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In reply refer to: P-2785, P-10808,
P-10809, and P-10810

August 30, 2018

Mr. Lee Mueller
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**RE: Focused Spillway Assessment – Extension of Time Request and Request to
Change Drawdown Start Date
P-2785 Sanford Dam, P-10808 Edenville Dam, P-10809 Secord Dam, and
P-10810 Smallwood Dam**

Dear Mr. Mueller:

We have completed our review of your August 24, 2018 letter filed with the Commission on August 27, 2018 regarding matters related to the proposed focused spillway assessments and gate inspections being planned at the Secord, Smallwood, Edenville, and Sanford projects (Boyce Projects). Your letter included an extension of time (EOT) request to submit an updated water management plan to complete the focused spillway assessment and gated spillway rating curve for the Boyce Projects. Your letter indicated that you were not able to review the letter until August 24, 2018. You requested an EOT to submit the water management plan on September 7, 2018. Your proposed submittal date is acceptable. By **September 7, 2018**, you must file a revised water management plan that addresses the items noted in our August 16, 2018 letter. Your filing should also include your response to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources comments regarding minimum flows and stranded fish/mussel surveys.

Your August 27, 2018 filing also contained a request to alter the timing of the drawdown of the reservoirs for the Boyce Projects. Originally you proposed to drawdown the four reservoirs starting on September 20, 2018. Your August 27, 2018

letter includes a request to amend your July 26, 2018 application for a temporary variance in reservoir levels to start the reservoir drawdowns on September 16, 2018. Your request did not provide justification for this change other than your statement that your operations personnel advised you that the drawdown should begin earlier in order for the drawdown to be complete in time for the inspection, which is scheduled to begin on October 1, 2018. By **September 6, 2018**, please provide a detailed explanation as to why this earlier drawdown is necessary.

We note that on August 7, 2018, the Commission issued a public notice of your July 26, 2018 application to temporarily amend the reservoir elevation requirements of each of the four projects' licenses in order for these inspections to occur. This public comment period remains open until September 6, 2018. Interested parties should continue to provide comments in response to that notice. Our response to your July 26, 2018 amendment application, and your response to our request for additional information regarding your filing to change the reservoir drawdown start date will be addressed after the public comment period closes.

Please contact Mr. Peter Chapman at 312.596.4446 or me at 312.596.4430 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Regional Engineer