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February 28, 2013

FERC Project No. 10855 NATDAM Nos. MI00197, MI00175 and MI00183

Ms. Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission 888 First Street NE Washington, DC 20426

Dear Secretary Bose:

Dead River Hydroelectric Project 2012 Annual Report - Operation Monitoring Plan & Report of Deviations Less Than Sixty Minutes

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Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Bob Meyers at (906) 485-2419 or Virgil Schlorke at (906) 485-2465.

Sincerely,

Terry P. Jensky

Vice President - Generation Assets for Wisconsin Public Service Corporation

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Enc: Appendix 1 - UPPCO Agency Correspondence

Appendix 2 - UPPCO Annual Deviation Report

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Mr. Shawn Puzen, IBS - D2 Mr. Virgil Schlorke, UPPCO - UISC Ms. Joan Johanek, WPSC - D2 Mr. Robert Meyers, UPPCO - UISC

Mr. Dave Giesler, IBS - D2

Mr. Ben Trotter, IBS - D2

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Ms. Patricia Grant, FERC - CRO

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Appendix 1

Documentation of Consultation



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January 25, 2013

FERC Project No. 10855

Mr. Kyle Kruger – MDNR Mr. Burr Fisher – USFWS Mr. William Taft - MDEQ

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Please provide your comments on the annual report no later than February 24, 2013. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (906) 485-2419.

Sincerely,

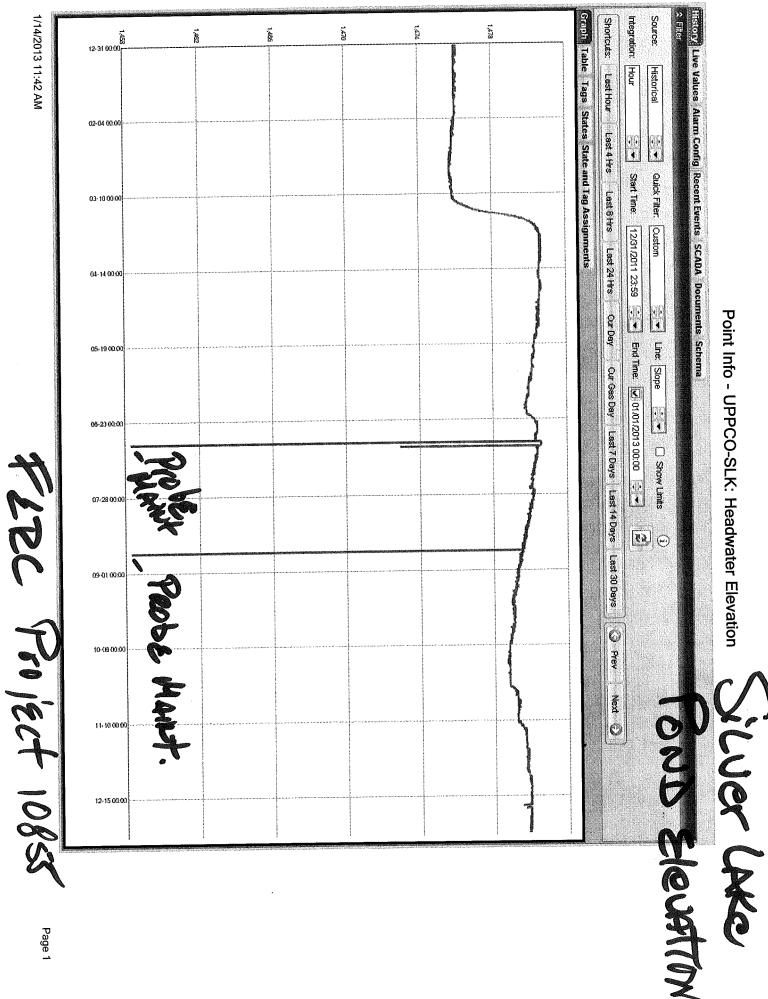
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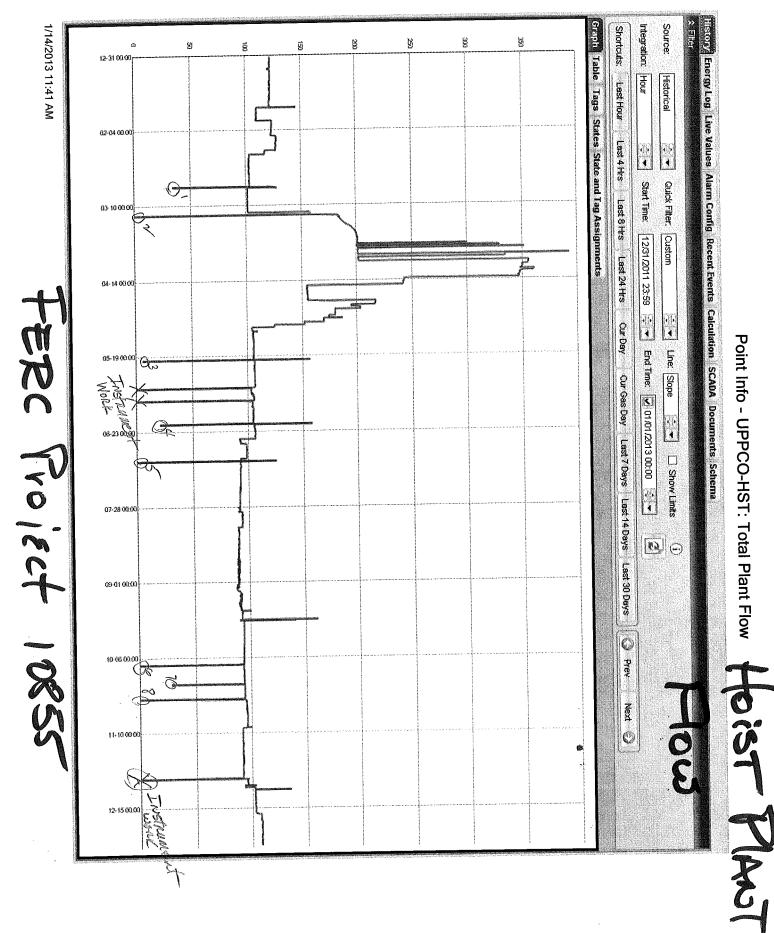
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Appendix 2

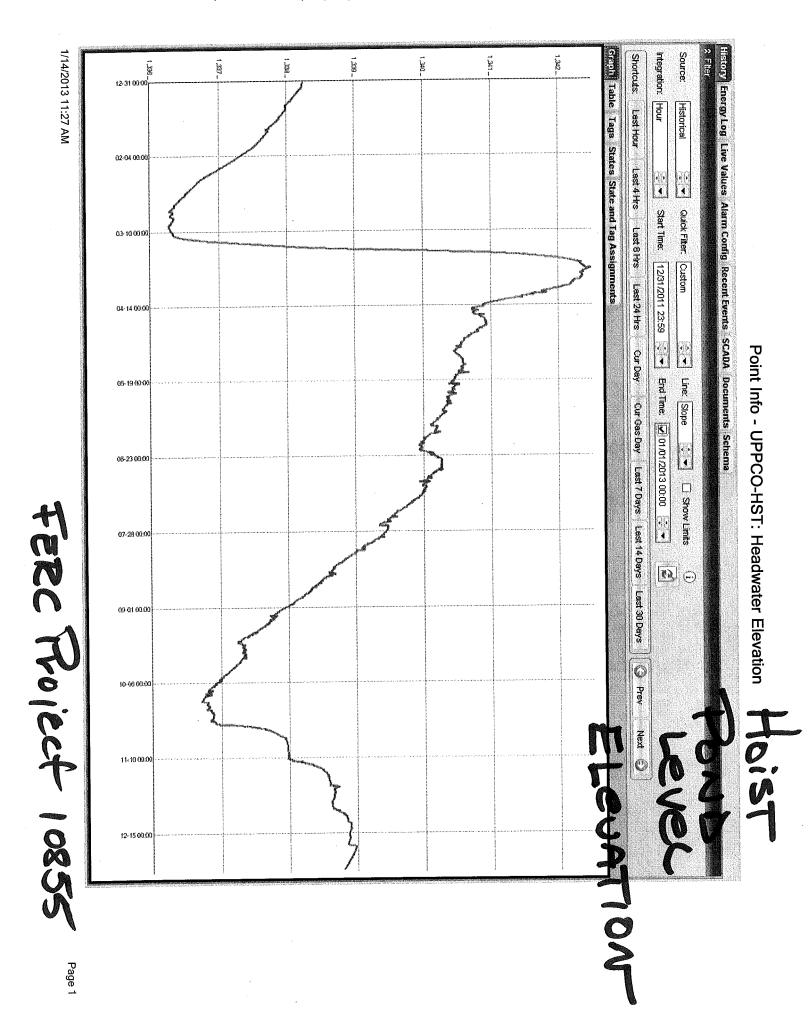
Annual Report

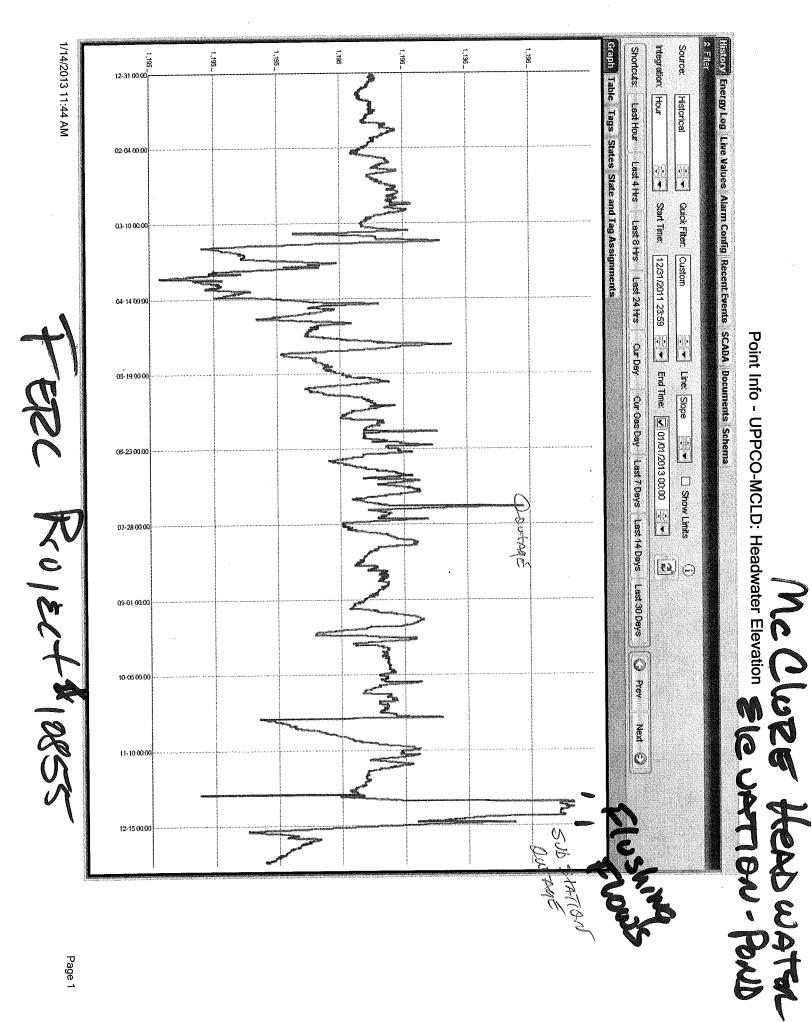


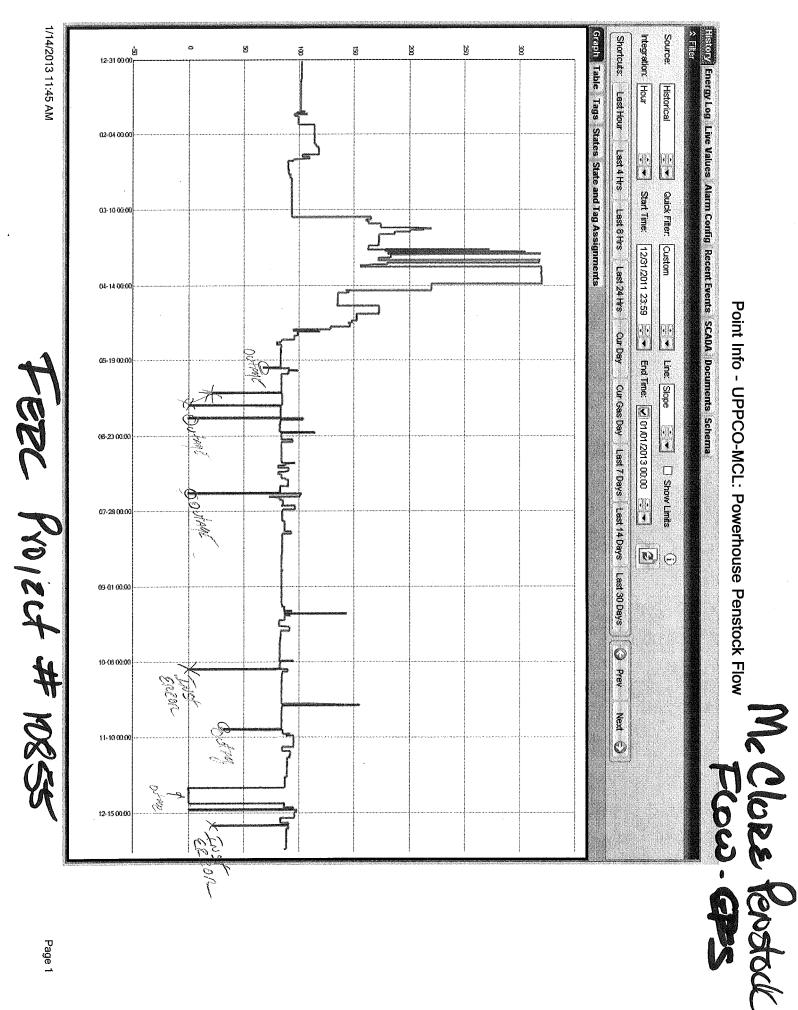
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Appendix 2

