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> In reply refer to: P-10809 August 10, 2020

## VIA Electronic Mail

Mr. Lee Mueller Boyce Hydro Power, LLC wmueller@boycehydrollc.com

Re: 2020 Preliminary Design Basis Report

Secord Hydroelectric Project – FERC No. 10809

Dear Mr. Mueller:

We have received your April 24, 2020 cover letter and attached April 23, 2020 Preliminary Design Basis Report which describes proposed improvements to increase the spillway capacity at the Secord Project No. 10809. Your letter states that the report was prepared by GEI Consultants for the Four Lakes Task Force (FLTF) on behalf of Boyce Hydro Power, LLC. We note that your cover letter did not indicate concurrence with the report nor any intention to proceed with the proposed spillway improvements. We also note that the report was late and not submitted by the February 29, 2020 due date stated in our letter dated September 19, 2019.

As the licensee, you are responsible for the maintenance and safe operation of this project. While we have started review of this report, you must indicate your position on the design package and identify your intention with respect to the proposed spillway improvements. If you propose to employ GEI as the designer, you must include a statement from GEI saying they agree with this arrangement. You must also provide an updated plan and schedule to complete the design and perform the spillway improvements.

You must submit a letter addressing the above comments by **August 21, 2020**. You may contact me at 312.596.4430 if you have any questions or concerns pertaining to this letter.

Sincerely,

John A. Zygaj, P.E. Regional Engineer

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