

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20426

September 30, 2008

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

The Honorable John "Randy" Kuhl, Jr.
U.S. House of Representatives
22 Buell Street
Bath, NY 14810

Dear Representative Kuhl:

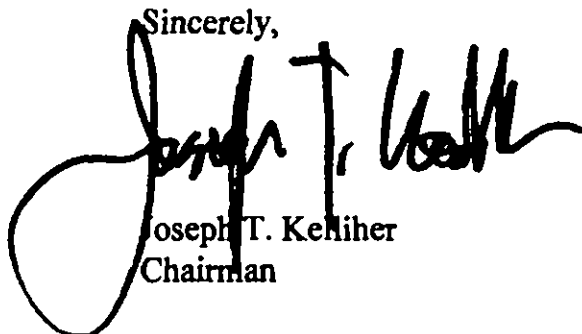
I am writing in response to your September 10, 2008 correspondence on behalf of Ms. Donna L. Scott, President of the Finger Lakes Ecology Association, concerning water levels at the Waterloo and Seneca Falls Project (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission No. P-2438). The project is licensed to Seneca Falls Power Corporation.

The project's license requires that operations control fluctuations of the reservoir surface elevation for the protection of wetlands, wildlife and fish habitat, and recreational opportunities in the project impoundment. The license identifies target elevations, but also defines seasonal seven-day average minimum flow requirements for the protection of downstream resources. Seneca Falls Power Corporation may vary from the recommended water level management regime due to circumstances beyond its control (emergency conditions and seasonal drought conditions).

Throughout the spring and summer, the project area experienced dry conditions and low inflows to the reservoir. On September 16, 2008, we requested Seneca Falls Power Corporation to verify compliance with its license requirement to control reservoir surface fluctuations and minimum flow requirements and provide a report for our review. Upon receiving the information, we will be able to determine if Seneca Falls Power Corporation has complied with the requirements of its license.

I hope this information is helpful. Your correspondence and this response have been placed in the Commission's public files, which serve to alert the Commission to the concerns of persons who have an interest in the Waterloo and Seneca Falls Project. If I can be of further assistance in this or any other Commission matter, please let me know.

Sincerely,



Joseph T. Kelliher
Chairman