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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Edenville, August 12, 2010 – Boyce Hydro Power, LLC, the License-holder of the Federal Licenses to operate four hydroelectric power plants and dams on the Tittabawasse River (Sanford, Edenville, Smallwood, and Secord) announced today that a two-week phased draw-down of Sanford Lake is currently underway. This action is being undertaken in order to reduce a recent build-up of hydrostatic pressure in the right side (western end) embankment that has resulted in a significantly higher than normal water saturation of the earthen dam. After extensive consultations with Boyce Hydro management and on-site inspection by staff engineers from the Chicago Regional Office of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), the Commission has approved the licensee's request for this precautionary action in the interest of public safety.

The gradual draw-down commenced on Thursday and is expected to continue for two weeks. The normal Summer and Fall operating level of the Sanford Lake reservoir ranges between USGS elevation 631.1 and USGS 630.4. Under the phased draw-down, the water level will be reduced by approximately three inches per day during the next two weeks. The maximum expected draw-down level will be elevation USGS 626.4. The exact extent of the draw-down will be determined by the changes in the water saturation in the embankment. Boyce Hydro personnel are now and will continue to closely monitor the embankment conditions during the draw-down process.

Upon completion of the draw-down, remedial construction measures will be undertaken which will last for approximately three weeks. Afterwards, the Sanford lake reservoir will be restored to normal operating levels. It is anticipated this will be completed by the end of the first week in October 2010.

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