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Shannon Ames, Executive Director
Low Impact Hydropower Institute
329 Massachusetts Avenue, Suite 2
Lexington, Ma 02420

Re: Flooding and Ecological Damage of Beaver Lake

Dear Ms. Ames,

I am a resident at 8912 Dart Trail on Beaver Lake. Our family has great concern about the excessive flooding due to the mismanagement of water levels on Beaver Lake by Brookfield Renewable Power and the Hudson River - Black River Regulating District that operates water releases from Stillwater Reservoir upriver from Beaver Lake.

In the eighteen years since we built our camp and boat house we have experienced extreme variance of lake water levels. For example... in the spring of 2011 the lake level came $\frac{1}{2}$ way up the door of the boat house (photos enclosed) and flooded the area 20 ft. behind it to a storage shed. We had to replace the lawn mower stored there. The boats were floating over the boat slips and had to be tied in place until the water receded.

Of course, we are also concerned about the serious impact on the lake environment... the eroding shore line washing away root systems of white pine, balsam, hemlock... the destruction of loon nests and other wildlife habitats.

Please deny the recertification of the Beaver

River Project until Brookfield develops and implements
a plan to eliminate their negative impact on
our beloved Beaver Lake!

Sincerely

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2011 WATER LEVEL 1/2 way up
door of
BOAT HOUSE

