



Senate Bill No. 586

Public Act No. 09-238

AN ACT CONCERNING A COLLINSVILLE HYDROELECTRIC FACILITY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Environmental Protection shall execute an agreement with the towns of Canton, Avon and Burlington that allows said towns to (1) enter upon and conduct physical examinations and studies of the upper and lower Collinsville dams and associated structures, including, but not limited to, power houses or gate houses, on the Farmington River for determining the feasibility of using such dams and associated structures for hydroelectric generations, (2) install, operate and maintain hydroelectric generating facilities and associated appurtenances, including fish ladders at such dams, and (3) exercise flow control of the water at said dams to maximize hydroelectric generation while maintaining minimum flows required by federal and state regulatory agencies. Such agreement shall not provide any compensation to the state or additional costs to said towns for use of, or liability concerning, said dams and structures.

Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Environmental Protection shall execute an agreement, jointly or individually, with the towns of Canton, Avon and Burlington, under

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terms and conditions acceptable to the commissioner, that allows said towns to (1) enter upon and conduct physical examinations and studies of the upper and lower Collinsville dams and associated structures, including, but not limited to, power houses or gate houses, on the Farmington River for determining the feasibility of using such dams and associated structures for hydroelectric generations, and (2) install, operate and maintain hydroelectric generating facilities and associated appurtenances, including fish ladders at such dams, without adjusting river flows.

Vetoed July 1, 2009