Summary of Deviations & Deviation Reports

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tsioH	2/20/2012	Less than 100 CFS output from Plant	Transmission Problem Line Trip/Trees
tsioH	4/13/2012	Planned Devistion Pond Elevation	Low inflow
tsioH	7107/07/7	End of Month Target Minimm	TOW HILLOW
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McClure	2102/61/7	Planned Deviation, 80 CFS & Pond Elevation	Work being done in Substation - Planned
oist/Mclure	7102/9/2	Planned Deviation, 100 CFS & 80 CFS	Reduction in Flow from Dry Year
McClure	7107/41/9	Less than 80 CFS output from Plant	Transmission Problem Line Trip/Tree
		Deviations > 60 minutes	
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tsioH	7107/81/01	Less than 100 CFS output from Plant	Transmission Problem Line Trip/Tree
tsioH	7/6/2012	Less than 100 CFS output from Plant	Transmission Problem Line Trip/Low Voltage
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tsioH	3/14/2015	Less than 100 CFS output from Plant	mrot2\qirT əniJ məldor9 noiszimznarT
tsioH	3/1/2015	Less than 100 CFS output from Plant	Transmission Problem Line trip/Storm
McClure	7107/9/11	Less than 80 CFS output from Plant	Plugged Cooling water line
McClure	7/21/2012	Less than 80 CFS output from Plant	Governor Feedback Switch
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McClure	2/55/5015	Less than 80 CFS output from Plant	Mechanical Failure of Governor
Project	916U	Deviation < 60 minutes	уевзои

Hoist	6/19/2012	Less than 100 CFS & DO & Temp DS Plant	Transmission Problem Line Trip/Low Flow
Hoist	10/25/2012	Less than 100 CFS output from Plant	Transmission Probem Line Trip/Trees
	10/23/2012	2000 than 200 of 5 output from Flanc	Transmission Fredericane mp/ frees
McClure	12/3/2012	Planned Deviation - Flows & Pond Elevation	Substation Outage - New Equipment
		& Did Flushing Flow in Bypass	
Hoist/McClure	12/5/2012	Reduction in Flows Ended	Dry Year Consultation Over
McClure	12/13/2012	Less than 80 CFS output from Plant	Bearing Cooling Water Problem/Turbine Bearing

Non-Conformance Event Record Detail

Print Date: 01/03/2013



NCREG3864 **NC Record Number:** Entity: Regional Generation Company - Level 1 - Level 2: **UPP-McClure Hydro**

Event Date:

05/22/2012

Discovery Date/Time:

5/22/12 9:47

Event Title:

McClure #2 trip

Event Details:

Operator was adjusting unit output on the unit and the unit tripped while doing so

Immediate Action:

Operator put the other unit online

Recommendations:

Potential Causes/Contributors to incident n/a

Entered By Name:

David C Paananen

no

Creation Date/Time:

5/22/12 10:07

Entered By Department:

Additional Followup Required:

Energy Supply & Control-GenCo Reportable to External Agency:

Status: Closed

Basis for Reportability:

Less than 60 minute deviation, agencies were give an Email notice of the event, and informed it would be included

in the annual submittal

Category:

Regulatory

Type:

Description:

FERC Deviation

governor

Sub Type:

Plant equip. failure

Closed - No further action

Causal Analysis Level:

required

Causal Analysis Basis:

Operator was at plant, adjusting load and governor caused the unit to go down and unit tripped. Operator started the other unit,

and established flow.

Crew tore apart the governor, cleaned and oiled parts, ran it and

it functioned OK

Event Start:

5/22/2012 9:47 AM

Event End:

5/22/2012 10:19 AM

00:32 Event Duration (HH:MM):

Evaluator Name: Evaluation Accepted: Meyers, Robert J

Evaluator Dept: UPPCO-GENCO

Acceptance Comments

Eval Due Date: Approver Name: **Eval Completion Date: Corrective Action Approver Name**

Analysis Description:

Causes:

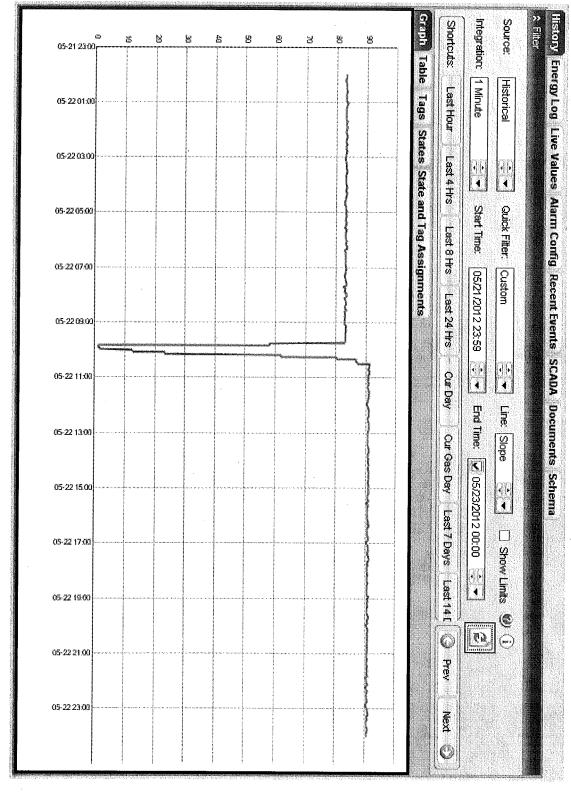
Primary Causes:

Does Eval Require Sceening Committee Approval upon Completion

no

Evaluation Reviewed/Approved by Screening Committee

Point Info - UPPCO-MCL: Powerhouse Penstock Flow



Non-Conformance Event Record Detail

Print Date: 01/03/2013

NCREG4105 **NC Record Number:** Regional Generation Entity: Company - Level 1 - Level 2: **UPP-McClure Hydro**

Event Date:

07/21/2012

Discovery Date/Time:

7/21/12 10:41

Event Title:

Unit #2 tripped

Event Details:

operator was on site performing a cfs reduction and in doing so the unit tripped

Immediate Action:

operator began the process of putting #1 online and will leave #2 offline for further analysis

Recommendations:

n/a

Potential Causes/Contributors to incident

David C Paananen

Creation Date/Time:

7/21/12 10:47

Entered By Name: Entered By Department:

Energy Supply & Control-GenCo yes

Status: Closed

Less than 60 minute event, will be included in yearly report

Reportable to External Agency: Additional Followup Required:

Basis for Reportability:

Category:

Regulatory

Type:

FERC Deviation

Plant equip. failure Sub Type:

Description:

Less than 60 min event

Causal Analysis Level:

Closed - No further action

Causal Analysis Basis:

Unit tripped other unit put in service, governor problem

required

Event Start:

7/21/2012 10:41 AM

7/21/2012 11:10 AM Event End:

Event Duration (HH:MM):

00:29

Evaluator Name:

Evaluation Accepted:

Evaluator Dept:

Acceptance Comments Eval Completion Date:

Eval Due Date: Approver Name:

Corrective Action Approver Name

Analysis Description:

Causes:

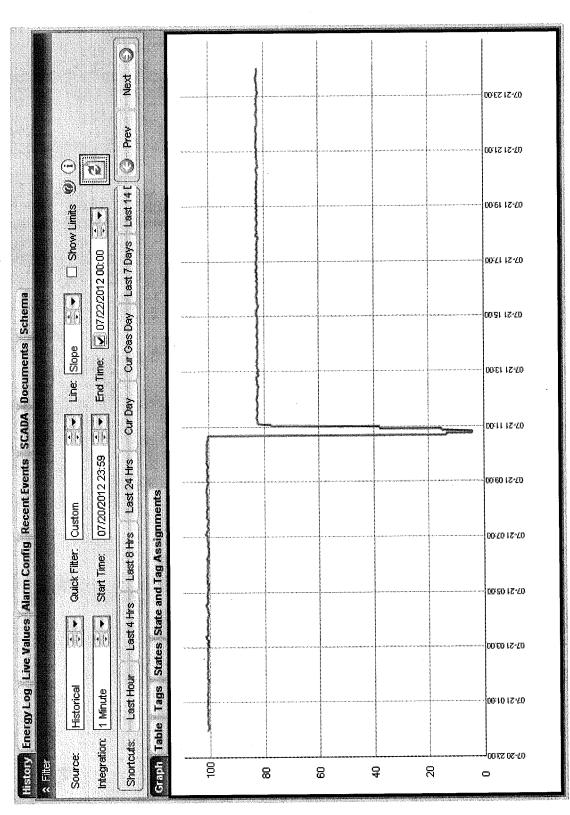
Primary Causes:

Does Eval Require Sceening Committee Approval upon Completion

Evaluation Reviewed/Approved by Screening Committee

no

Point Info - UPPCO-MCL: Powerhouse Penstock Flow



Non-Conformance Event Record Detail

Print Date: 01/03/2013



NC Record Number: NCREG4394 **Entity:** Regional Generation Company - Level 1 - Level 2: **UPP-McClure Hydro**

Event Date:

11/06/2012

Discovery Date/Time:

11/6/12 8:21

Event Title:

CFS <80 during generation outage

Event Details:

Unit 1 was taken offline for maintenance from 0821 to 0916 cst. Flow was limited to the siphon tube 10 cfs as unit 2 was

unavailable

Immediate Action:

No actionable response necessary

Recommendations:

Allow for flow continuation during generation outages

Potential Causes/Contributors to incident Entered By Name:

Garry D Gentry

Creation Date/Time:

Maintenance

11/6/12 9:46

Entered By Department:

Energy Supply & Control-GenCo Status: Closed

Reportable to External Agency:

Basis for Reportability:

Will be done as part of end of year

Additional Followup Required:

no

Type:

FERC Deviation

Category: Sub Type: Regulatory Other

Description:

Un planned outage for bearing cooling water line plugged

Causai Analysis Level:

Closed - No further action required

Causal Analysis Basis:

Unit had to come off line to fix bearing cooling water line, as it was plugged, normally we would change units to do this, but with the substation work, we could not take the other unit off, so

we had to take unit out of service to fix the plugged water

cooling line.

Event Start:

11/6/2012 8:21 AM

Event End:

11/6/2012 9:16 AM

Event Duration (HH:MM):

00:55

Evaluator Name: Evaluation Accepted:

Evaluator Dept:

Acceptance Comments

Eval Due Date:

Eval Completion Date: Corrective Action Approver Name

Approver Name: **Analysis Description:**

Causes:

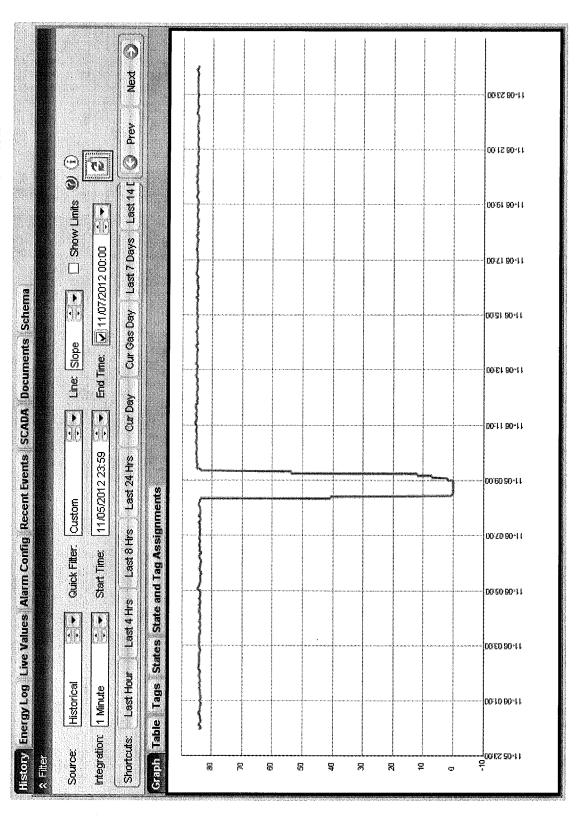
Primary Causes:

Does Eval Require Sceening Committee Approval upon Completion

Evaluation Reviewed/Approved by Screening Committee

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Point Info - UPPCO-MCL: Powerhouse Penstock Flow



Non-Conformance Event Record Detail

Print Date: 01/03/2013



NCREG3657 **NC Record Number: Entity: Regional Generation** Company - Level 1 - Level 2: **UPP-Hoist Hydro**

Event Date:

03/01/2012

Discovery Date/Time:

3/1/12 8:19

Event Title:

Loss of Off-site power to Hoist

Event Details:

At 0819, the Hoist station lost off-site power which caused the running unit (#2) to trip off line and generated many station

Immediate Action:

