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John Peschke
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 1st St NE, Room 11H
Washington, DC 20426

Dear Mr. Peschke,

I am writing on behalf of the Four Lakes Task Force regarding the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's order revoking the license for the Edenville Hydropower Project operated by Boyce Hydro Power, LLC.

As you know, Boyce Hydro has failed to make the necessary spillway upgrades to meet the probable maximum flood criteria required by the federal government. Area residents are rightfully concerned that the cessation of power generation will cause lake levels in the four lakes impacted by the dam to be lowered by as much as 8-feet. This would have a significant negative impact on tourism, the local economy and on property values.

The Four Lakes Task Force is currently working with Boyce Hydro and the local community on a long term solution. I support their efforts and urge the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to strongly consider their request for an Emergency Motion to Stay the license revocation order for a period of 180 days. I also urge the Commission to continue to work closely with these stakeholders to maintain current lake levels while helping to ensure the safety of the dams.

Thank you for your attention to this issue. I look forward to your response. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Brandon Fewins in my Northern Michigan office at 231-929-1031. Any written materials can be sent to 3335 S. Airport Rd. West Suite 6B, Traverse City, MI 49684 or by fax at 231-929-1250.

Sincerely,

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