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**Beaver River Project comments**

1 message

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I reside on the Beaver River approximately one mile below Beaver Lake and just below the outlet of Alder Creek. I am a year round resident and my home is on the section of the river between Beaver Lake and the Brookfield Power Eagle Falls hydro plant and dam. My comments concern both the high water levels we have been experiencing and the variations in river flow. Both of these factors have contributed to silting of the river bottom, shoreline erosion, and flooding of my property.

I have noticed this past spring that the water level remained high until well into June and then suddenly overnight dropped to a normal level. This demonstrates that water levels can be controlled in this section of the river and in Beaver Lake. Depending upon a USGS gauging station at Crogan, NY, far downriver from my property will not accurately indicate the water level in the river between Beaver Lake and the Eagle Falls dam.

A continuous gauging station is needed either at Beaver Lake or the outlet of Beaver Lake. Such a gauging station sending data directly to a control center would allow for good control of the water level in this section of the Beaver River and Beaver Lake. Data from this gauging station could be shared between Brookfield and the Hudson River-Black River Regulating District which controls water release from Stillwater Reservoir located up river from Beaver Lake. LIHI should deny re- certification of the Beaver River Project until Brookfield Power has agreed to take timely steps to accurately control water levels and flows in this section of the Beaver River and Beaver Lake.

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