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Shannon Ames, Executive Director  
Low Impact Hydropower Institute  
329 Massachusetts Ave, Suite 2  
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RE: Flooding and Ecological Damage of Beaver Lake, Lewis County, NY

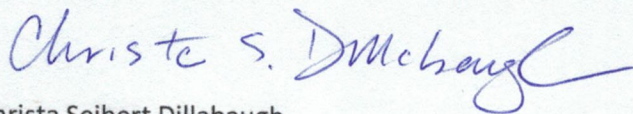
Dear Ms. Ames –

As a property owner on Beaver Lake in Lewis County, NY, I am writing to you concerning the Low Impact Hydropower Institute's recertification of Brookfield Renewable Power, Inc. Beaver River Project, FERC No. 2645. Beaver Lake is within the Beaver River Project and is a natural lake that is not considered or approved as a reservoir for hydro-power operations. However, Beaver Lake has been subjected to dramatic swings in water levels due to mismanagement by Brookfield Renewable Power, Inc. and the Hudson River-Black River Regulating District. As a result, we have seen extensive shoreline erosion, negative impacts on wildlife nesting, and damage to personal property.

Despite numerous complaints from property owners, Beaver Lake has continued to suffer the impacts of both high and low water events. The flooding events are by far the most severe – often as much as three feet – causing damage to boats, docks, shorelines, loon nesting sites, and bog ecosystems associated with the lake. Both Brookfield Power and the Hudson River-Black River Regulating District show little regard for the destructive impact of their mismanagement of the Beaver River flow.

As a concerned property owner, I request, on behalf of the Seibert family, that the Low Impact Hydropower Institute deny recertification of the Beaver River Project, FERC No. 2645 until Brookfield Power develops a management plan that minimizes their impact on Beaver Lake.

Sincerely,



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