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Ms. Holly Frank
Aquatic Resources Branch
Division of Hydropower Administration and Compliance
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20426

RE: 2018 Water Quality Monitoring
P-2785, Sanford; P-10808, Edenville; P-10809, Secord; P-10810, Smallwood

Ms. Frank:

This letter is written to report that, due to a scheduled 4 foot drawdown of the impoundments at Sanford, Edenville, Secord, and Smallwood, the sondes that measure tailrace dissolved oxygen levels will have to be removed prior to the normal end of the summer monitoring season.

As you may know, Boyce Hydro Power, LLC will be conducting Focused Spillway Assessment inspections, and performing gate inspections, during the first week of October. These inspections are required by FERC and have been planned for months. In order to conduct these inspections, the impoundments must be drawn down by 4 feet to expose the tailrace slabs and to provide a factor of safety for the gate inspections. Boyce Hydro Power, LLC requested a temporary license variance to conduct this drawdown, and received FERC's Order Modifying and Approving Temporary Variance to Reservoir Elevations on September 14, 2018.

The lowering of water levels in the tailraces means that the sondes will not be underwater during the drawdown. Components of the sondes will be damaged if they are not submerged. Parts of these expensive devices must remain wet. They must be removed by a diver when there is no water running, i.e. spilling or turbine flow, for the diver's safety. Therefore, Boyce will be removing the sondes prior to the drawdown, scheduled to begin on September 20.

Sincerely yours,



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cc: Kyle Kruger, MDNR

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