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Dear Mr. Fletcher:

I am writing to ask you for some clarification on the FERC contract with the Seneca Falls Power Corporation (SFPC), Project # 2438 – New York, Waterloo and Seneca Falls Project.

As I am sure you are aware, many people living on and around Seneca Lake have expressed concerns about the lake's water level; when it is very low, there are problems with shore wells, fish breeding (negative impact on the littoral zone), boat issues (unable to launch and/or damage from shallow passageways), safety (getting into and out of boats from fixed height docks), heavier nutrient loading from erosion and down-cutting of existing stream channels, and other issues.

Unfortunately, many of us have become aware that we do not have a clear understanding of what the FERC-mandated management criteria are for Seneca Lake. There appears to be some ambiguity in the wording of the license (Article 405) for the specific "target elevations" of 446.0 feet in the summer and 445.0 feet in the winter, +/- .1 foot, while the Hansen Rule Curve indicates allowable lower levels of 444.7 and 445.7 feet, respectively.

If residents better understood the policy for management of the lake level, it could possibly reduce the confusion and unmet expectations about this issue. **As the enforcing agency for this license, could you please clarify the management practice expected of the SFPC regarding the correct water level for Seneca Lake.**

Thank you for your help.

Yours truly,

Donna L. Scott  
President