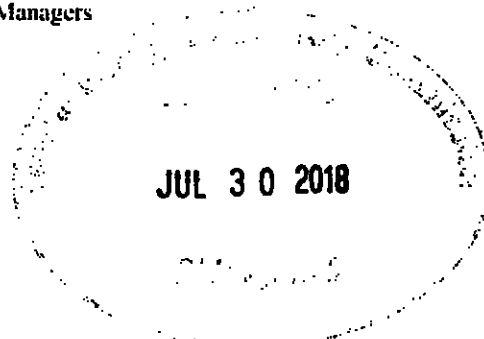


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**Subject: Consultation Regarding Temporary Reservoir Drawdown for FERC-Mandated Focused Spillway Inspection & Report for:**

**Sanford Dam P-2785, Edenville Dam P-10808, Smallwood Dam 10810, Secord Dam P-10809**

**Notice:** The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, by its Regional Engineer, Mr. John Zygal, P.E., has instructed Boyce Hydro Power, LLC, ("Boyce") licensee of the four above-referenced hydroelectric projects to conduct a "Focused Spillway Inspection" for each of the projects. This instruction is issued in the aftermath of the spillway failure fiasco that transpired at the Oroville Dam in California. The focused inspection requires that the concrete slab and the base of the adjacent concrete retaining walls of each dam structure be visually inspected and photographed.

In order to conduct this inspection the water levels in the tailraces and their downstream impoundment reservoirs must be lowered approximately four feet (4') below the minimum operating level prescribed in the FERC licenses. The period of time for this lowered tailrace water level necessary for the inspection will be approximately two or three days.

In order to accomplish this lower tailrace water level Boyce proposes to lower the impoundments, except for Secord, approximately 8" per twenty four hour period commencing 20 September, 2018 in order to have the spillway slabs exposed for inspection commencing on 1 October, 2018. In anticipation of the potential for rain events occurring during this drawdown period additional time is being allowed in which to effectuate the full drawdown by 1 October, 2018. Commencing on either the 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> of October, the reservoir will be refilled as quickly as inflow into the four reservoirs will permit, but not exceeding 9" inches of water level increase in a given twenty four hour period. This will continue until the reservoirs return to their normal operating pond levels.

This notice is being provided as required by the Regional Engineer. Any comments or suggestions regarding this proposed course of action should be directed to the licensee, Boyce Hydro Power, LLC on or before 14 August, 2018.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lee W. Mueller". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

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