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Dr. Jennifer Ambler
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
Division of Hydropower Administrative Compliance/OEP
Washington, DC
via email:
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RE: Gladwin County Commissioners submit comments regarding P-10808-061 Edenville, P-10810-050 Smallwood, and P-10809-044 Secord Reservoir Drawdown schedules for Focused Spillway Inspections

Dear Dr. Ambler:

Please be advised that we, the Commissioners of Gladwin County, hereby object to the request of Boyce Hydro Power, LLC's to move up the date to begin the drawdown of the waters of Secord, Smallwood, and Wixom Lakes in Gladwin County in preparation for the Focus Spillway Assessment and gate inspections.

This drawdown was originally scheduled to begin on September 20, 2018. An earlier drawdown than the previously designated September 20th would impose a significant financial hardship on Gladwin County and Gladwin County businesses. These three lakes have thousands of lakefront property owners, most who utilize local businesses to have their boats removed, winterized, and stored for the winter. Traditionally, these businesses operate for approximately three months after Labor Day each year. These companies have been working hard to come up with a plan to be able to meet the needs of their clients and be able to remove all of the boats by September 20th. Decreasing the available timeframe for that to be accomplished would have a significant impact on those businesses. Further, it creates a situation whereby Gladwin County property owners would suffer significant damages due to the inability of the services to be able to remove their boats and docks from the lake prior to the drawdown.

We specifically request the Commission deny Boyce Hydro's request for an earlier start date of the drawdown of the lakes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Terry Walters".

Terry Walters, Chairman
Gladwin County District Board of Commissioners

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sandi Aultman".

Sandi Aultman, Vice-Chairman
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