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## Connecticut River Joint Commissions

Executive Committee Meeting

Monday, May 6, 2024 - 2 PM

Join Virtually via Zoom

Join In Person Tutorial Room at Kilton Library, 80 Main Street, West Lebanon, NH

### ATTENDANCE

The attendance noted below is organized according to officer positions for each participating state Commission that together make up the Joint Commissions. The Joint Commissions officers are President (Ted Cooley), Vice President (Marie Caduto), Secretary (Jeffrey Miller), and Treasurer (Jason Rasmussen).

| Officer                         | NH CRVRC         |   | VT CRWAC        |   |
|---------------------------------|------------------|---|-----------------|---|
| Chair                           | Ted Cooley       | P | Marie Caduto    | P |
| Vice-Chair                      | Jeffrey Miller   | V | Margo Ghia      | V |
| Secretary / Treasurer           | Vacant           |   | Jason Rasmussen | V |
| Most recent past CRJC President | Jennifer Griffin | P |                 |   |

Note: P = present in person; V = present over remote virtual platform; X = not present

Additional In Person attendance: Jim McClammer (Commissioner); Sharon Francis (Charlestown); John Tuthill (Acworth).

Additional Virtual attendance: Olivia Uyizeye, Staff Consultant.

### MINUTES

#### **2:00 PM Convene**

President Cooley convenes the meeting at 2 PM.

#### **1. Minutes Review (February 2024 Minutes)**

The minutes from February 2024 are opened with discussion.

The minutes are passed without edits by Caduto/Miller, the vote passes unanimously.

#### **2. FERC comment letter review for Wilder, Bellows Falls, and Vernon Dams**

Five dams, three of Great River Hydro and two of First Light have been approved by FERC in the relicensing process to be Ready for Environmental Analysis and Soliciting Comments.

Comments due by May 22<sup>nd</sup> according to the 60 day window, however the notice only indicates April 2024.

Rasmussen, with agreement from others in attendance, thanks Jim McClammer especially for his work in drafting the comment letter in such a substantive manner.

The FERC comment letter in its current form passes without additional edits by Caduto/Ghia, the vote passes with one abstention from Griffin.



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### **3. Responses, Request for Proposals**

Rasmussen reports that CRJC has received an application from UVLSRPC. Commissioners take a moment to review the budget. Attendees agree to continue the review of the UVLSRPC proposal at the next meeting on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **4. Updates & other business**

Cooley reports that he is working to confirm the CRJC slate for FY2025. Rasmussen and Cooley are confirmed, while Caduto is pending based on conversations at VTANR. Griffin reminds the group that slates for each CRWAC and CRVRC also need to be confirmed.

### **1:23 PM      Adjourn**

The meeting is adjourned by motion of Caduto/Ghia. The motion passes unanimously.

*Meeting notes respectfully submitted by Olivia Uyizeye.*