

**EXHIBIT A**

**GREEN LAKE PROJECT**

**P-7189**

**DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT AND PROPOSED MODE OF OPERATION**

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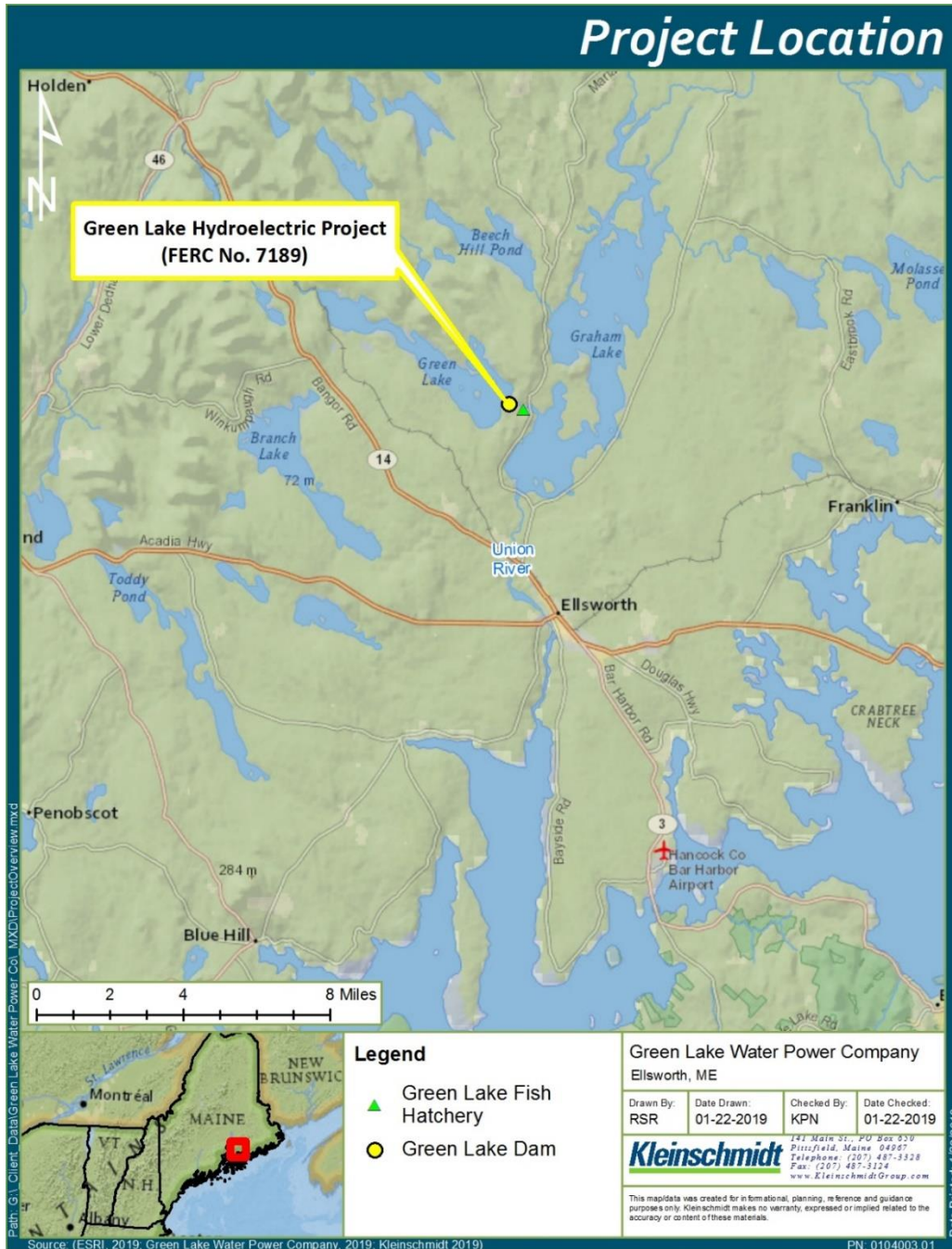
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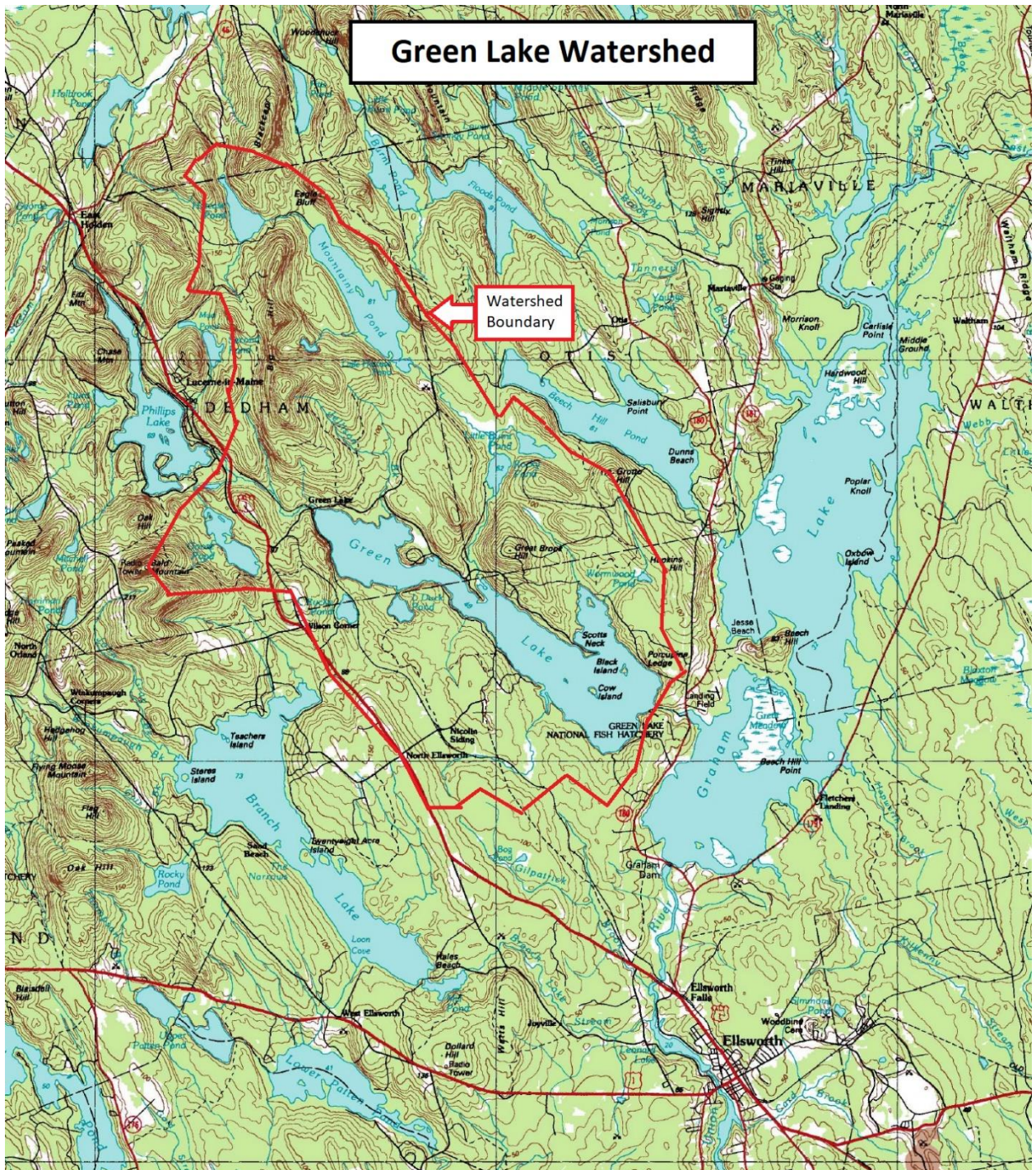
## 1.0 PROJECT LOCATION

The Green Lake Water Power Project is located on Green Lake and Reeds Brook, six miles north of the City of Ellsworth in Hancock County, Maine. The project is on Federal Land within the National Fish Hatchery boundary.



