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RE: Response to FERC letter dated August 16, 2018
Gated Spillway Rating Curve Update and
Focused Spillway Assessment Schedule
Sanford Hydroelectric Project – FERC # 2785
Edenville Hydroelectric Project – FERC #10808
Smallwood Hydroelectric Project – FERC #10810
Secord Hydroelectric Project – FERC #10809

Mr. Zygaj: As of today, Friday August 24, we are now in receipt of the CEII letter dated August 16, 2018. The original arrived in the mail today, and the postmark reveals that it was not mailed from Chicago until Tuesday, August 21.

Because the licensee is not able to view CEII filings on the e-Library, we were not able to download this letter on Thursday, August 16 when it was filed by FERC. On Friday, August 17, at 1:00 p.m. CST, I sent an email to Peter Chapman requesting that the letter be emailed to me to accelerate my ability to see what was in the letter. I received an answer from Peter the following Monday, August 20, who said, "I'll see what can be done with getting you a copy of the letter." The following day I received an email from Kristy Norman with the password-protected attachment. I was in an all-day meeting and attempted to open the attachment from my phone, which did not work. When I attempted to open the attachment on my computer after my meeting, I received the following error message:

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ERROR: undefined
OFFENDING COMMAND: eexec
STACK:
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On Wednesday, while traveling from my two-day meeting, I requested that Kristy resend the letter. On Friday, August 24, she did so and I was finally able to open the letter and transmit it to the Dam Safety Engineer, who also had trouble opening it. It had to be printed, scanned and emailed to him un-password protected. Under the circumstances, the due date for a response (August 28) is inappropriate. Boyce requires an Extension of Time to respond to the items in the letter, from August 28, 2018 to September 7, 2018.

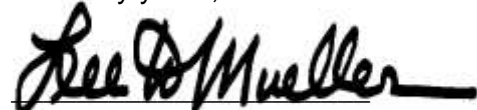
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With respect to the start of the drawdown period, Boyce's operations personnel have advised me that a 4 foot drawdown would have to begin on September 16, not September 20, in order to be complete in time for the inspection, assuming no significant rain during that period. We understand that this changes all the notifications, but in order to maintain a safe and steady level of drawdown, we must request this adjustment.

I would also like to remind you that these inspections and tests cannot be performed during times of year when rain is expected. That is why Boyce scheduled it for the end of summer, the dry season, and after Labor Day, in order to accommodate recreationists. To delay this drawdown any further could compromise the objective entirely. Also, the timing has been determined based on the availability of the Dam Safety Engineer who is budgeting an entire week for these two inspection projects and traveling to Michigan from Arkansas, where he lives, and these arrangements have to be made well in advance. The Engineer is very busy and he has many other projects he must attend to which he has scheduled around this one.

Regarding consultation with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Boyce will respond to their letter by the end of next week.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lee W. Mueller". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line at the end.

Lee W. Mueller, Architect
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cc: Richard Dee Purkeypile, P.E.

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