

November 18, 2013

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Ms. Dana Hall, Deputy Director  
Low Impact Hydropower Institute (LIHI)  
PO Box 194  
Harrington Park, New Jersey 07640

**SUBJECT: Salmon River Project (FERC No. 11408)  
Response to Reservoir Users Petition dated October 18, 2013**

Dear Ms. Hall:

Erie Boulevard Hydropower, L.P. (Erie), a subsidiary of Brookfield Renewable Energy Group (Brookfield), has reviewed the above-referenced petition regarding the fluctuation in the Bennett's Bridge reservoir elevation, and offers the following response.

The petition does not imply that Brookfield is non-compliant with the terms of the FERC operating License or the respective Settlement Agreement. It requests that the reservoir be maintained at higher elevations and eliminate all white water releases during the summer. By design and by License, the reservoir is managed as a storage reservoir in accordance with a rule curve and water budget model established with stakeholders during the licensing process. The process of Licensing and developing a Settlement Agreement established management goals that clearly highlighted that the reservoir storage would be used to maintain downstream flows throughout the year and to support a multi-million dollar Salmon fishery.

We understand the concerns highlighted in the petition, but as Brookfield has fully complied with the terms and conditions of the License and the Settlement Agreement, we don't see the relevance to the LIHI recertification process.

We welcome the opportunity to discuss any further questions you may have at any time during your review of the application that was submitted on October 31, 2013. I can be reached at (518) 743-2081 or [matthew.johnson@brookfieldrenewable.com](mailto:matthew.johnson@brookfieldrenewable.com).

Sincerely,



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