**Figure 1-1 Green Lake Project Location Map**





Source: GLWP and USGS Map 44068-E1-TM-100, "Bangor, Maine", 1994 Revision

**Figure 1-2 Project Drainage Area**



## **2.0 DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT**

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### **2.1 Project Facilities**

#### **2.1.1 Reservoir and Storage**

Green Lake has an area of approximately 2,989 acres. During much of the year, the Project can maintain the water level within a range of 157.5 to 160.7 feet USGS, yielding a maximum usable storage of about 10,000 acre-feet. Net volume from gate sill elevation to full pond (154.0 to 160.7 feet USGS) is approximately 16,000 acre feet.

The Project manages the lake level on Green Lake to maintain recreation values, allow a dependable water supply for the Green Lake National Fish Hatchery (GLNFH), and to protect arctic charr spawning habitat. The Green Lake dam gates are manually operated. Water is drawn from Green Lake by GLNFH by means of two submerged pipes (non-project) to supply the Hatchery. Up to 30 cfs may be used on a priority basis by the Hatchery.

During the summer, recreational uses of the lake are given priority. The project is allowed to maintain the lake level from 159.7 to 160.7 USGS from 01-June through Labor Day weekend, yielding a maximum storage of about 3,000 acre-feet. In practice, to allow for anticipated dry weather during the late summer, along with the possibility of occasional heavy rain, less than half of this storage amount can be used for turbine operation.

#### **2.1.2 Dam**

Green Lake Water Power Company (GLWP) owns the Green Lake Dam as part of the Project. The dam was built in the early 1900's by the Bangor Hydro-Electric Company for water storage purposes. It was originally a dry stone and timber structure. In the 1960's a concrete gate structure was added, and sheet steel was added to the upstream face of the dam and on the deck to replace deteriorating hemlock planks.

GLWP acquired the dam in 1984. As part of the initial Project license a 12' by 15' intake structure was added to the dam, on the southwest side of the dam, adjacent to the concrete gate structure. The intake is protected by 8' wide by 12' trashracks, which have one-inch clear spacing to prevent large debris from passing into the penstock. The structure contains a 5' x 5' headgate and manually operated gate lift.

In the late 1980's the section of the dam between the intake structure and the southwest shore was improved to include a concrete spillway and a flume to safely channel the spillway flow into Reeds Brook. The GLNFH valve house is located approximately 50 feet downstream of the dam on the southwest side of Reeds Brook. The new spillway and flume protect the GLNFH valve house and road from the possibility of inundation by high spillway flow during extreme weather events. The GLNFH draws water from the lake via two concrete lined ductile iron pipes (non-project) beneath the southwest section of the dam.

The dam is a dry rock, concrete, timber, and sheet steel dam that is a maximum of 7.5 feet high, has a maximum top width of 7 feet, and is approximately 270 feet long. The dam is oriented in the northeast-southwest direction. A concrete gravity dam section 82 feet long makes up the southeast end of the dam. Within this section is an 80 foot spillway channel with a crest elevation of 160.7 feet USGS datum, with fish screens which extend two feet above the crest.

Adjacent to the spillway is the intake structure, described above. Moving northeast along the dam, adjacent to the intake structure is the concrete gate structure. The gate structure is 22.2 feet in length and contains two manually operated gates which measure approximately 6' x 7' each. The gate sill elevation is 154.0 feet USGS datum, which corresponds to the 0.5 foot mark on the staff gauge located next to the gate structure. A concrete walkway and a 14' x 10' steel frame with a 6-ton (or similar) chain hoist for the gates and a 2-ton (or similar) chain hoist for the fish screens are located over the gate section. The deck is at an elevation of 162.5 feet and has a handrail on the downstream side (away from the gates).