Talked to the local Operator (who happened to be at the Hoist station) and contacted the DOC. none

Recommendations:

Potential Causes/Contributors to incident unknown

no

Closed - No further action

Entered By Name:

Thomas R Grow

Energy Supply & Control-GenCo

Creation Date/Time:

3/1/12 9:02

Entered By Department:

Reportable to External Agency:

Status: Closed Basis for Reportability:

Will be reported in Annual Report

Additional Followup Required:

Category:

Regulatory

Type:

FERC Deviation

Sub Type: Causal Analysis Level:

Trans. Sys. (storm related)

Description:

Causal Analysis Basis:

Deviation of 100 cfs from Hoist, plant tripped, LLO opened,

restoring flow, Annual report

Event Start:

2/1/2012 7:19 AM

required

Event End: **Evaluator Dept:**

2/1/2012 8:13 AM

Event Duration (HH:MM):

00:54

Evaluator Name:

Evaluation Accepted:

Acceptance Comments

Eval Due Date: **Approver Name:** **Eval Completion Date:**

Analysis Description:

Corrective Action Approver Name

Causes:

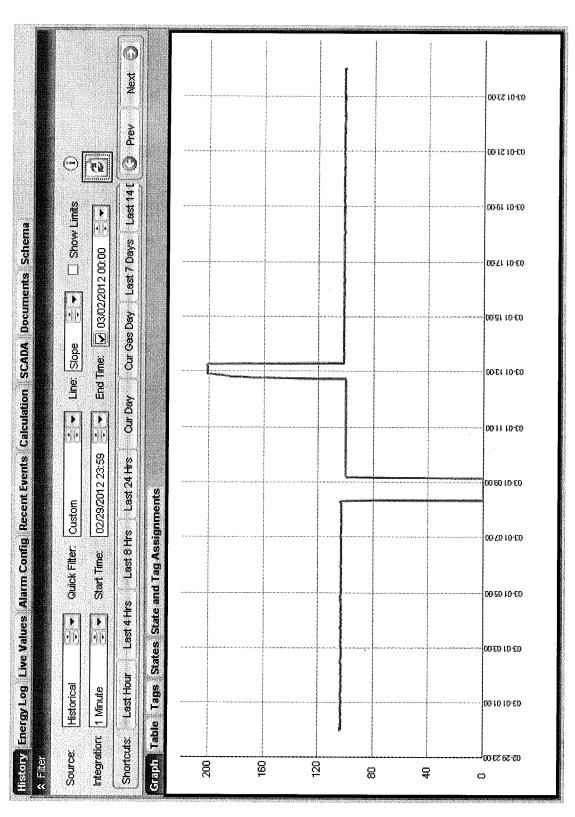
Primary Causes:

Does Eval Require Sceening Committee Approval upon Completion

no

Evaluation Reviewed/Approved by Screening Committee

Point Info - UPPCO-HST: Total Plant Flow



Non-Conformance Event Record Detail

Print Date: 01/03/2013



NCREG3680 **NC Record Number:** Entity: **Regional Generation** Company - Level 1 - Level 2: **UPP-Hoist Hydro Event Date:** 03/14/2012 Discovery Date/Time: 3/14/12 16:07 Hoist Plant trip **Event Title: Event Details:** Hoist plant tripped off line. Called out local operator. Immediate Action: Recommendations: Distribution line trip. Potential Causes/Contributors to incident 3/14/12 16:28 Jonathon J Jenkins Entered By Name: Creation Date/Time: Energy Supply & Control-GenCo Status: Closed Entered By Department: Report in Annual report Reportable to External Agency: Basis for Reportability: no Additional Followup Required: Category: Regulatory Type: **FERC Deviation** Sub Type: Trans. Sys. (storm related) Description: Unit Trip/Plant trip, LLO opened, plant restored Causal Analysis Level: Closed - No further action Causal Analysis Basis: required

Event Start:

3/14/2012 4:07 PM

Event End:

3/14/2012 4:49 PM

Event Duration (HH:MM):

00:42

Evaluator Name:

Evaluator Dept:

Evaluation Accepted:

Eval Due Date:

Acceptance Comments

Eval Completion Date:

Approver Name: **Analysis Description:** **Corrective Action Approver Name**

Causes:

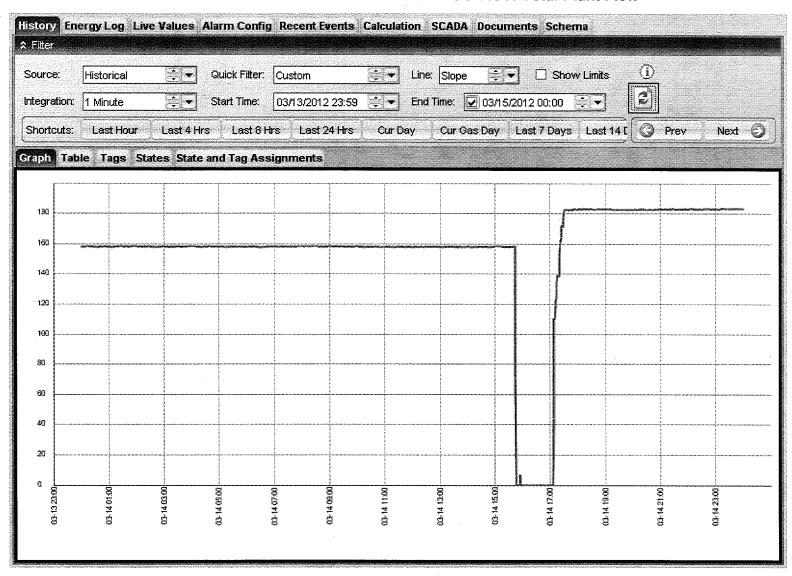
Primary Causes:

Does Eval Require Sceening Committee Approval upon Completion

no

Evaluation Reviewed/Approved by Screening Committee

Point Info - UPPCO-HST: Total Plant Flow



Primary Causes:

Does Eval Require Sceening Committee Approval upon Completion

Evaluation Reviewed/Approved by Screening Committee

Non-Conformance Event Record Detail

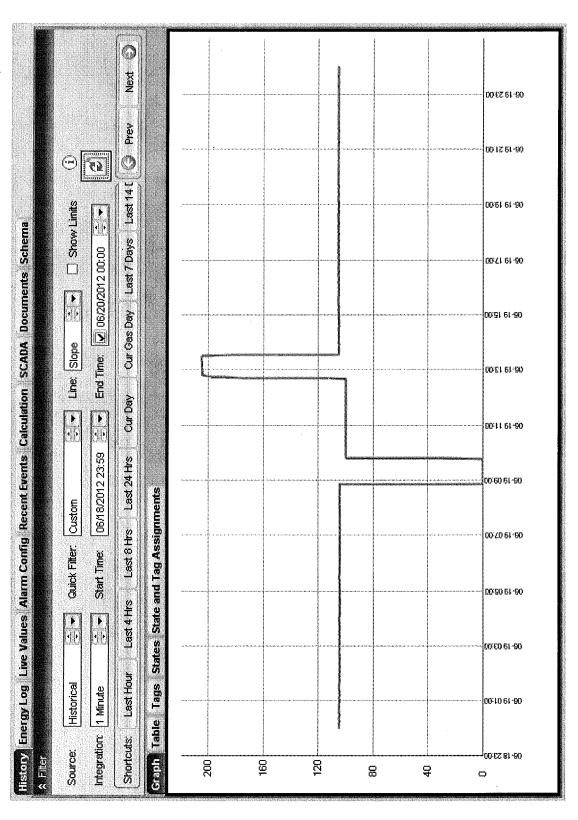
Print Date: 01/03/2013



NCREG3963 **NC Record Number: Entity: Regional Generation** Company - Level 1 - Level 2: **UPP-Hoist Hydro** 6/19/12 8:52 06/19/2012 **Event Date:** Discovery Date/Time: Deviation from minimum flow / unplanned loss of generation **Event Title: Event Details:** At 08:52 CPT on 6/19/2012 a loss of power to the Hoist plant caused generation to trip offline, reducing flow to zero cfs. Immediate Action: A local operator was contacted and dispatched to the plant. At 09:40 CPT the lower level outlet was opened to achieve a flow of 100 cfs. Power was restored to the plant at 12:18 CPT. Generator #3 was restarted at 12:41 and a flow of approximately 104 cfs was then reestablished through the generator. The lower level outlet was closed at 13:25. Recommendations: A tree fell into a distribution line during a local weather event. Potential Causes/Contributors to incident 6/19/12 14:34 Kevin S Willey Creation Date/Time: Entered By Name: Energy Supply & Control-GenCo Status: Closed Entered By Department: Basis for Reportability: Agencies notified by Email, and since there was a DO Reportable to External Agency: ves deviation also, FERC letter was submitted Additional Followup Required: **FERC Deviation** Regulatory Category: Type: Trans. Sys. (storm related) Sub Type: Description: Tree on Line, operator got to plant, Causal Analysis Level: Closed - No further action Causal Analysis Basis: required **Event Start:** 6/19/2012 9:57 AM Event End: 6/19/2012 10:50 AM Event Duration (HH:MM): 00:53 **Evaluator Name: Evaluator Dept: Evaluation Accepted: Acceptance Comments** Eval Due Date: **Eval Completion Date: Approver Name: Corrective Action Approver Name Analysis Description:** Causes:

no

Point Info - UPPCO-HST: Total Plant Flow



CCAT125 Print Date: 01/03/2013

Non-Conformance Event Record Detail



NCREG4028 **NC Record Number:** Regional Generation Entity: UPP-Hoist Hydro Company - Level 1 - Level 2:

Event Date:

07/06/2012

Discovery Date/Time:

7/6/12 10:56

Event Title:

Hoist 241CB [opened]

Event Details:

Hoist generation tripped off-line as a result of a transmission line issue. Spoke to John Rondeau, who was at Hoist when the trip occurred.

immediate Action: Recommendations:

Potential Causes/Contributors to incident

Mark A Nemetz

7/6/12 10:59

Entered By Name:

Entered By Department: Energy Supply & Control-GenCo

Creation Date/Time: Status: Closed

Reportable to External Agency: Additional Followup Required:

ves no Basis for Reportability:

Agencies notified by Email on 7/6/2012 - FERC letter will be

Category:

Regulatory

Type:

FERC Deviation

Sub Type: Trans. Sys. (non-storm related) Description:

less than 60 minutes deviation

Closed - No further action required

Causal Analysis Basis:

LLO opened after the unit trip restoring minimum flow to the river,

so less than 60 minute deviation occurred

Event Start:

7/6/2012 10:45 AM

7/6/2012 11:05 AM Event End:

00:20 Event Duration (HH:MM):

Evaluator Name:

Evaluation Accepted:

Causal Analysis Level:

Evaluator Dept:

Acceptance Comments Eval Completion Date:

Eval Due Date: Approver Name:

Corrective Action Approver Name

Analysis Description:

Causes:

Primary Causes:

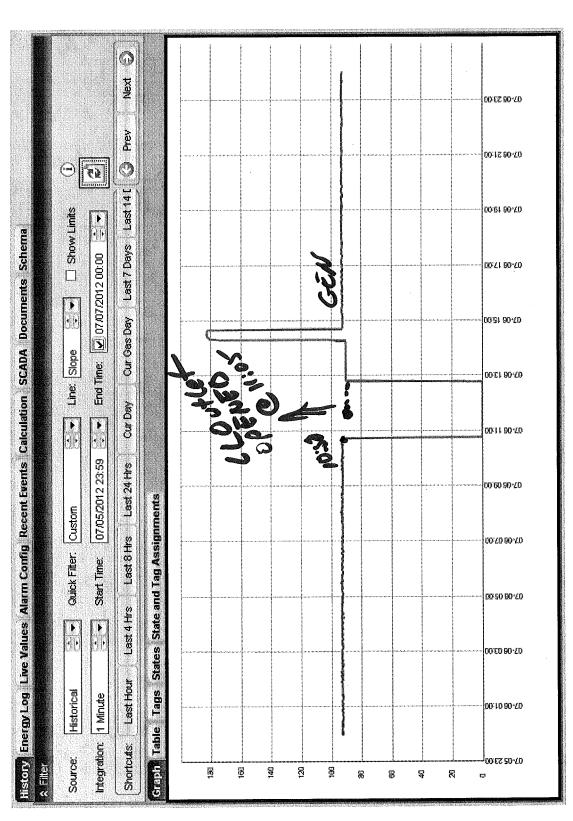
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Evaluation Reviewed/Approved by Screening Committee

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Point Info - UPPCO-HST: Total Plant Flow



Non-Conformance Event Record Detail

Print Date: 01/03/2013



NC Record Number: NCREG4351 **Regional Generation** Entity: Company - Level 1 - Level 2:

Event Date:

10/18/2012

UPP-Hoist Hydro Discovery Date/Time:

10/18/12 7:07

Event Title:

Unit Trip

Event Details:

Unit #3 tripped offline at 0647, at this time we are not sure what caused the trip. The operator was called out using ARCOS.

Immediate Action:

Called out operator.

