



## DEAD RIVER CAMPERS, INC.

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GULATORY COMMISSION

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Ms. Magalie R. Salas Secretary Federal Energy Regulatory Commission DHAC, PJ-12.1 888 First Street, N.E. Washington, D.C. 20426

RE:

**Corrected Copy** 

FERC Project No. 10855

SUBJECT:

Target Start of Month Water Elevations

Dear Ms. Salas:

I am writing to you on behalf of Dead River Campers, Inc.

Dead River Campers, Inc. ("DRCI") is the corporate "homeowners association" that represents the owners of 372 of the privately owned parcels that surround the Hoist Basin on the Dead River. DRCI and its shareholders own a majority of the shoreline around the Hoist Basin.

The licensee on the above-referenced project, Upper Peninsula Power Company ("UPPCO"), has experienced difficulty maintaining the start of month water elevations ever since the failure of the Silver Lake Fuse Plug in 2003. The past four summer recreation seasons have experienced lower than target water elevations for a significant portion of the summer recreation season and have adversely affected the property owners; especially those on the westerly portion of the Hoist Basin. The minimum flow requirement of 100 cfs, as required by the current license, exceeds the output of the watershed for the past four summers. Therefore the surface water elevation of the Hoist Basin is not maintainable. The minimum elevation of 1339.5' should be reviewed as the recreational opportunities are severely impacted at this elevation.

As a result of these fluctuations a resolution was introduced by a shareholder to request UPPCO via FERC to raise the start of Month water elevation from 1341.0' to 1342.0'. This resolution, received a majority of votes cast by the DRCI membership at our annual shareholder meeting in 2006.

It is based on this action that the Board of Directors of DRCI hereby respectfully requests that serious consideration be given to raising the start of Month water elevation of the Hoist Basin to 1342.0' for the summer recreation season.

Respectfully,

Charles R. Sundberg
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