

January 13, 2018

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Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE Washington, DC 20426

Re: Project No. 10808, Proposed Schedule and Plan for Focused Spillway Inspections by Boyce Hydro Power, LLC

We have reviewed recent correspondence from Boyce Hydro Power, LLC (Boyce) to the Commission (Accession Number 20171219-5008) regarding a Schedule and Plan for conducting focused spillway inspections on Boyce Hydro Power, LLC Hydroelectric Projects: Sanford Hydroelectric Project FERC No. 2785, Edenville Hydroelectric Project FERC No. 10808, Second Hydroelectric Project FERC No. 10809 and Smallwood Hydroelectric Project FERC No. 10810

Wixom Lake Association supports conducting the Focused Spillway Inspections. We do, however, object to the proposed schedule to lower Wixom Lake 4' during the month of July, 2018 for the inspection.

During the Michigan boating season, primarily April through September, shoreline property owners around Wixom Lake have several thousand watercraft tied to docks or on boat lifts around Wixom Lake. Lowering the lake by 4' in July will interfere with recreational use of the lake at the height of the boating season. It will require some owners to remove their watercraft from the lake to avoid damage due to boats settling to the lake bottom and cause other owners to remove their crafts out of concern that the lake may not be returned to normal summer levels prior to the end of the boating season. The latter concern stems from Licensee's behavior on Sanford Lake (immediately downstream of P-10808). Licensee lowered Sanford Lake with inadequate public notice and then refused to complete repairs and raise the lake again until Licensee was provided with funds to repair the Sanford Dam (P-2785).

The entire process of lowering lakes and inspecting spillways could be accomplished in less than 4 weeks. We propose that the focused inspections, which are already overdue, be deferred until after mid-September 2018, as was done when Sanford Lake was lowered in Fall 2016 to repair a spillway slab on the Edenville Dam spillways. Many people normally remove their boats from the lakes after Labor Day, so this schedule would cause minimal disruption of the boating season. It would still afford the Licensee an ample ice-free period to complete spillway inspections.

Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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