Recommendations:

None

Potential Causes/Contributors to incident

Not sure at this time, DOC said they did not lose the power to the plant. Creation Date/Time:

10/18/12 7:12

Entered By Name:

Stephen M Beirne

Entered By Department: Energy Supply & Control-GenCo Status: Closed

Reportable to External Agency: yes

Additional Followup Required: yes Basis for Reportability:

End of year less than 60 minute event

Category:

Regulatory

Type:

FERC Deviation

Trans. Sys. (storm related) Sub Type: Causal Analysis Level:

Closed - No further action

Description:

Causal Analysis Basis:

tree removed and line put in

required

Event End: 10/18/2012 7:41 AM

Evaluator Name:

Event Start:

10/18/2012 6:50 AM

00:51 Event Duration (HH:MM):

Evaluation Accepted: Eval Due Date:

Evaluator Dept: Acceptance Comments

Eval Completion Date:

Approver Name:

Corrective Action Approver Name

Analysis Description:

Causes:

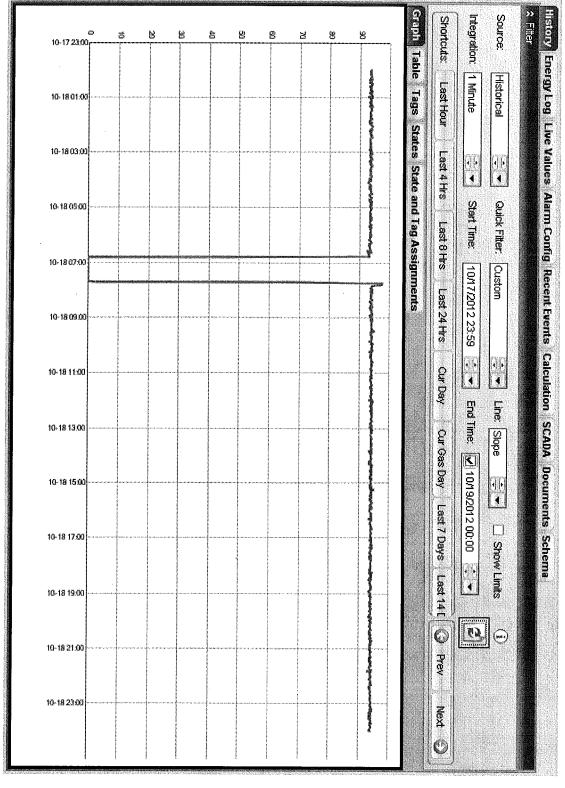
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Does Eval Require Sceening Committee Approval upon Completion

Evaluation Reviewed/Approved by Screening Committee

no

Point Info - UPPCO-HST: Total Plant Flow





June 21, 2012

Ms. Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission 888 First Street NE Washington, DC 20426

Dear Secretary Bose:

Dead River Hydroelectric Project - McClure Development
Report of Deviation Minimum Flow License Article 403 and Article 405 Ops Monitoring Plan

October 4, 2002, the licensee is required to file a deviation report with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR), Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services (USFWS), and the Dead River Campers Inc. (DRCI) when discharge from the powerhouse falls below the minimum flow requirement and/or reservoir elevations are exceeded. Please consider this letter as fulfillment of the notification requirement of these deviations.

In accordance with Article 403 and 405 of the Order Issuing License for the Hoist Hydroelectric Project dated

Upper Peninsula Power Company

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FERC Project No. 10855 NATDAM Nos. MI00183

The McClure plant tripped at 10:30 am EDT, Thursday, June 14, 2012, due to a transmission system fault attributed to high wind gusts causing a tree that was out of the right of way to fall on the line. Line crews, after properly switching and grounding the line cleared the tree off all three phases of the line. Operators were called to the plant, and after the fault on the line was cleared, the plant was returned to service at 15:48 pm EDT, re-establishing the 80 cfs minimum flow. No adverse environmental effects were noted.

The agencies (MDEQ, MDNR, and USFWS) were informed by e-mail on Friday, June 15, 2012, of the event. A copy of the e-mail correspondence is attached.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Robert Meyers at (906) 485-2419 or Virgil Schlorke at (906) 485-2465.

Sincerely,

Terry P. Jensky

Vice President – Generation Assets for Wisconsin Public Service Corporation

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Ms. Patricia Grant, FERC - CRO

Rushford, Emily B

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Meyers, Robert J

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Friday, June 15, 2012 1:07 PM

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Cc:

Puzen, Shawn C; Schlorke, Virgil E; Rushford, Emily B Dead River License Article 403 - McClure Minimum Flow Deviation on June 14, 2012

Subject: Attachments:

McClure Plant Trip June 14 2012 cfs record .pdf

Gang,

On Thursday Morning June 14th the McClure Plant tripped off line at 10:30 EDT reducing the minimum flow. Operator was dispatched to the plant. The plant was returned to service reestablishing the flow at 15:48 hours EDT. The cause of the plant trip was from a tree that fell on the transmission line. The tree was from off the right away the fell due to high winds at the time. It fell across all three phases and it took the line department time to properly switch and ground the line to remove the tree. One the tree was removed the plant was able to restarted.

There were no environmental issues with the outage, and FERC will be notified of the event.

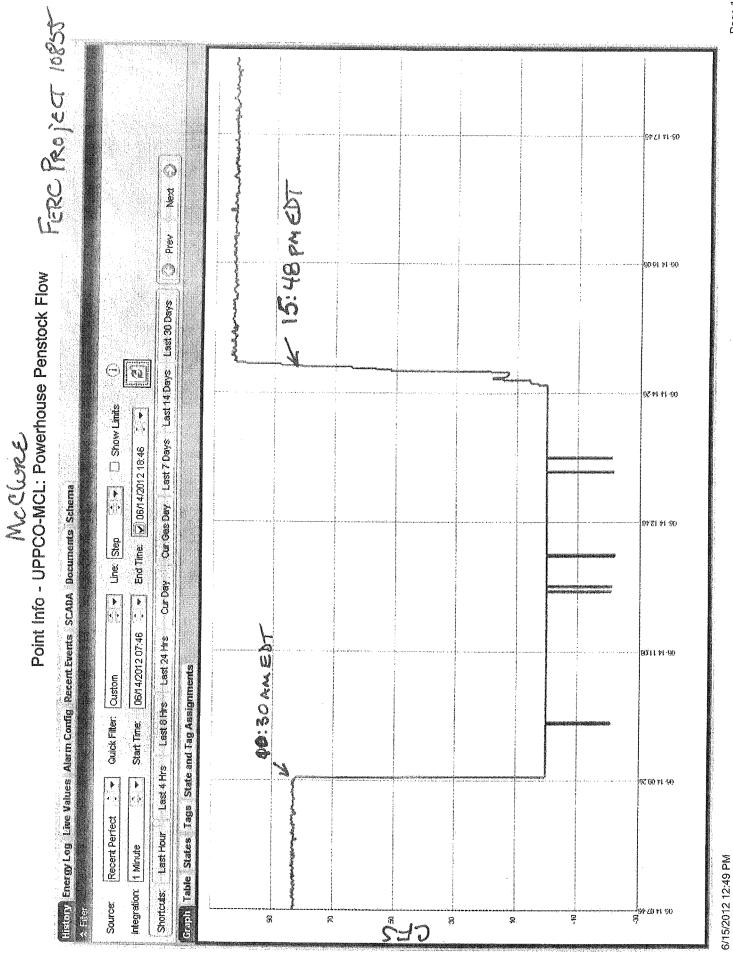
Attached graph of the minimum flow requirements -

bob

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FERC Project No. 10855 NATDAM Nos. MI00175 and MI00183

Ms. Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission 888 First Street NE Washington, DC 20426

Dear Secretary Bose:

Hoist and McClure Hydroelectric Project Article 402 Planned Deviation of Reservoir Elevation and Minimum Elevation

In accordance with Article 402 of the Order Issuing License for the Hoist Hydroelectric Project dated October 4, 2002, Upper Peninsula Power Company (UPPCO) is required to "strive to operate the existing project facilities to achieve the start of month target elevations". Storage basin elevations may also be modified for short periods upon mutual agreement among the licensee, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and the Dead River Campers Inc (DRCI).

The agencies and other interested parties (MDEQ, MDNR, FWS and DRCI) were first informed via e-mail of the minimum flow conditions starting May 6, 2012 and that start of month targets for June and July would not be met.

UPPCO obtained mutual agreement among MDNR, MDEQ and the DRCI on the planned deviation with no comments from the FWS. The documentation of consultation is enclosed. The planned deviation started June 27, 2012 with reducing the Hoist minimum flow to 90 cfs and the bypass flow at McClure to 10 cfs, with the McClure powerhouse staying at 80 cfs. This deviation would stay in effect until September 3, 2012 or until the pond exceeds the monthly target elevation. This will increase the boating and recreation safety on the Hoist basin.

No adverse environmental impacts have been observed as a result of this deviation.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Robert Meyers at (906) 485-2419 or Shawn Puzen at (920) 433-1094.

Sincerely,

Terry P. Jensky for

Vice President - Generation Assets for Wisconsin Public Service Corporation

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Mr. Mitch Koetje, MDEQ

Mr. Burr Fisher, FWS

Mr. James Grundstrom, DRCI

Meyers, Robert J

From:

Puzen, Shawn C

Sent:

Monday, June 25, 2012 12:39 PM Meyers, Robert J; Schlorke, Virgil E

Subject:

RE: Conserving water

Let's Do it....a planned deviation.

Thanks,

Shawn C. Puzen

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From: Meyers, Robert J

Sent: Monday, June 25, 2012 11:38 AM **To:** Puzen, Shawn C; Schlorke, Virgil E **Subject:** FW: Conserving water

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Your thoughts

bob

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From: Taft, Bill (DEQ) [mailto:TAFTW@michigan.gov]

Sent: Friday, June 22, 2012 10:37 AM

To: Meyers, Robert J

Cc: 'gmensch@kbic-nsn.gov'; Taft, Bill (DEQ); Kohlhepp, Gary (DEQ); Koetje, Mitch (DEQ); 'vincent_cavalier@fws.gov';

Casey, Steve (DEQ); Kruger, Kyle (DNR); Jim Grundstrom; Klemans, Diana (DEQ)

Subject: Conserving water

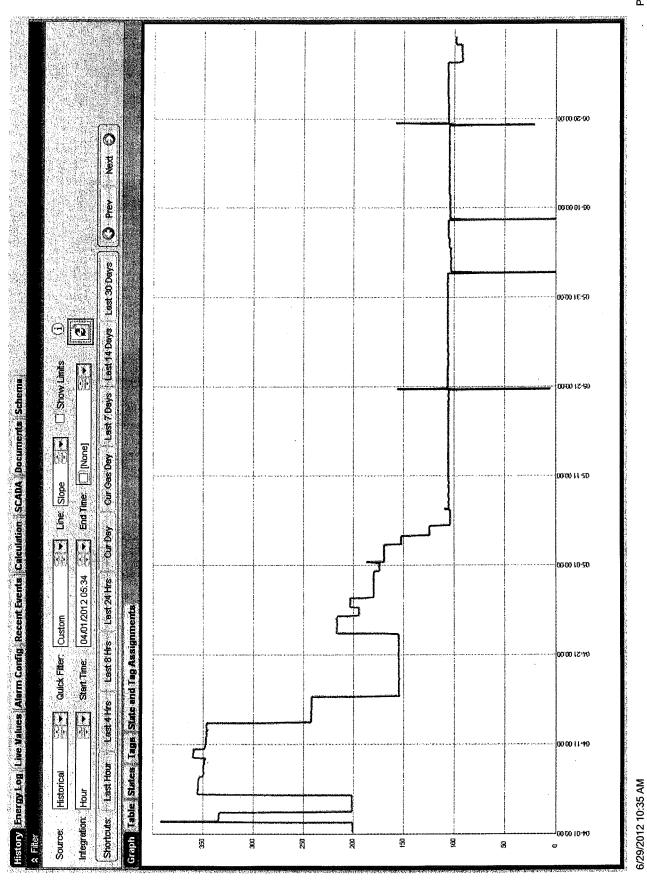
Bob - I just returned from 8 days in the UP. Although Marquette County did receive some rain it appears that we will need to conserve water again this summer as we did last summer. I had not had a chance to contact everyone involved but the DEQ and DNR would like UPPCO to consider immediately reducing your water usage from 100 cfs to 90 cfs (i.e. 10 cfs for the bypass channel and 80 cfs for the power generation) until after the Labor Day Holiday in September. This will hopefully help keep the Dead River Impoundment above the critical monthly minimum pond level and make for safer boating.

Please advise.