The northeast end of the dam is a dry stone, timber, sheet steel, and concrete structure, totaling about 157 feet in length. This section of the dam contains two auxiliary spillways: a 35-foot section adjacent to the gate structure built to elevation 162 feet USGS datum, and a 120-foot section which slopes from elevation 163 feet to 164 feet. The shorter, 35-foot section of auxiliary spillway has a concrete walkway with guardrail.

From Route 180, a one-half mile long road maintained by the GLNFH provides access to the Hatchery facilities, Hatchery water treatment building, pipeline valve pit, and the dam. The Hatchery water pipelines are underground and generally follow the centerline of the road.



**Photo 2-1 Green Lake Dam from the Northwest**



**Photo 2-2 Green Lake Dam from the Southeast**





**Photo 2-3 Spillway and Flume**





**Photo 2-4 Green Lake Dam Gates**



### 2.1.3 Penstock

The 1,740-foot long penstock is located along the shoulder of the hatchery road. Immediately below the intake structure, approximately 70 feet of 54-inch square (inside dimension) concrete penstock is located partially or completely beneath grade. The next section of penstock is 54-inch diameter reinforced concrete pipe that is 410 feet long. Included is an 8-ft long by 21-ft wide transition block and valve pit which create a transition to a 48-inch diameter round reinforced concrete penstock. The transition block also contains a 24-inch penstock tap and valves to supply water to the Hatchery. The 48" round concrete penstock section is approximately 260 feet long. A minimum of one foot of fill has been placed over this portion of penstock. An 8-foot square concrete transition block is at the end of the 48-inch concrete penstock. From the transition block, 1000 feet of 48-inch diameter wood stave penstock connect to the powerhouse. The wood stave penstock is supported approximately 10 inches above grade by timber cradles at 8-foot intervals. Penstock capacity at the powerhouse is approximately 115 cfs.



**Photo 2-5 Underground Penstock**



**Photo 2-6 Wood Stave Penstock**



## 2.1.4 Powerhouse

The powerhouse is a reinforced concrete substructure, 27' by 35' in plan, and houses the turbine, generators, switchgear equipment, operator's quarters, and garage. The operator's quarters and garage are housed in a wood frame structure that rests on the concrete ceiling slab of the generator room. The concrete slab contains hatches that allow the turbines and generators to be lifted into the garage. The ceiling area of the garage contains a monorail with a 6-ton capacity chain hoist for lifting the units. This hoist is capable of lifting the heaviest individual component of the main turbine unit.

The powerhouse is located approximately 1,740 feet downstream of the dam, on the south side of Reeds Brook, adjacent to the GLNFH. The powerhouse is a three-story structure built into the existing slope. The site is graded so that only the operator's quarters (upper story) are visible from the south (Hatchery) side. A concrete pad outside the powerhouse supports the transformer.



**Photo 2-7 Powerhouse from Drive**

A paved drive, 10 feet wide and approximately 75 feet long, provides access to the powerhouse. This access road connects with the existing Hatchery road at the east end of the Hatchery parking lot.





**Photo 2-8 Powerhouse North Side**



**Photo 2-9 Main generator and turbine**



**Photo 2-10 Control Panel and Second Unit**



**Photo 2-11 Transformer**

### **2.1.5 Tailwater**

Two five-foot diameter concrete pipes, extending approximately 50 feet from the powerhouse to Reeds Brook serve as the discharge pipes. The pipes are located below grade, and riprap has been placed around the mouth of the pipes to stabilize the stream bed and bank. An area extending a maximum of approximately 70 feet by 55 feet from the mouth of the discharge pipes has been dredged to improve hydraulic flow. Tailwater elevation varies between El. 98' and El. 104', depending on the level of Graham Lake.





