linton,

The mission of the Deerfield River Watershed Chapter of Trout Unlimited (DRWTU) is the protection of the river and its special character, and we have an inherent concern for the safety of anglers and other users of the river. We encourage Brookfield Renewables and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to work together to address the need for an effective early warning system for water releases that will preserve the character and environmental quality of the river and address the concerns of nearby residents and communities. We urge them to consider alternatives to intrusive sirens such as enhanced signage, education, targeted visual warnings, and mobile notifications. DRWTU applauds FERC for requiring Brookfield to continue the 15 minute flow ramping requirement as part of the system.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eric Joseph Halloran".

Eric Joseph Halloran
DRWTU President