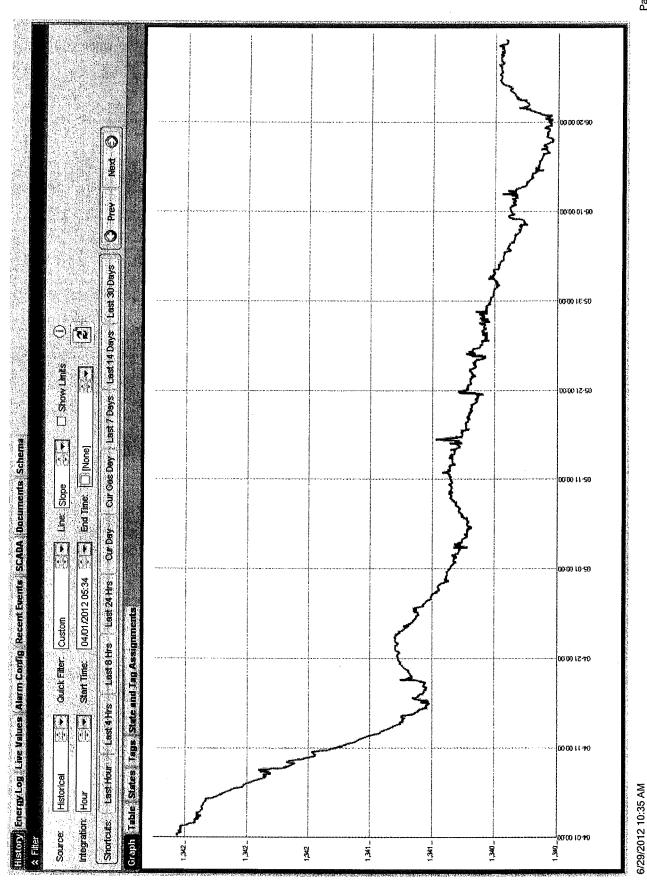
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Point Info - UPPCO-HST: UPP HOIST Total Plant CFS



Point Info - UPPCO-HST: Pond elevation



Meyers, Robert J

From:

Jim Grundstrom [iimgrundstrom@freichevv.com]

Sent:

Monday, May 21, 2012 12:51 PM

To:

Meyers, Robert J; 'gmensch@kbic-nsn.gov'; 'Taft, Bill (DNRE)'; 'Mitch Koetje'; 'Kohlhepp,

Gary (DNRE)'

Cc:

Puzen, Shawn C; Schlorke, Virgil E; Rushford, Emily B; Jim Grundstrom

Subject:

RE: Dead River License Article 403 - Hoist Minimum Flow Deviation, Pond Elevation

deviation 5/20/2012

Irrespective of the power failure, may I say that Bob and Virgil have done an admirable job of holding 1341 through the month of May so far. It is very much appreciated as we have now entered the key months of summer for safe boating and fishing enjoyment. 1341 provides a safe and navigable river channel for much of the river. For the most part the known hazards have been identified in most people's minds including the reefs, shoals, and stumps at that level.

Thanks Guys,

Jim Grundstrom
Dead River Campers, Inc.

----Original Message----

From: Meyers, Robert J [mailto:RJMeyers@uppco.com]

Sent: Monday, May 21, 2012 12:40 PM

To: Meyers, Robert J; 'gmensch@kbic-nsn.gov'; Jim Grundstrom; 'Taft, Bill (DNRE)'; 'Mitch

Koetje'; 'Kohlhepp, Gary (DNRE)'

Cc: Puzen, Shawn C; Schlorke, Virgil E; Rushford, Emily B

Subject: Dead River License Article 403 - Hoist Minimum Flow Deviation, Pond Elevation

deviation 5/20/2012

Gang,

Hoist Plant tripped yesterday due to storm, and tree down on the transmission line. The Minimum flow was deviated.

Plant was off at 18:22 EDT and following reaching the plant, the operator, got the Low Level outlet opened to establish flow at 19:50 EDT.

The Plant was returned to service at 20:19 EDT, and then the LLO was Closed at 20:55 hours.

There were no environmental effects from the plant outage.

FERC will be notified of the event.

Any questions, Call or Email me.

Thanks

bob

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Meyers, Robert J

From:

Jim Grundstrom [jimgrundstrom@freichevy.com]

Sent:

Monday, June 11, 2012 2:32 PM

To:

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'Mitch Koetje'; 'vincent_cavalier@fws.gov'; 'Casey, Steven'; 'KRUGERK@michigan.gov'

Cc:

Puzen, Shawn C; Schlorke, Virgil E; Rushford, Emily B; Jim Grundstrom

Subject:

RE: Dead River License Article 403 - Hoist and McClure Minimum Flow Deviation on June

8, 2012

Gentlemen: even with the crazy weather and the inch of rain over the weekend, the heat and continued drought conditions are taking their toll on the Hoist Basin Elevation. Although there is no crystal ball, all evidence would be pointing towards the elevation dropping at a consistent rate. Rather than wait for an elevation to trigger a crisis conversation, would it be acceptable to begin "dry year consultations" in advance?

I think it would speak volumes to the internal and external customers of the basin to proactively at least talk about the declining water elevation and possible alternative solutions.

For whatever reason as a resident of the Basin, there seems to be a marked rise in the boating population this year so far, and certainly it could be due to the wonderful hot and windy weather. There are plenty of navigational hazards to the Basin, and as the water elevation declines the safety of the boaters becomes a more serious challenge.

Bottom line, there is more water going out than in. That includes the very low volume of water being discharged from Silver Lake.

With the hope for a much wetter winter this coming year, maybe we need to tap the volume of water at Silver Lake this summer? It really does not make much difference this summer with the elevation hovering around 1480 whether we get to 1485 at the moment. In fact is probably statistically darn near impossible. Next winter and how wet it is will be a problem for down the road. We did not meet the goal of 1485 nor did we start the three year study this spring. The water probably has a better use in the Hoist basin if we are ever to match water in versus water out.

Thanks for your collective considerations,

Jim Grundstrom
Dead River Campers, Inc.

----Original Message----

From: Meyers, Robert J [mailto:RJMeyers@uppco.com]

Sent: Monday, June 11, 2012 1:43 PM

To: Meyers, Robert J; 'gmensch@kbic-nsn.gov'; Jim Grundstrom; 'Taft, Bill (DNRE)'; 'kohlheppg@michigan.gov'; 'Mitch Koetje'; 'vincent_cavalier@fws.gov'; 'Casey, Steven'; 'KRUGERK@michigan.gov'

Cc: Puzen, Shawn C; Schlorke, Virgil E; Rushford, Emily B

Subject: Dead River License Article 403 - Hoist and McClure Minimum Flow Deviation on June 8, 2012

Folk,

On Friday Night June 8, 2012 both the Hoist Plant and McClure Plant tripped off line at 17:53 hours EDT reducing the minimum flow. Operators were dispatched to each plant. The Hoist plant was returned to service at 19:12 hours EDT establishing the minimum flow above the 100

cfs required. The McClure plant was returned to service at 19:50 hours EDT re-establishing the minimum flow of 80 cfs flow from the powerhouse. The cause of the trip was due to the transmission system trip from a tree falling. The tree was from out of the right away. The weather conditions at the time included gusts of wind in excess of 60 miles per hour, heavy rain, tornado warnings and hail up to 1" diameter. Once the tree was removed from the system the units could be returned to service.

There were no environmental issues with the outage, and FERC will be notified of the event.

Attached graphs of the minimum flow requirements

Bob

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FERC Project No. 10855 NATDAM Nos. MI00183

Ms. Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission 888 First Street NE Washington, DC 20426

Dear Secretary Bose:

Dead River System – McClure Hydroelectric Project
Article 402 Storage Basin Levels & 403 Minimum Flows & 405 Operations Monitoring Plan

In accordance with Articles 402, 403, and 405 of the Order Issuing License for the McClure Hydroelectric Project dated October 4, 2002, the licensee is required to file a deviation report with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR), Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services (USFWS), when discharge from the powerhouse falls below the minimum flow requirement and/or reservoir elevations are exceeded. Please consider this letter as fulfillment of the notification requirement of these deviations.

On Monday, June 18, 2012, the above listed agencies were e-mailed notice of a planned deviation of the minimum flow and storage basin level. There were no comments received from the agencies.

The plant was taken off line on Thursday, July 19, 2012, at 07:31 EDT, and the minimum flow of 80 cfs could not be maintained. The headwater pond elevation rose above 1196.4 feet NGVD at 12:00 EDT, and a maximum elevation of 1196.60 feet NGVD was observed at 17:00 EDT. The McClure plant was returned to service at 17:10 EDT, which re-established the minimum flow from the powerhouse. Pond elevation returned to normal operational range on Friday, July 20, 2012, at 01:43 EDT. No environmental issues or concerns were observed during the outage.

UPPCO and the agencies (MDEQ, MDNR, and USFWS) were informed of the event by e-mail on Friday, July 20, 2012, at 14:52 EDT.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Robert Meyers at (906) 485-2419 or Virgil Schlorke at (906) 485-2465.

Sincerely,

Terry P. Jensky

Vice President - Generation Assets for Wisconsin Public Service Corporation

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Mr. Kyle Kruger - MDNR

Mr. Bill Taft - MDNR

Mr. John Zygaj, FERC - CRO

Meyers, Robert J

From:

Mevers, Robert J

Sent:

Friday, July 20, 2012 2:52 PM

To:

Meyers, Robert J; 'gmensch@kbic-nsn.gov'; 'KRUGERK@michigan.gov'; 'Mitch Koetje'; 'Taft,

Bill (DNRE)'; 'Burr'; Metcalf, Mark W; Nuthals, James D

Cc:

Puzen, Shawn C; Rushford, Emily B; Schlorke, Virgil E

Subject:

Dead River System Planned outage week of July 16th for work on substation - McClure Plant

- WORK DONE 7-19-2012

Gang,

As indicated below the outage took place 7/19/2012

At 07:31 EDT unit came off line, and the 80 cfs was no longer available below the Powerhouse

At 12:00 noon the head water exceeded the high limit of 1196.40 ft and reached a high of 1196.60 at 17:00 hours EDT

At 17:10 EDT the plant was back on line and the minimum 80 cfs was available, and the system was returned to normal operation.

At 01:43 hours on 7/20/12 the pond returned below the high limit of 1196.40 ft.

No environmental issues were evident.

FERC will be notified of the event.

Thank you for your cooperation on this project.

bob

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'Mitch Koetie'; 'Taft, Bill (DNRE)'

Cc: Puzen, Shawn C; Rushford, Emily B; Schlorke, Virgil E; Kezele, Joseph P; Nelson, William B Subject: Dead River System Planned outage week of July 16th for work on substation - McClure Plant

Gang:

Planned outage at McClure Powerhouse is needed the week of July 16th for upgrades to the substation and transmission system, in the process of rebuilding the McClure 33KV line.

The outage should take about 6-8 hours to complete, weather dependent.

Planned deviations would be: Article 403 – Minimum Flow from the powerhouse of less than 80 cfs as sufficient flow would not be available. And possible deviation of Article 402 elevation with the plant out of service, as the pond will rise.

Minimum flow of 20 cfs will remain in the bypass reach and will be increased as the reservoir rises over the spillway and inflow is passed into the bypass reach, but with the lower inflow from the Hoist it may not get to the spillway level.

The tailrace will be walked to determine and move any stranded fish into pools or transported downstream if found.

Please send any comments or concerns to me in a timely fashion.