**Photo 2-12 Reeds Brook Below Powerhouse, Tailwater on Left**



**Photo 2-13 Tailwater Concrete Pipes**

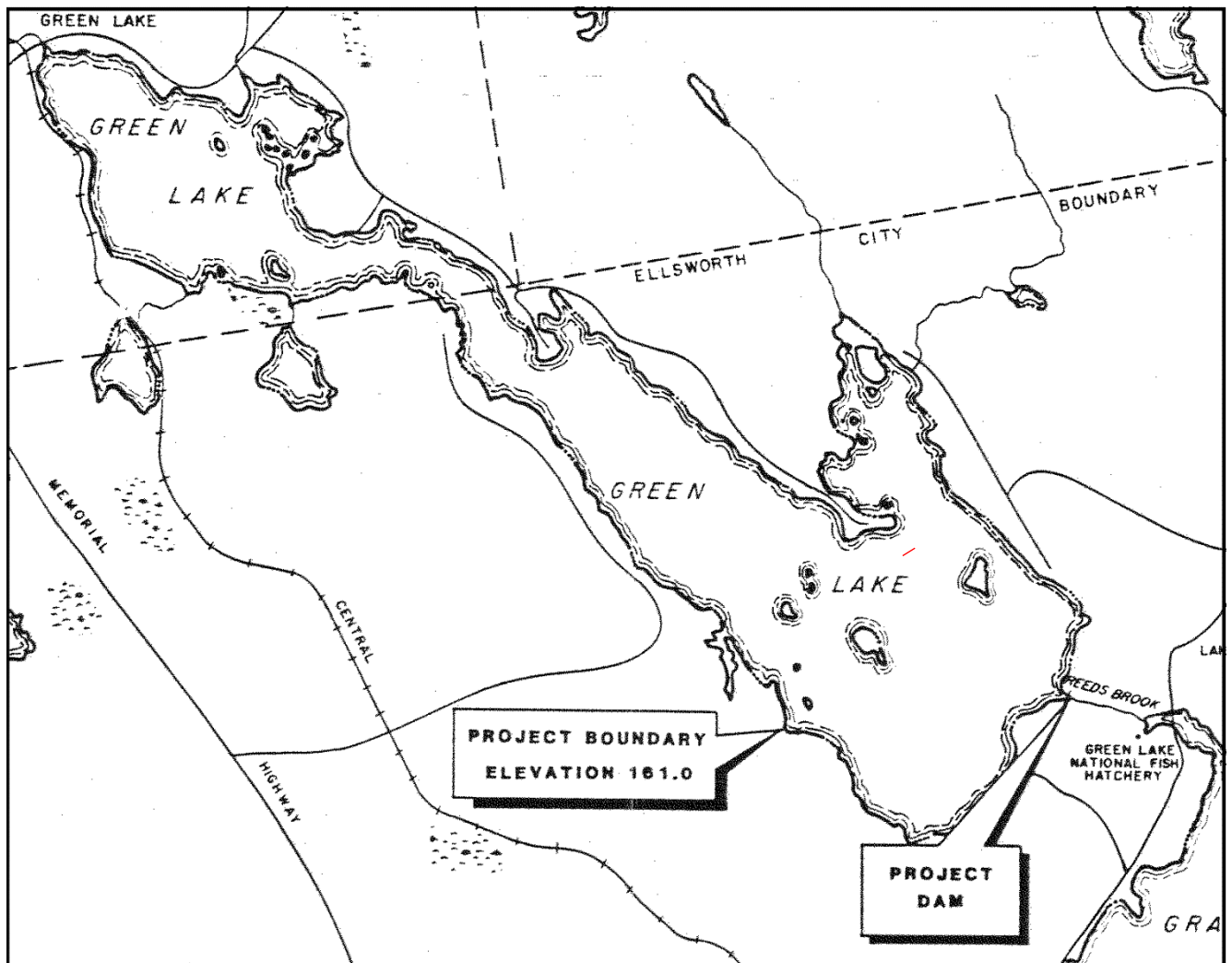


### 2.1.6 Turbine/Generator

The Project contains two turbine-generator units. One with a rated capacity of 400 kW and the second with a rated capacity of 25 kW. Together they have a hydraulic capacity of 97 cfs. The project head of generation is approximately 50 feet.

