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

Dear Secretary Bose:

Dead River Hydroelectric Project – Silver Lake Development

Articles 402 & 405 – Planned Deviation: Dry Year Consultation

Per Article 402 of the License issued October 4, 2002, and as amended September 1, 2011, Upper Peninsula Power Company (UPPCO) is required to provide notice of any deviations lasting longer than 60 minutes, as well as steps used to mitigate potential impacts to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) within 10-days of the event. Additionally, a report providing operational data and documenting the event must be submitted to the FERC within 30-days. Please consider this letter as fulfillment of the License requirements associated with notification and reporting.

As specified in the March 11, 2010, Order Modifying and Approving Article 405 of the Dead River License, Direct Order E states:

"If reservoir inflow is insufficient to maintain minimum reservoir elevation requirements at any of the project developments, the licensee shall implement the dry year consultation process. The licensee shall consult with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, and Dead River Campers, Inc. to determine appropriate temporary modifications to the operating requirements of Articles 402 and 403 of the project license. The licensee shall begin the dry year consultation process no later than the first business day following the day when a reservoir decreases below the required minimum elevation due to low inflow conditions."

On June 17, 2021, a headwater elevation less than the June minimum elevation was observed. That afternoon the Dry Year Consultation process was started with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR), Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services (USFWS), Keweenaw Bay Indian Community (KBIC) and the Dead River Campers Inc. (DRCI).

One comment was received from the DRCI in support of the proposed operations changes presented in the initial email starting the consultation process. Weekly emails were sent, with no further discussions or comments from the resource agencies. On July 1, 2021, the license minimum headwater elevation changed from 1480.5 to 1480.0, thus ending the dry year consultation period for the Silver Lake Storage Basin. All email correspondences are attached in Appendix A.

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No adverse environmental impacts were observed as a result of the dry year period. Furthermore, UPPCO did not receive any additional comments from the resource agencies following the conclusion of the dry year period.

If you have any questions about this deviation, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Josh Ball at (906) 485-2419.

Sincerely,



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Director - Generation and Environmental Services

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Enclosures: Appendix A: Agency Correspondences
Appendix B: Operations Data

cc: Mr. Matt Annala, UPPCO	Mr. Jim Grundstrum, DRCI	Mr. Gary Kohlhepp, EGLE
Mr. Josh Ball, UPPCO	Ms. Elle Gulotty, MDNR	Mr. Gene Mensch, KBIC
Mr. Doug Clements, EGLE	Mr. Scott Hicks, USFWS	Ms. Emily Rushford, UPPCO