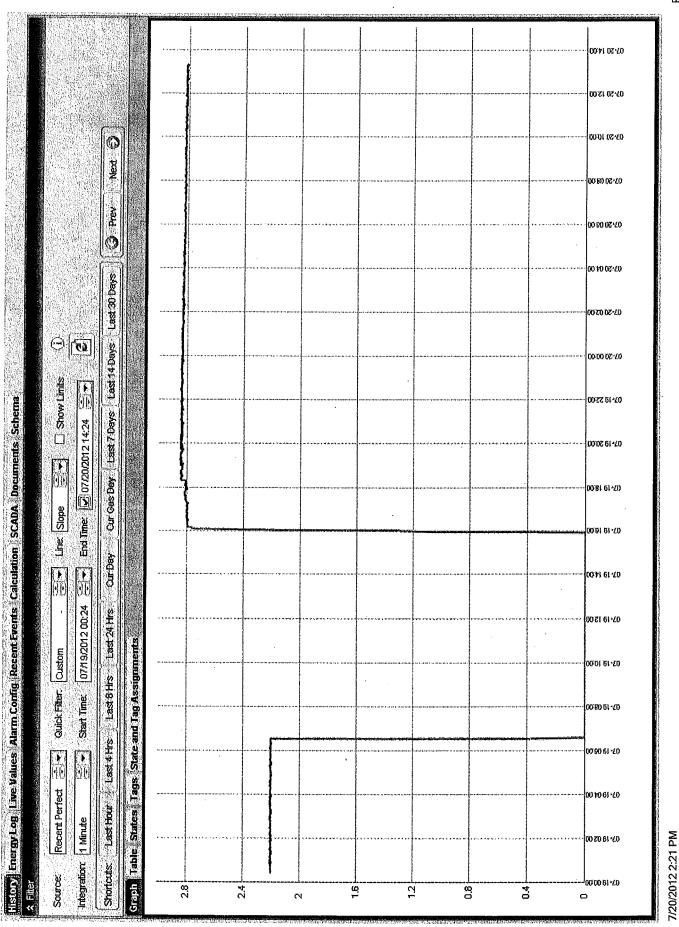
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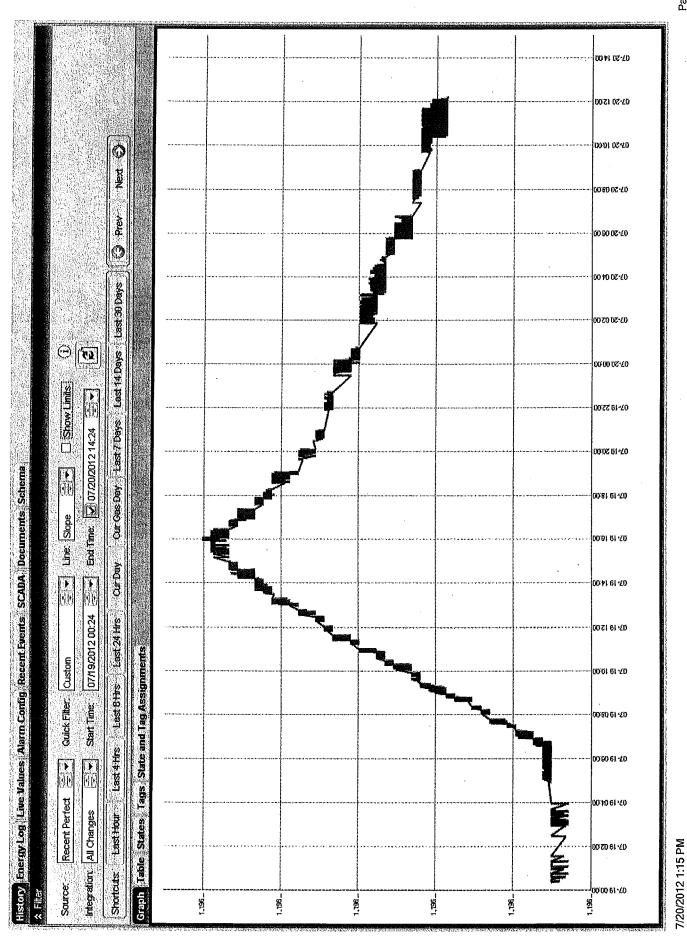
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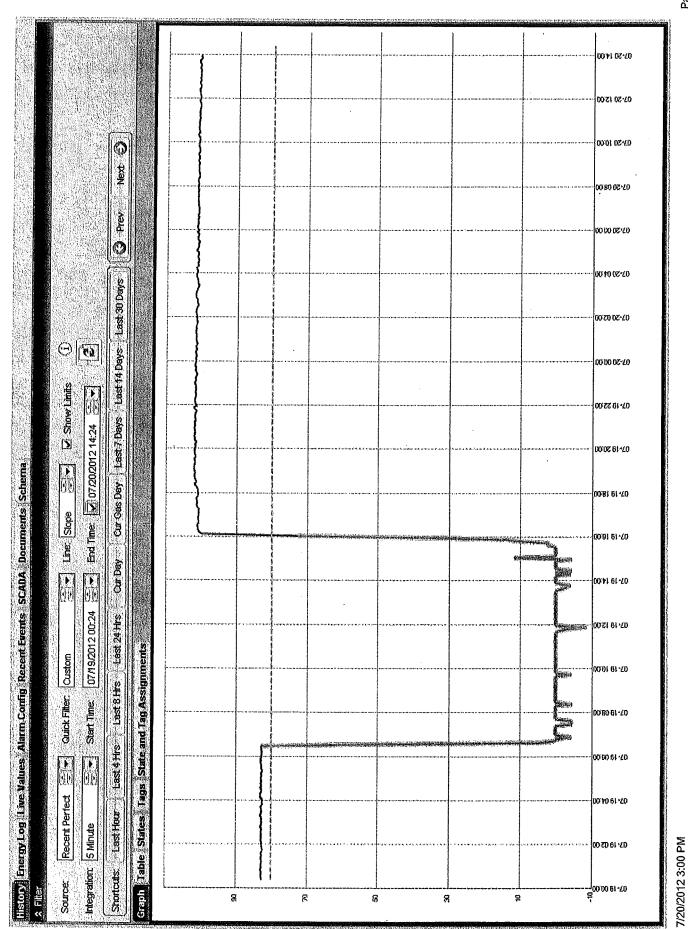
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Point Info - UPPCO-MCL: Powerhouse Penstock Flow





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March 2, 2012

FERC Project No. 10855 NATDAM No. MI00175

Ms. Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission 888 First Street NE Washington, DC 20426

Dear Secretary Bose:

Dead River Hydroelectric Project - Hoist Development

Report of Deviation Minimum Elevation License Article 402 and Article 405 Ops Monitoring Plan

In accordance with Article 402, and 405 of the Order Issuing License for the Hoist Hydroelectric Project dated October 4, 2002, the licensee is required to file a deviation report with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR), Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services (USFWS), and the Dead River Campers Inc. (DRCI) when discharge from the powerhouse falls below the minimum flow requirement and/or reservoir elevations are exceeded. Please consider this letter as fulfillment of the notification requirement of these deviations.

On Thursday, February 23, 2012, elevation at the Hoist Hydroelectric Project fell below the end of the month minimum elevation of 1337.0 feet when the pond reached 1336.96 feet.

The agencies (MDEQ, MDNR, USFWS and DRCI) were informed by email on Thursday, February 23, 2012, of the event, which triggered dry year consultation. We are currently waiting on replies from the group on consultation efforts.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Robert Meyers at (906) 485-2419 or Virgil Schlorke at (906) 485-2465.

Sincerely,

Terry P. Jensky

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From:

Mevers, Robert J

Sent:

Thursday, February 23, 2012 10:34 AM

To:

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nsn.gov'; Casey, Steven; 'kohlheppg@michigan.gov'; 'taftw@michigan.gov'

Cc: Subject: Puzen, Shawn C; Egtvedt, Gregory W; Schlorke, Virgil E; Rushford, Emily B

Dead River Project FERC No. 10855 - Hoist Minimum Elevation Notice License Article 402 & Article 405 Ops Monitoring Plan - Dry Year Consultation

Gang,

As predicted with the low snow and winter precipitation the Hoist elevation has now fallen below the license limit of 1337.00 for February. Currently it is at 1336.96 ft NGVD. We are at the minimum flow of 100 cfs from the Hoist.

Please advise with your concerns or recommendations regarding operations.

FERC will be notified of the condition.

I will return to keeping you posted once every other week on conditions, until we return to normal operational conditions.

bob

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April 13, 2012

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Ms. Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission 888 First Street NE Washington, DC 20426

Dear Secretary Bose:

Hoist Hydroelectric Project

<u>Article 402 Planned Deviation of Reservoir Elevation and Minimum Elevation</u>

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The agencies and other interested parties (MDEQ, MDNR, FWS and DRCI) were first informed via e-mail of the reservoir elevation being higher than start-of-month target elevation for the month of April on March 30, 2012.

In addition, comments on a planned deviation for the May "Start-of-Month Target Reservoir Elevation" were presented. Due to spring runoff occurring at least 2 months early and a forecasted dryer than normal spring, it is planned to target the reservoir elevation for the first of May one foot higher (1341.0 feet NGVD vs. 1340.0 feet NGVD) than the license target. This will support the summer recreation season.

UPPCO obtained mutual agreement among MDNR, MDEQ and the DRCI on the planned deviation with no comments from the FWS. The documentation of consultation is enclosed.

No adverse environmental impacts have been observed as a result of the higher elevation condition.

Ms. Kimberly D. Bose April 13, 2012 Page 2 of 2

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Robert Meyers at (906) 485-2419 or Shawn Puzen at (920) 433-1094.

Sincerely,

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Ms. Peggy Harding, FERC (CRO)

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Mr. Steve Casey, MDEQ

Mr. Jamie Bettaso, FWS

Mr. Gene Mensch, KBIC

Subject:

RE: Hoist Basin proposal

Expires:

Sunday, April 13, 2014 12:00 AM

From: Taft, Bill (DEQ) [mailto:TAFTW@michigan.gov]

Sent: Monday, April 02, 2012 2:30 PM

To: Meyers, Robert J

Cc: Kruger, Kyle (DNR); Casey, Steve (DEQ); Carpenter, Koren (DEQ); 'Darryll Sundberg'; Kohlhepp, Gary (DEQ);

'vincent_cavalier@fws.gov'; 'Jim Grundstrom'; 'gmensch@kbic-nsn.gov'; Puzen, Shawn C

Subject: Hoist Basin proposal

Robert – as you are aware, under normal operating conditions prescribed in the 401 cert/license, UPPCO would draw the Silver Lake Basin down over the summer to maintain Hoist Basin water levels. Since Silver Lake still isn't full, this is unlikely to happen this summer. We, therefore, concur with UPPCO and Dead River Campers that it would be prudent to draw Hoist Basin down to the summer operating level of 1341 rather than 1340. This will likely reduce the duration of license non compliance during the later summer and fall months of 2012. The DNR and DEQ concur with this plan of operation.

William H. Taft, Aquatic Biologist

Surface Water Assessment Section Water Resources Division Michigan Department of Environmental Quality 517-335-4205 taftw@michigan.gov

From:

Meyers, Robert J

Sent:

Friday, March 30, 2012 10:20 AM

To:

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Dead River License Start of Month Target - Hoist

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Will keep the group updated as we progress over the next few weeks.

Bob

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Sent: Friday, March 30, 2012 11:09 PM

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Cc: Puzen, Shawn C; Schlorke, Virgil E; Rushford, Emily B; Egtvedt, Gregory W; Jim Grundstrom

Subject: RE: Dead River License Start of Month Target - Hoist

Attachments: Response to RJM E mail of 3 30 2012.docx

Ladies and Gentlemen: Attached is our thoughts from Dead River Campers, Inc. with regards to the situation as we find it concerning the unusual conditions this winter so far and the future of water elevations in the Hoist Basin Reservoir. Thanks very much for taking the time to read our thoughts. Jim Grundstrom, DRCI President

----Original Message----

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Re: Response to agencies related to Dead River / Hoist Basin E mail

From Robert Meyers dated 3/30/2012

From: Dead River Campers, Inc.

Dated: 3/30/21012

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input concerning the elevation of the Hoist Basin as of 3/30/2012, and the most unusual moisture conditions that we currently find in the area. We concur with Bob and his assessment that the Ice is completely gone, which of course eliminates any potential shoreline ice damage. We also concur that there is no snow remaining to melt, the ground is drying quickly, and small streams feeding the Basin are dramatically relaxing in volumes of water flowing. We also concur that 1342.8 is high and has potential shoreline erosion. Although there is also potential shoreline erosion when the elevation is lower than wished for, and more importantly low elevations make recreation almost impossible in the western 1/3 of the Basin.

It is also once again important to remind any participants viewing this document that in the past Dead River Campers, Inc. and its member campers voted for a target elevation of 1342, and this information had been conveyed to the "agencies" in the past and once again as a reminder. It is also important to know that Dead River Campers, Inc. is also aware that the "agencies" have determined that the start of month target elevations should be set in April and in May at 1340, and in the months of June, July and August that number is increased to 1341.

We believe that without starting high and generating down to the target elevations there is no documented evidence that it is possible to manage the target elevation in the past since the failure of the fuse plug at Silver Lake. Very pointedly you cannot make water fall from the sky and Silver Lake has not been able to provide any sustainable volume of water to make the target elevations happen.

We also believe that the target elevations of 1340 in the months of April and May are actually counterproductive to maintaining the 1341 elevations in June, July and August as the need to generate power combined with evaporation makes the elevation drop almost no matter what UPPCO attempts to do. Guaranteed consistent rain during the summer is something that cannot be counted on.

We believe that this year in particular is the perfect time to suggest that in the months of April and May the start of month target elevation be increased to 1341, which would match June, July and August and allow the Hoist Basin Reservoir to start higher than in the past and help create a sustainable elevation during the summer months.

We all probably agree that no matter how you calculate the relationship of "water in as compared to Water out", and you can view the measuring stations till you are literally blue in the face, and do the math, the Hoist Basin elevation needs to be higher in April and May if we are ever to find a mutually agreeable level of water during June, July and August.

So, Dead River Campers, Inc. wants to respectfully encourage and support generating down to 1341 without the use of the low volume discharge. We also would strongly encourage the process of changing for this year as an experiment the start of month target elevation in April and May be increased to 1341. We all seem to concur that the amazing drought conditions experienced this past winter, seem to be continuing this spring, and for the next possible 30 to 60 days it does not seem to be changing. The potential for the driest summer on record recently could easily take place.

We would like to have more water longer in the Basin. To do so, we all need to work together to make this happen. Slowly generating down to an increased target elevation has not been tried since the Silver Lake failure. We know that the past practice of using the hope system in April and May to increase the elevation from 1340 to 1341 in June, July and August is at best most difficult to acquire and hold 1341.

Please consider our suggestion as an experiment that just might work.

Now, if Silver Lake water is able to support the Hoist Basin elevation in any substantial format during the months of June, July and August for the first time since the failure of Silver Lake that of course has not been tried either, and might be the solution, as history would show.

Bottom line, more water in the spring, being displayed as a higher starting elevation in the appropriate months, (1341 start of month for April through August) would be our suggestion for the management of the Hoist Basin this summer.

Thank you again for listening to the Dead River Campers, Inc. suggestions and thoughts.

Jim Grundstrom, President



May 31, 2012

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FERC Project No. 10855 NATDAM No. MI00175

Ms. Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission 888 First Street NE Washington, DC 20426

Dear Secretary Bose:

Hoist Hydroelectric Projects Article 403 Minimum Flows

In accordance with Article 403 of the Order Issuing License for the Hoist Hydroelectric Project, dated October 4, 2002, the licensee is required to file a deviation report with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR), Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services (USFWS), and the Dead River Campers Inc. (DRCI) when discharge from the powerhouse falls below the minimum flow requirement. Please consider this letter as fulfillment of the notification requirement for a minimum flow deviation.

The Hoist plant tripped at 18:22 EDT, Sunday, May 20, 2012, due to transmission system faults from trees on the line attributable to heavy rain and high winds. An operator was called and after arriving at the plant opened the Low Level Outlet (LLO) to reestablish the 100 CFS minimum flow at 19:50 EDT. After the trees were cleared the unit was returned to normal service at 20:19 EDT, and then the LLO was closed at 20:55 EDT. No adverse environmental effects were noted.