### 2.1.7 Project Impoundment

The Green Lake impoundment has an area of approximately 2,989 acres. During much of the year, the Project can maintain the water level within a range of 157.5 to 160.7 feet USGS, yielding a maximum usable storage of about 10,000 acre-feet. Volume from gate sill elevation to full pond (154.0 to 160.7 feet USGS) is approximately 16,000 acre feet.



(GLWP 1983 – Original Project License Application)

**Figure 2-1 Project Impoundment**

### 2.1.8 Fishway Facilities

Fish passage in the upstream direction is not recommended for the Project because of the possibility of alewife being introduced into Green Lake and contaminating water withdrawn for the Green Lake National Fish Hatchery (GLNFH) with alewife-borne diseases and because of potential effects on resident fish. To prevent fish from migrating upstream over the dam into Green Lake, the Project proposed, with concurrence from Interior and MDEP, to maintain the pre-existing fish screens at the crest of the project dam. The Project also proposed, at the request of Interior and MDEP, to install screens at the project intake with a maximum mesh size of 2 inches to prevent adult salmonids from moving out of Green Lake.

Article 28 of the existing license requires Licensee to install screens at the project intake to minimize mortality due to entrainment and to prevent out-migration of adult salmonids from Green Lake. (FERC, 1984)

### 2.1.9 Appurtenant Facilities and Equipment

Green Lake Project – FERC No. 7189	
Description	Number or Fact
<b>General Information</b>	
FERC Number	P-7189
License Issued	5-Apr-84
License Expiration Date	31-Mar-24
Licensed Capacity	500 kW
Project Location	On Green Lake and Reeds Brook in the City of Ellsworth, Hancock County, Maine.
<b>Reservoir and Dam</b>	
Surface Area of Reservoir	2,989 acres
Normal Pond Elevation	160.7 feet USGS datum
Usable Storage of Reservoir	10,000 acre feet
Drainage Area	45 square miles
Dam Construction Date	Early 1900's
Elevation Top of Dam	164 feet USGS datum
Height	7.5 feet
Length of Dam	270 feet
Lift Gates	2, 6.3 feet wide by 7.2 feet high
Log Sluice	None
Spillway	1) 80' long at 160.7 feet USGS 2) 35' long at 162.0 feet USGS



Flashboards	3) 120' long at 163.0 to 164.0 feet USGS
Trashracks	None
Top of Trashrack elevation	8' wide x 12' high, 1" clear spacing
	162.5 feet USGS
<b>Powerhouse</b>	
Length (Superstructure)	35 feet
Width (Superstructure)	27 feet
<b>Turbines/Generators</b>	
Number of units	2, 400 kW and 25 kW nameplate capacities
Main Unit	Allis Chalmers tube turbine
Estimated Minimum Hydraulic Capacity	90 cfs
Estimated Maximum Hydraulic Capacity	90 cfs
2nd Unit	Centrifugal pump
Estimated Minimum Hydraulic Capacity	7 cfs
Estimated Maximum Hydraulic Capacity	7 cfs
Estimated Average Head	50 feet
Average Annual Generation	1,657,759 kWh
<b>Fishway Passage</b>	
Upstream Passage	None
Downstream Passage	None
<b>Transmission Lines and Transformer</b>	
Transmission Line Type	Underground 12.47 kV
Transmission Line Length	650 ft
Transformer	500 kVA, Primary 12.47 kV, Secondary 480 V, 3 phase

**Table 2-1 Green Lake Hydroelectric Project Summary Table**

The Project is equipped with a 500-kVA, 2.3/12.5-transformer and a 650-foot-long, 12.5-kV transmission line.

The single line diagram for the Project will be provided as a CEI submission with the Final License Application.

**2.1.10 Proposed Facilities**

There are no plans for changes to the existing facilities or to add new facilities

### **2.1.11 Provisions for Future Units**

There are no plans for additions or modifications for future units.

