



The State of New Hampshire
Department of Environmental Services



Robert R. Scott, Commissioner

May 21, 2020

Ellen Weitzler, Acting Chief
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Subject: GSP Merrimack LLC (formerly PSNH Merrimack Station, dba Eversource)
Certification of NPDES Permit No. NH0001465

Dear Ms. Weitzler:

By letter dated September 28, 2011, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requested State Certification of NPDES Permit NH0001465 for Merrimack Station in Bow, NH.

The EPA publicly noticed the availability of the draft permit, including the Fact Sheet, in a notice dated April 18, 2014. EPA also publicly noticed a Statement of Substantial New Questions for Public Comment (the Statement) in a notice dated November 28, 2017. The end of all of the extended public comment periods for the Draft Permit, Fact Sheet and the Statement was December 18, 2017. The Public Notices stated that the Draft Permit, Fact Sheet, Statement as well as the Administrative Record could be obtained at the EPA New England website at <https://www.epa.gov/npdes-permits/merrimack-station-draft-npdes-permit>.

After appropriate staff review of the Draft Permit, Fact Sheet, Statement, public comments, and EPA's response to comments, State Certification is hereby granted pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act. The permit will ensure that the requirements of Title 50 RSA 485-A, and administrative rule Env-Wq 1700 (Surface Water Quality Regulations) are met.

Upon final issuance by the federal EPA, the Department of Environmental Services may adopt the permit, including all terms and conditions as a state permit pursuant to RSA 485-A:13.

Sincerely,

Thomas O'Donovan, P.E., Director
Water Division

cc: Damien Houlihan, EPA-Boston
Tracy Wood, P.E., Administrator, DES-WEB

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Subject: FW: GSP Merrimack LLC NPDES permit NH000465 - Certification Letter dated May 21, 2020
Date: Friday, May 22, 2020 8:16:07 AM
Attachments: [2020-05-21 GSP Merr. Certification.pdf](#)

Good morning, Sharon –

See attached. Note that the letter is not signed but I you'll see that Tom's email approval acts as his signature so you'll have to keep the email string with the cert and put it into the record. I'll forward the letter and email again so you won't have to include this email with the record. Thanks.

Damien

*Damien Houlihan, Chief
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Ellen and Damien,

Attached please find the subject Certification Letter. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

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Sterg, Approved, and thanks to you and your team.

Thomas E. O'Donovan, PE, PMP
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Hi Tom,

Attached please find the Certification Letter for the Granite Shore Power Merrimack LLC NPDES permit, for your "signature" via approval of this email message. Once you approve it, I will forward to EPA along with your response back to me, and it will be part of the record. Let me know if you have any questions.

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