The agencies (MDEQ, MDNR, USFWS and DRCI) were informed of the event via e-mail on Monday, May 21, 2012.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Robert Meyers at (906) 485-2419 or Virgil Schlorke at (906) 485-2465.

Sincerely,

Terry P. Jensky

Vice President – Generation Assets Wisconsin Public Service Corporation

RJM/ebr

Enc:

May 21, 2012 E-mail Notification to Agencies

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From:

Meyers, Robert J

Sent:

Monday, May 21, 2012 12:40 PM

To:

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Cc:

Puzen, Shawn C; Schlorke, Virgil E; Rushford, Emily B

Subject:

Dead River License Article 403 - Hoist Minimum Flow Deviation, Pond Elevation deviation

5/20/2012

Gang,

Hoist Plant tripped yesterday due to storm, and tree down on the transmission line. The Minimum flow was deviated.

Plant was off at 18:22 EDT and following reaching the plant, the operator, got the Low Level outlet opened to establish flow at 19:50 EDT.

The Plant was returned to service at 20:19 EDT, and then the LLO was Closed at 20:55 hours.

There were no environmental effects from the plant outage.

FERC will be notified of the event.

Any questions, Call or Email me.

Thanks

bob

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The Hoist plant tripped on Tuesday, June 19, at 09:57 EDT, due to transmission system faults from trees (off the right of way) that fell on the line attributable to heavy rain and high winds. An operator was called and after arriving at the plant, opened the Low Level Outlet (LLO) to re-establish the 100 cfs minimum flow at 10:50 EDT. After the trees were cleared, the unit was returned to normal service at 13:47 EDT, and the LLO was closed at 14:25 EDT. No adverse environmental effects were noted.

The agencies (MDEQ, MDNR, USFWS and DRCI) were informed of the event via e-mail on Wednesday, June 20, 2012.

Also, Pursuant to Article 408 of the Project License and the water quality monitoring plan for the Dead River Hydroelectric Project, UPPCO is monitoring dissolved oxygen and temperature in the Dead River downstream of the Hoist Powerhouse. Dissolved oxygen and temperature monitoring is being conducted in the natural river channel in the SE ¼ of the NE ¼, Section 16, T48N, R26W (Township of Negaunee). The monitoring location is approximately 1,250 yards downstream of the hydroelectric plant. The dissolved oxygen water quality standard at this monitoring location is 7.0 mg/l.

Per the monitoring plan, temperature data is collected on an hourly basis from May 1 through October 31. Dissolved oxygen data is collected hourly from June 1 through September 30. On Tuesday, June 19, at 11:00 EDT, the dissolved oxygen level observed downstream of the Hoist powerhouse was 6.7 mg/l. The likely cause of the low dissolved oxygen level was a trip of the hydroelectric plant as described above.

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Due to the distance between the hydroelectric facility and the monitoring location, and the time it takes for water to travel between the two locations, a decrease in dissolved oxygen levels was not observed when monitoring data was collected at 10:00 EDT. Prior to and after the 11:00 EDT reading, dissolved oxygen levels in the Dead River were 7.3 mg/l. Power was restored to the plant at 13:18 EDT. Generation resumed at 13:47 EDT and a flow of approximately 104 cfs was then re-established through the generator. The lower level outlet was closed at 14:25 EDT.

Attached for your review are a table and a graph of the dissolved oxygen monitoring data collected between June 1 and June 19.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Robert Meyers at (906) 485-2419 or Virgil Schlorke at (906) 485-2465.

Sincerely,

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Enc: June 20, 2012 E-mail notification, Dissolved oxygen monitoring data table, Dissolved oxygen

monitoring data graph

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From:

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Wednesday, June 20, 2012 10:58 AM

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Grundstrom

Cc:

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Subject:

Dead River License Article 403, 405 Hoist Minimum Flow Deviation on June 19, 2012

Gang,

On Tuesday Morning June 19th the Hoist Plant tripped off line at 9:57 EDT reducing the minimum flow. Operator was dispatched to the plant. The LLO was opened at 10:50 EDT. The plant was returned to service at 13:47 EDT, and the LLO was closed at 14:25 EDT, The cause of the plant trip was from a tree that fell on the transmission line. The tree was from off the right away the fell due to high winds & storm at the time. Once the tree was removed the plant was able to restarted.

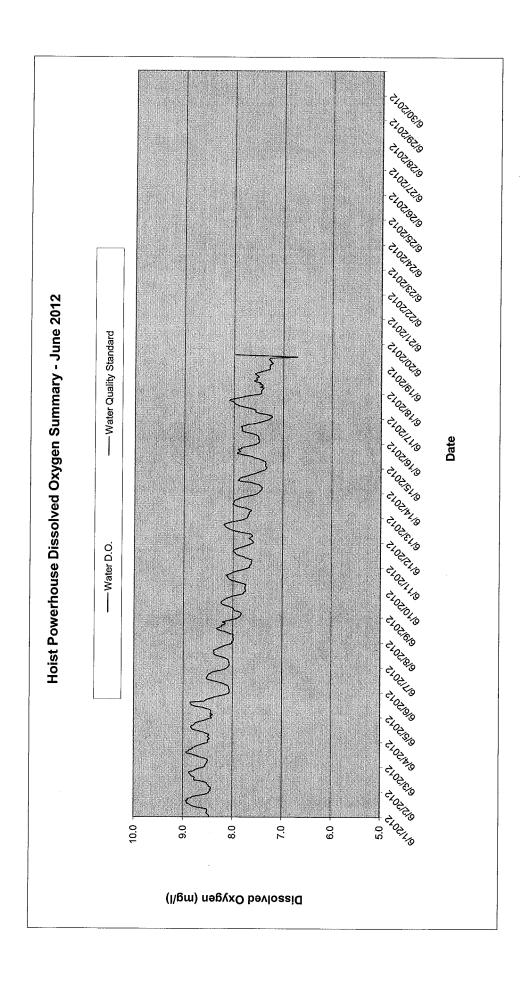
There were no environmental issues with the outage, and FERC will be notified of the event as part of the annual requirement since the deviation was less than 60 minutes.

bob

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06/29/12 06/28/12 06/26/12 06/25/12 06/24/12 06/20/12 06/19/12 06/18/12 7.6 7.3 7.5 06/17/12 HHMMSS Daily Min Average

Dead River Below Hoist Powerhouse - June 2012 Dissolved Oxygen Monitoring Data

Time																
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0	8.5	8.5	8.6	8.5	8.4	8.1	8.1	8.0	7.9	7.8	7.7	7.6	7.7	7.5	7.3	7.5
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Water Quality Standard: 7 mg/l Dissolved Oxygen



November 15, 2012

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Dear Secretary Bose:

Dead River Hydroelectric Project - Hoist Development Article 403 Minimum Flows

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The Hoist plant tripped at 06:35 EDT, Thursday, October 25, 2012, due to a transmission system fault due to heavy rain and high winds causing trees off the right of way to fall onto the line. An operator was called and by the time he arrived at the plant the fault had been cleared. The operator returned the plant to normal service at 08:00 EDT, reestablishing minimum flows. No adverse environmental effects were noted.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Robert Meyers at (906) 485-2419 or Virgil Schlorke at (906) 485-2465.

Sincerely,

Terry P. Jensky

Vice President - Generation Assets Wisconsin Public Service Corporation

RJM/ebr

Enc: Unit Operational Graph, Flow & Generation

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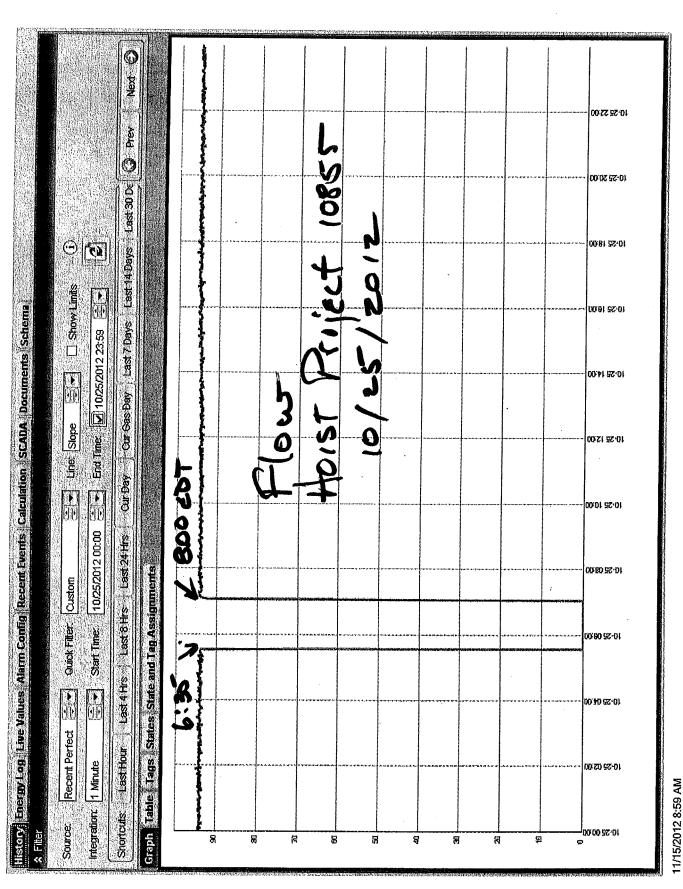
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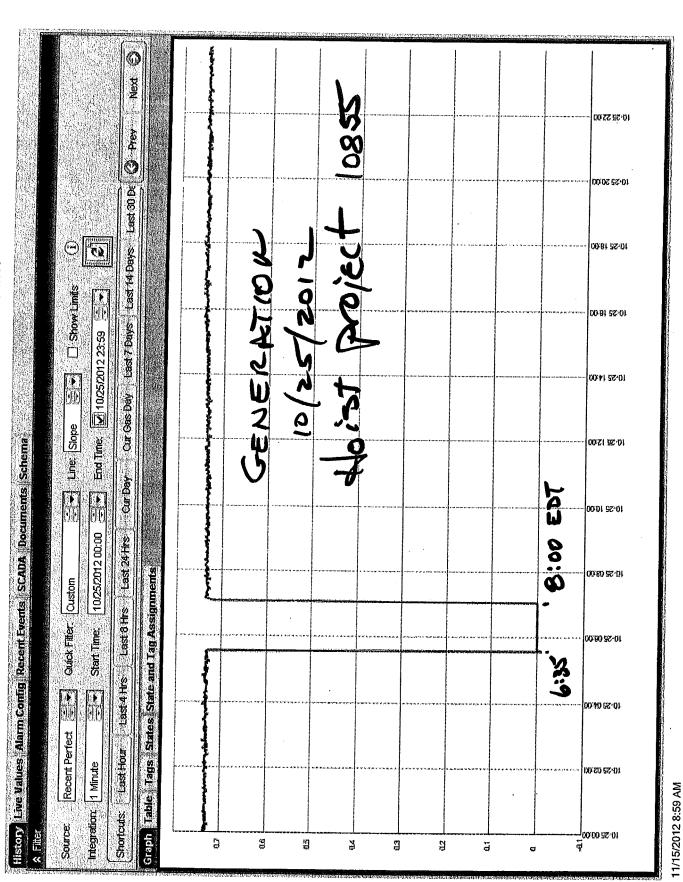
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Mr. Virgil Schlorke, UPPCO - UISC Mr. Keith Moyle, UPPCO - UISC

Point Info - UPPCO-HST: Total Plant Flow



Point Info - UPPCO-HST3: Gross MW





December 18, 2012

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FERC Project No. 10855 NATDAM No. MI00183

Ms. Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission 888 First Street NE Washington, DC 20426

Dear Secretary Bose:

Dead River Hydroelectric Project - McClure Development
Article 402 & 403 Planned Deviation of Reservoir Elevation and Minimum Flows

In accordance with Articles 402 & 403 of the Order Issuing License for the Dead River Hydroelectric Project dated October 4, 2002, the licensee is required to report to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) any deviations associated with elevations and flows and the steps they used to mitigate them. Please consider this letter as fulfillment of the notification requirement of deviations.

Furthermore in accordance with Articles 402 & 403, storage basin elevations and minimum flow requirements may be modified for short periods upon mutual agreement among the licensee, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the Dead River Campers Inc (DRCI). The agencies (MDEQ, MDNR, USFWS and DRCI) were informed via e-mail on November 1, 2012, of a planned substation outage, starting on December 3, 2012, that would result in deviations of minimum flow conditions and water surface elevations at the McClure development. No comments were received from the MDNR, MDEQ, USFWS, and the DRCI.

On December 3, 2012, at 08:30 EST the plant went off line as scheduled. Thus the project deviated from the minimum flow condition of 80 cfs at the powerhouse at 08:30 EST, and reservoir elevation exceeded its maximum limit of 1196.4 at 12:30 EST. The substation work was completed on December 10, 2012, and the powerhouse brought back online reestablishing the minimum flow condition of 80 cfs at 14:30 EST. Following the reestablishment of minimum flow conditions the reservoir elevation returned to normal operating range at 20:30 EST on December 11, 2012.

No adverse environmental impacts were observed as a result of these deviations.

Ms. Kimberly D. Bose December 18, 2012 Page 2 of 2

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Robert Meyers at (906)485-2419 or Virgil Schlorke at (920) 485-2465.

