

**FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION**  
**Washington D.C. 20426**

Office of Energy Projects

Project No. 2785-084—Michigan  
Sanford Hydroelectric Project  
Boyce Hydro Power, LLC

December 30, 2016

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Subject: Flow Gaging Update – Article 402

Dear Mr. Mueller:

This letter is in reference to your November 11, 2016 filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission), verifying that you have calibrated the new gaging equipment at the Sanford Hydroelectric Project, FERC No. 2785. Article 402 of the project license,<sup>1</sup> as amended,<sup>2</sup> requires you to implement a Gaging Plan<sup>3</sup> and Installation Plan<sup>4</sup> to monitor compliance with project-related flow requirements in the Tittabawassee River. On October 11, 2013, we authorized you to install new gaging equipment and report on the successful installation and calibration of the equipment by September 30, 2014. The Commission's January 11, 2016 letter, in part, requested an update on the installation and calibration of the equipment by November 1, 2016, after

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<sup>1</sup> Order Issuing License (Major Constructed Project – 5 Megawatts or Less) (41 FERC ¶ 62,192), issued December 1, 1987.

<sup>2</sup> Order on Rehearing and Amending License Order (85 FERC ¶ 61,066), issued October 16, 1998.

<sup>3</sup> Order Modifying and Approving Article 402 Gaging Plan (94 FERC ¶ 62,180), issued March 1, 2001.

<sup>4</sup> Order Modifying and Approving Installation Plan for River Flow Monitoring under Article 402 (118 FERC ¶ 62,053), issued January 22, 2007.

you notified us of multiple incidents causing delays and requiring modifications to your intended installation and calibration methods.

You report that the gage installation and associated calibration was completed in early November 2015. You collected readings with the bypass turbine gate at various settings during high and low flow periods. Based on the calibrated flow data, you provide an outline for how you will set gate levels and record data to ensure compliance with minimum flow requirements.

Based on our review of the available information, your filing fulfills the requirements of the Commission's October 11, 2013 letter. The new gaging equipment and monitoring methods should vastly improve your ability to ensure and document compliance with the project flow requirements.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions concerning this letter please contact me at (202) 502-8038 or [alicia.burtner@ferc.gov](mailto:alicia.burtner@ferc.gov).

Sincerely,

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