## **2.2 Project Operation**

### **2.2.1 Current Project Operation**

The project is managed in part as a component of a water storage system for downstream power generation. Brookfield Renewable Energy Group owns and operates a water control dam at the outlet of Graham Lake, downstream of Green Lake, and a hydroelectric generating facility (FERC No. 2727) approximately four miles downstream of Graham Lake in the City of Ellsworth. In addition, water management of Green Lake is designed to maintain recreation values, allow water supply for the Green Lake National Fish Hatchery (GLNFH), protect lake trout spawning habitat, and maintain sufficient flow in Reeds Brook. The Green Lake dam gates are manually operated. Water is drawn from Green Lake by the GLNFH by means of two submerged pipes (non-project) to supply the Hatchery. Up to 30 cfs may be used on a priority basis by the Hatchery.

The Licensee adheres to an operating schedule which ensures maintenance of recreational values, allows water supply for the hatchery, and protects lake trout spawning habitat. The lake is drawn down during the fall and winter from the spillway elevation of 160.7 ft USGS to a minimum of 157.5 ft (7.2 to 4.0 feet on the staff gauge). The fall drawdown begins after Labor Day weekend and is completed by October 15 of each year. This completion date generally corresponds to the time of lake trout spawning. The lake is then allowed to partially refill during the fall and early winter.

Depending on the extent that the pond is refilled, the pond is drawn down prior to spring runoff to protect against flooding. Spring drawdown varies annually, but whenever possible does not go below the level accomplished on October 15 of the previous year. This prevents dewatering of lake trout eggs which may have been deposited the previous October.

The lake is restored to between elevations 159.7 ft and 160.7 ft (6.2' and 7.2' on the staff gauge) by June 1. The lake is maintained between elevation 159.7 ft and 160.7 ft for the period of June 1 through Labor Day of each year. This provides for the recreational use of the lake and shorefront areas.

Turbine operation is controlled manually. Because of the fixed operating point of the larger turbine, it is either operated at full discharge capacity of 90 cfs or is off. The smaller turbine with a fixed, but much smaller flow (estimated at 7 cfs), can operate continuously as inflow allows. The Licensee maintains an instantaneous minimum flow of 1 cfs, as per historic dam leakage, in Reeds Brook. (FERC, 1984)



We run an impoundment but our operation is closer to fixed point 'run of river' than it is to peaking. Our units are on or off. Our current plans are not to do peaking generation as it has not been an effective means of operating recently.

## 2.2.2 Proposed Project Operation

GLWP is proposing to continue operating the Green Lake Project as described in the section 2.2.1 Current Project Operation with no changes.

## 2.2.3 Proposed Environmental Measures

No environmental measures are proposed at this time.

## 2.3 Average Annual Generation

Project generation for five years (2016-2020) averaged 1,657,759 kWh; the monthly and yearly kWh totals are as follows:

Year / Month	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	5 year Average
January	234,143	242,144	162,336	249,261	250,317	227,640
February	229,542	225,473	223,480	225,368	237,069	228,186
March	237,943	245,249	251,781	253,134	252,575	248,136
April	209,792	235,391	233,438	236,917	233,414	229,790
May	138,506	234,544	86,780	224,302	241,822	185,191
June	-	121,224	10,180	209,847	36,135	75,477
July	-	-	63,865	146,387	-	42,050
August	-	-	29	59,492	-	11,904
September	100,895	93,163	117,389	231,749	101,013	128,842
October	-	-	56,032	117,392	42,437	43,172
November	869	-	131,149	136,614	9,194	55,565
December	100,310	70,888	250,133	246,842	240,848	181,804
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,251,999</b>	<b>1,468,076</b>	<b>1,586,592</b>	<b>2,337,305</b>	<b>1,644,824</b>	<b>1,657,759</b>

**Table 2-2 Monthly and Yearly Generation (kWh) for the Green Lake Project**

## **2.4 Estimated Average Head**

The estimated average operating head for the Project is 50 feet.

## **2.5 Hydraulic Capacity of the Project**

The total maximum hydraulic capacity of the Green Lake Project generating units is 97 cfs, at an operating head of approximately 50 feet. The units are both fixed point units with the main turbine using 90cfs and the 2<sup>nd</sup> unit using 7cfs when running.