Sincerely,

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Thursday, November 01, 2012 9:13 AM

To:

'Burr Fisher@fws.gov'; 'Taft, Bill (DEQ)'; 'Kruger, Kyle (DNR)'; 'Mitch Koetje'

Cc:

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Grigg, David M; Derwin, Timothy J

Subject:

Planned Deviaition - McClure Plant Pond Elevalton and Flow

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Our Substation group needs a One Week outage for work from the Substation to the Powerhouse, for upgrades needed.

It is planned for December 3 starting at 08:30 until December 10 at 15:00 hours.

We plan to slowly raise the pond elevation and then spill at the Dam when generation is off.

Please comment.

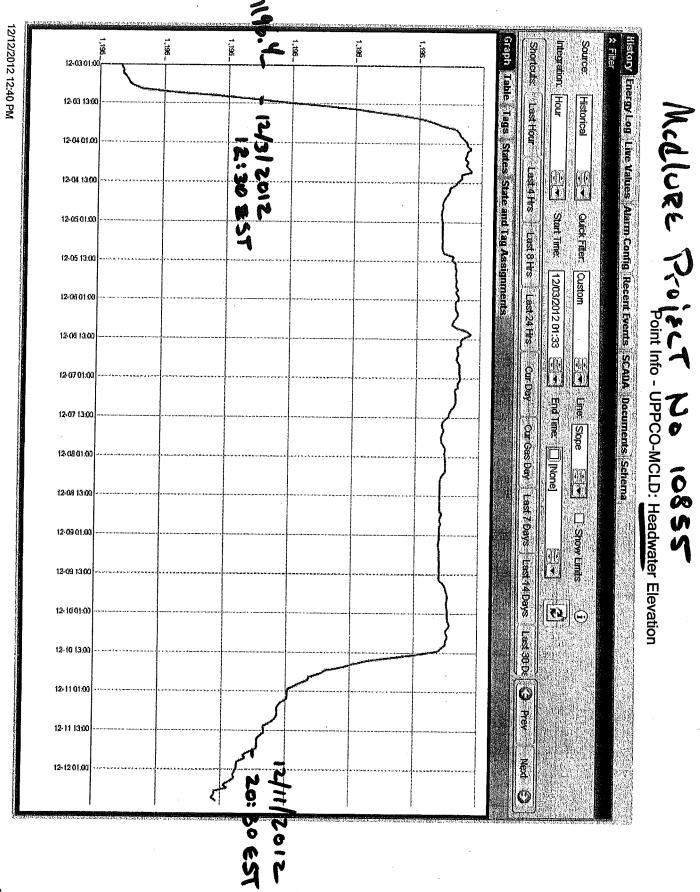
Thanks, and any questions call or email me.

Bob

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December 21, 2012

FERC Project No. 10855 NATDAM Nos. MI00183 and MI00175

Ms. Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission 888 First Street NE Washington, DC 20426

Dear Secretary Bose:

Dead River Hydroelectric Project – Hoist & McClure Developments

Articles 402 & 403 Planned Deviation – Dry Year Consultation Ending

In accordance with Articles 402 & 403 of the Order Issuing License for the Dead River Hydroelectric Project dated October 4, 2002, and as amended on September 1, 2011, the licensee is required to strive to operate the existing project facilities to achieve the start of month target elevations while also maintaining established minimum flows. The licensee is also required to report to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) any deviations associated with elevations and flows and the steps they used to mitigate them. Please consider this letter as fulfillment of the notification requirement of deviations.

Through the Dry Year Consultation Process, UPPCO obtained mutual agreement among the MDNR, MDEQ and DRCI on the planned deviations with no comments from the FWS. The planned deviations began June 27, 2012, with reducing the Hoist minimum flow to 90 cfs and the bypass flow at McClure to 10 cfs, with the McClure powerhouse staying at 80 cfs. It was agreed these deviations would stay in effect until the Hoist Reservoir elevation met monthly target elevations (See letter from UPPCO to the Commission dated July 6, 2012 and letter from the Commission to UPPCO dated August 3, 2012).

On December 1, 2012, the Hoist Reservoir elevation was at 1339.18 feet which is above the monthly target elevation of 1338.5, trigging the end of the Dry Year Consultation process and thus the planned deviations.

The Hoist powerhouse flow was returned to 100 cfs on December 5, 2012 and the McClure bypass flow was returned to 20 cfs on December 7, 2012. It should be noted that flows through the bypass were above 20 cfs through December 10, 2012, due to a planned outage at the plant resulting in flows over the spillway at the dam and into the bypass reach.

Ms. Kimberly D. Bose December 21, 2012 Page 2 of 2

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Bob Meyers at (906) 485-2419 or Virgil Schlorke at (906) 485-2465.

Sincerely,

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The McClure Unit 2 tripped at 04:34 CST, Thursday, December 13, 2012, due to bearing temperature. An operator was dispatched and after arriving at the plant determined the bearing was damaged and Unit 2 would remain unavailable. Unit 1 was also unavailable due to scheduled ongoing substation work. The operations group immediately contacted substation personnel and developed a jumper system that maintained required protection, but allowed Unit 1 to be returned to service early. Once returned to service, an operator put Unit 1 online reestablishing minimum flow at 10:32 CST on December 13, 2012.

During this event, the headwater (pond) elevation also exceeded the maximum elevation of 1196.4 at 07:30 CST, on December 13, 2012. When Unit 1 was put back in operation, the pond level returned to normal operating elevations at 22:30 CST, on December 13, 2012.

Upon further investigation it appears a set screw in an oil ring came free resulting in the oil ring binding, thus not providing sufficient lubrication to the bearing resulting in damage. We are currently scheduling repairs and plan to have the unit available for spring runoff.

No adverse environmental impacts have been observed as a result of this deviation.

Ms. Kimberly D. Bose December 27, 2012 Page 2 of 2

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Sincerely,

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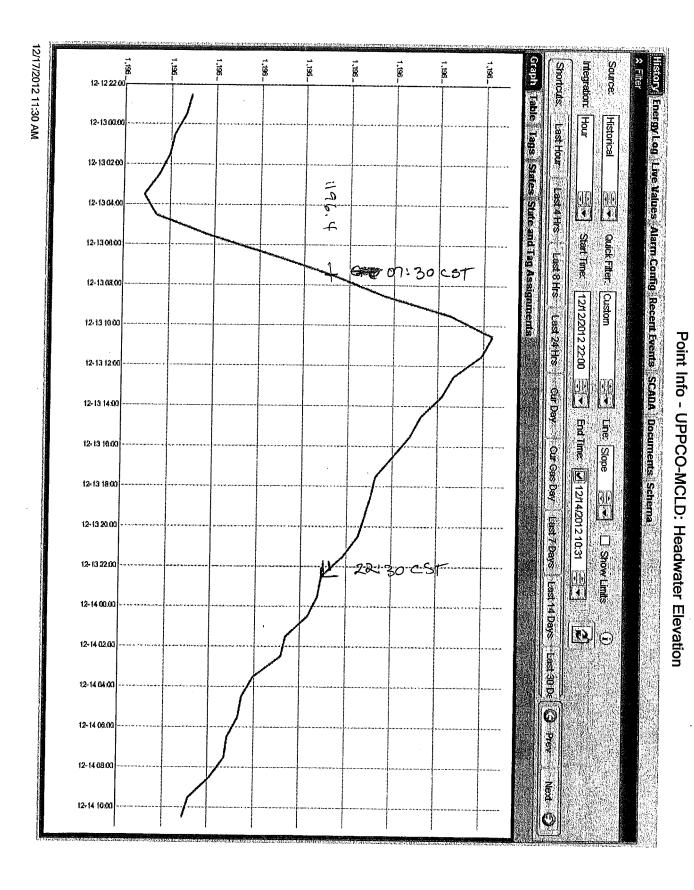
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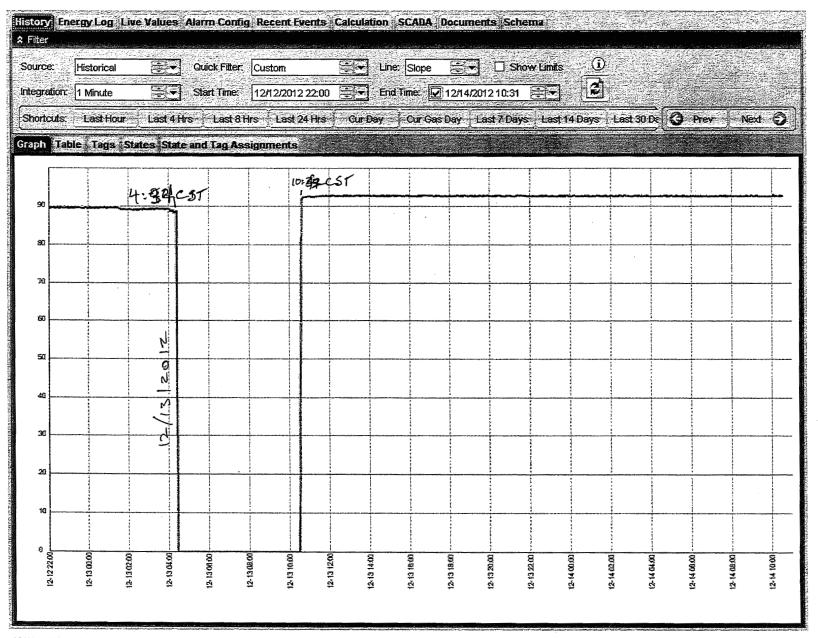
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Point Info - UPPCO-MCL: Total Generator Flow



Appendix 3

Summary of Gate and Valve Openings



Geotechnical Environmental and Water Resources Engineering June 25, 2012 Project No. 123810

Mr. Robert Meyers Upper Peninsula Power Company 500 North Washington Street Ishpeming, MI 49849

RE: Results of 2012 Flow Assessment Study -18-inch By-Pass Pipe, McClure Hydroelectric Dam, Marquette County, Michigan

Dear Mr. Meyers:

GEI Consultants, Inc. (GEI) is pleased to provide you with a summary of the flow measurements conducted on the 18-inch HDPE by-pass pipe at the above-referenced project. The flow measurements were performed on Friday, June 22, 2012.

Description of Work

Jeff Bal, P.E. and Mike Gatzow, P.E. of GEI Consultants conducted flow measurements on the 18 inch HDPE bypass pipe at the McClure Dam. Jeff and Mike were assisted by UPPCO personnel. The measurements as summarized below were taken using a Dynasonics (Model TXFP) Portable Ultrasonic Transit Time Flow Meter. The meter was installed on the horizontal section of bypass pipe located at the base of the stairs located on the crest of the Dam. The meter was positioned at the same exact location as that used during last year's test. Measurements were recorded during varying "open" valve positions of the bypass pipe. Pertinent data taken at the time of the test is also included below:

Date Work Performed: Friday, June 22, 2012

Time of Test: Start at 10:45 a.m. (EST)

Air Temperature: 66.0 degrees F

Surface Water Temperature: 70.0 degrees F

Water Elevation: 1196.13

Equipment: Dynasonics Model TXFP Transit Time Meter

Test Location: 18" HDPE bypass pipe – horizontal run below stairs at top of dam.

Meter centered on horizontal run.

Mr. Robert Meyers

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June 25, 2012

Test Parameter Conditions and Results

Discharge Valve	Discharge Valve	Percent	Metered Flow Rates		
Position (inches open)	Max. Open (inches)	Open	cu. ft./sec	gal/min	
12.625	18.5	68.2%	19.70	8841	
12.000	18.5	64.9%	18.80	8437	
13.000	18.5	70.3%	20.20	9066	
12.750	18.5	68.9%	20.00	8976	

At the completion of the flow testing, the bypass discharge valve was positioned so that the flow rate of 20 cfs was observed.

We appreciate the opportunity to have provided these services and would like to thank your staff for assisting us during this work. If you have any questions concerning the data or results, please do not hesitate to contact Mike Gatzow at (906) 214-4153.

Sincerely,

GEI CONSULTANTS, INC.

Michael J. Gatzow, PE Senior Practice Leader

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<u>Silver Lake - Low Level Outlet Gate Operation Log - 2012</u>

Date: & Time	Pond Elevation	LLO Position	Flow - CFS	Operator
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01/01/12	1475.8	5.5 in	15	RJM
03/21/12	1479.49	5	15	DGrigg
03/30/12	1480.63	7	25.8	GB/JH
04/30/12	1480.52	6	20	DG/JR
06/01/12	1480.15	5	15.5	DGrigg
07/01/12	1480.36	3.75	10	JHegbloom
09/30/12	1478.85	5	15	DGrigg

Hoist - Low Level Outlet Gate Operation 2012

1/1/12		Closed	0	RJM
3/1/12 @ 10:00 AM	1336.76	100 Turns	100	GB/DG
3/1/2012 @ 2:10 PM	1336.76	Closed	0	DG
5/20/12 @19:50 PM	1341.07	100 Turns	100	JH
5/20/12 @ 20:55 PM	1341.07	Closed	0	JH
6/19/12 @ 10:20 AM	1340.52	100 Turns	100	DG
6/19/12 @ 14:30 PM	1340.52	Closed	0	DG
9/18/12 @ 17:13 PM	1337.8	90 Turns	90	JH
9/18/12 @ 20:02 PM	1337.78	Closed	0	JH
10/9/12 @ 5:30 AM	1337.3	90 Turns	90	DG
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Appendix 4

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