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September 19, 2012

The Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street NE
Washington, D.C. 20426

Re: P-2785, Sanford Winter Drawdown

Dear Secretary:

On August 17, 2012 we sent a letter to you and to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) asking for permission to draw the Sanford Reservoir down to its winter level beginning December 1 instead of December 15 of this year.

I am transmitting herewith a copy of the letter we received from MDNR indicating their concurrence with our request. With this in hand could you proceed with your review and let us know your disposition.

Sincerely,

Boyce Hydro Power, LLC

Frank O. Christie, P General Manager

cc: L. Mueller S. Hultberg



STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES LANSING



September 19, 2012

Mr. Frank Christie Boyce Hydro Power, LLC 6000 S. M-30 (PO Box 15) Edenville, MI 48620

RE: REQUEST FOR EARLY DRAWDOWN AT THE SANFORD PROJECT (FERC NO. 2785) ON THE TITTABAWASSEE RIVER, MICHIGAN

Dear Frank,

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (Department) has reviewed your one time request for the early drawdown of the Sanford Impoundment for repairs at the upstream facility as stated in your August 17, 2012 letter. Since you have indicated that you do not intend to draw down the impoundment more than the limit allowed in the license for Sanford, the Department has no objection to your request to move the drawdown date from December 15th to December 1st for this year.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Kyle Kruger

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cc James Baker, Fisheries, Bay City Chris Freiburger, Fisheries, Lansing

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