## **2.6 Estimated Cost of the Project**

No changes or additions to the existing project structures are proposed as part of this relicensing.



### **3.0 PURPOSE OF THE PROJECT**

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The Green Lake Project is operated for the production of renewable hydroelectric power. The power generated by this Project is sold to Versant Power, formerly Emera Maine. Versant Power provides reliable high voltage electric power to approximately 159,000 people within the state of Maine.

## **4.0 ESTIMATED COST OF RELICENSING**

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GLWP estimates that the cost of relicensing the Green Lake Hydroelectric Project is approximately \$95,000. This includes both internal administrative costs and external expenses (e.g., consultant costs) over the course of the Integrated Licensing Process (ILP).



## **5.0 VALUE OF PROJECT POWER**

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The power generated by the Green Lake Hydroelectric Project produces an average of about \$72,000 per year.

## **6.0 ESTIMATED CHANGE IN PROJECT GENERATION**

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GLWP does not anticipate any significant changes in project generation.



## 7.0 UNDEPRECIATED NET INVESTMENT (BOOK VALUE) OF THE PROJECT

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### 7.1 Green Lake Project Current Net Investment

Buildings and other depreciable assets	\$1,374,441
Accumulated depreciation	\$ 969,570
Undepreciated Net Investment	\$ 404,871

### 7.2 Annual Operation and Maintenance Costs

The annual operation and maintenance costs of running the Green Lake Hydroelectric Project facility are \$46,592. This includes approximately \$34,691 for the annual administrative expenses. .

## 8.0 ESTIMATED ANNUAL COST OF THE PROJECT

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The total annual cost to operate the project, including administrative costs, insurance, operations and maintenance, general and other expenses is as follows:

- Administrative costs \$35,000
  - includes insurance, pay, property taxes, administrative and general costs.
- Operations and maintenance \$12,000

Much of the payroll and general costs (included in Administrative costs) are for operations and maintenance activities.

These numbers do not include some infrequent (but expected to occur roughly every 10 years) maintenance work for the generator and turbine that will occur between the preparation of the DLA and the filing of the FLA.

This winter, the generator required a rebuild which cost approximately \$44,000

The numbers also do not include replacement of the penstock (estimated at 200-300K\$) and investigation and service or replacement of the station septic leaching field (no cost known until the investigation of leaching field condition is complete).

Where possible, any expenditures which are not needed if a new license is not granted to the Project are being deferred until after the new license is granted.

## 9.0 PROJECT SAFETY PROGRAM

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The project has a 'low hazard' classification and is exempt from the requirement to submit an Emergency Action Plan. An analysis of risks was done when this was determined and it was determined that because the dam is a rock crib dam, any failure would be gradual and the Route 180 bridge downstream would not be jeopardized.

The Dam Safety Surveillance and Monitoring Program and Report (DSSMP) defines the appropriate monitoring for the project works. The DSSMP for the Project was filed with the FERC on December 28, 2018.

In addition, Section 10(c) of the Federal Power Act (FPA) authorizes FERC to establish regulations requiring licensees to operate and properly maintain their Projects for the protection of life, health, and property. FERC Part 12 regulations include such safety measures as signage and exclusion devices.

The project is inspected by FERC every 3 years for safety.



## 10.0 REFERENCES

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FERC 1984 – Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). 1984 Order Issuing License (Minor) for Green Lake Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 7189). 27 FERC ¶62,023. Issued April 5, 1984.

GLWP 1983 – Green Lake Water Power Project (GLWP). 1983. Application for a License for a Minor Water Power Project – FERC No. 4894.

USGS Map 44068-E1-TM-100, "Bangor, Maine", 1994 Revision

## **11.0 APPENDICES**

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## 11.1 Appendix A – Single-Line Diagram

### APPENDIX A

#### SINGLE LINE DIAGRAM

The single-line diagram is uploaded as a separate file.  
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