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Ms. Kimberly Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
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Washington, DC 20426

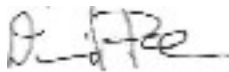
RE: Shawano Paper Mill Dam (FERC No. P-8015)
Response to Water Level Comments filed April 14th – 21st, 2021

Dear Secretary Bose:

N.E.W. Hydro, LLC, the owner and operator of the Shawano Paper Mill Dam is hereby filing a response to the public comments under P-8015 submitted on April 14th, 15th, and 21st, 2021.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (201) 306-5616 or via email at david.fox@eaglecreekre.com.

Sincerely,



David Fox
Director of Licensing & Compliance
N.E.W. Hydro, LLC
Eagle Creek Renewable Energy

Attachment: 04/27/2021 NEW Hydro Response to Public Comments filed under Docket P-8015

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RE: Shawano Paper Mill Dam (FERC Project No. 8015)

Dear Shawano Lake and Wolf River Channel Stakeholders:

N.E.W. Hydro, LLC (NEWH), the owner and operator of the Shawano Paper Mill Dam (the Shawano Project), acknowledges your concerns regarding the water elevation of Shawano Lake and the Wolf River channel and the potential impacts to boat lifts, navigation, equipment damage, and related boater safety issues.

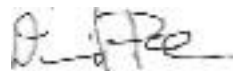
Safety is NEWH's top priority. We are committed to preserving the safety and wellbeing of the public and our employees through the conservative and regulatory compliant operation of our hydroelectric facilities. We support recreational use of Shawano Lake and the Wolf River channel and recognize the importance of these recreation opportunities to the community.

The Exemption of Licensing (the Exemption) issued by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) for the Shawano Project includes a number of terms and conditions that govern the operation of the Shawano Project, including the specific requirement to maintain the reservoir at the Shawano Paper Mill Dam at an elevation of 802.5 ft msl. These terms and conditions were developed through an open and extensive consultation process designed to balance the needs and interests of all project stakeholders.

An amendment to the reservoir elevation requirement would require a similar process, which could be lengthy and complex to conduct. NEWH is not opposed to pursuing such an amendment to allow the reservoir to be maintained at an elevation of 802.9 ft msl. However, the amendment process could potentially require several costly studies to assess various impacts of the change in elevation and the commitment of significant internal compliance resources to manage the process.

NEWH is currently exploring ways to resolve this situation, including how to allocate the resources necessary to pursue a permanent amendment to the Exemption to allow the reservoir to be maintained at an elevation of 802.9 ft msl.

Sincerely,



David Fox
Director, Licensing & Compliance
N.E.W. Hydro, LLC

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