

Via Email

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RE: SAFE HARBOR WATER POWER CORPORATION – 2023 FISH PASSAGE REPORT

Dear Ms. Eyer, Mr. Williamson, and Resource Agencies:

Safe Harbor Water Power Corporation (Brookfield) is hereby submitting the 2023 Safe Harbor Fish Passage Report for the Safe Harbor Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 1025, NATDAM NO. PA00855) in Lancaster County, PA.

The Safe Harbor fish lift operates from mid-April to mid-June each year. It typically commences operation shortly after the Holtwood Fish Lift passes approximately 500 American Shad into Lake Aldred and stops a day or two after the Holtwood lift shuts down for the season.

Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP), US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), and Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) submitted written requests to Brookfield on December 14, 15, 21, 2023 asking that the Safe Harbor fish lift not be operated in 2023 in an effort to limit the expansion of invasive species. This was based on the recommendation from multiple resource agencies.

Brookfield filed notification with FERC on January 9, 2023 noting the suspension of fish passage.

Maintenance and repairs will be performed on the fish lift as they are needed moving forward. Since the lift did not operate in 2023, there is no fish passage report enclosed.

Should any additional information be required, please contact me by phone at 215-620-4589, by e-mail at adam.slowik@brookfieldrenewable.com, or by mail at Brookfield Renewable, 482 Old Holtwood Rd., Holtwood, PA 17532.

Sincerely,



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