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November 19, 2019

Chief Don Stevens
Nulhegan Abenaki Tribe
156 Bacon Drive
Shelburne, VT 05482

Letter of License Agreement for Abenaki Tribe Plant Collections within Green Mountain Power's Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Licensed Project Boundaries for the Bolton Falls Project, FERC P-2879.

Dear Chief Stevens,

By this letter agreement, Green Mountain Power ("GMP") grants the citizens of the Nulhegan Band of the Coosuk - Abenaki Nation ("Nulhegan Band") a revocable, non-exclusive License to use GMP owned lands located within Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) licensed project boundaries for GMP's Bolton Falls Project land, P-2879 ("GMP Bolton Project Land")¹ for the collection of plants (the "License"). The intent of this License is to provide the Nulhegan Band access to GMP Bolton Project Land for the limited purpose of removing plants in minimal amounts that are considered important for traditional ceremonies and uses, artistry and medicinal purposes.

The terms and conditions of this License and all plant removal shall be as follows:

1. All collections shall occur in a sustainable manner that ensures populations are the same size or larger the year following each harvest. Collection activities must occur during daylight hours and no overnight stays on GMP Bolton Project Land are permitted.
2. Only hand tools will be used during collection activities.
3. Amounts harvested shall be able to be carried out by the person(s) collecting, in bags or baskets. Wheelbarrows, wagons or other wheeled or non-wheeled carts or devices may not be used to transport harvests on and from GMP Bolton Project Land.

¹ Attached to this letter is a map that shows a rough approximation of the "GMP Bolton Project Land," which shows the approximate boundaries of the land owned by GMP at this Project site. Requests for more detailed information regarding property boundaries can be directed to the GMP individuals later identified in paragraph 10 of this Agreement.

4. No species listed on federal or state endangered, threatened, or species of special concern lists may be collected on GMP Bolton Project Land. Nulhegan Band citizens shall consult federal and state lists before each harvest to ensure that these species are not harvested. Nulhegan Band citizens are responsible for insuring that no species listed on Federal or State endangered, threatened, or Species of Special Concern lists is collected on GMP Bolton Project Land.
5. GMP reserves the right to prevent collection from GMP Bolton Project Land where the safety of Nulhegan Band citizens or GMP staff, or the projects' operations could be impacted.
6. Collecting activity within the project boundary of any hydroelectric license issued by the FERC must be consistent with the purposes of protecting and enhancing the scenic, recreational, and other environmental values of the licensed project. Also, notwithstanding any provision contained herein, GMP has the right to perform all acts required by an order of the FERC on project lands and waters.
7. The Nulhegan Band covenants that its use of GMP Bolton Project Land will comply with all applicable laws.
8. The Nulhegan Band's permission to access GMP Bolton Project Land pursuant to this License is limited to lands owned by GMP (and as further limited below in paragraph 9), which does not include all land that may be shown on any Project maps as "Project Boundary" or "Project lands."
9. For safety considerations, GMP has or may install fencing or similar protections at particular areas on the GMP Bolton Project Land. Nulhegan Band citizens accessing GMP Bolton Project Land pursuant to this License acknowledge and agree that they are prohibited from entering into areas that are surrounded by a fence, fenced in, or where a fence (or other obstruction) otherwise restricts access to a particular area on the GMP Bolton Project Land.
10. Prior to any collection by any Nulhegan Band citizens, Abenaki Nation shall provide notice prior to collection using one of the following means: e-mail Abenaki@greenmountainpower.com or voicemail (802)770-3213 or as GMP may otherwise specify in writing. The written notice shall identify the date, time, and specific location on GMP Bolton Project Land that Nulhegan Band member intends to access. GMP may exercise the right to accompany Nulhegan Band citizens in the field to mark places where plants are collected. If this marking occurs, then the Nulhegan Band member and GMP personnel will plan to revisit the area the following growing season to determine if criteria #1 and # 4 above have been met.
11. A copy of this License shall be carried by Nulhegan citizens harvesting on GMP Bolton Project Land.

Green Mountain Power Corporation

John C. Greenan

John C. Greenan, duly authorized agent of GMP

State of Vermont
County of Rutland

This License was acknowledged before me on October 29th, 2019 by John C. Greenan as duly authorized agent of Green Mountain Power Corporation.

Date: October 29th, 2019. Name(s) of individual(s): John C. Greenan as duly authorized agent of Green Mountain Power Corporation.

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Melissa Stevens
Notary Public, State of Vermont
My Commission Number: 0004821
My Commission Expires Jan. 31, 2021

Before me

Melissa Stevens
Notary Public
Printed Name: Melissa Stevens
My commission expires: 1/31/21
Commission Number: 0004821

Nulhegan Band of the Coosuk - Abenaki Nation



**Chief Don Stevens, duly authorized agent of
Nulhegan Band of the Coosuk - Abenaki Nation**

State of Vermont

County of Addison

This License was acknowledged before me on November 21, 2019 by
Don Stevens as Chief of the Nulhegan
Band of the Coosuk - Abenaki Nation.

Date: November 21, 2019. Name(s) of individual(s): Don Stevens as
Chief of the Nulhegan Band of the Coosuk - Abenaki Nation.

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Before me

Karen Deering

Notary Public

Printed Name: Karen Deering

My commission expires: 1/31/21

Commission Number: 157.0005583

