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April 2009

Donna Scott, President  
Finger Lakes Ecology Association  
535 Lansing Station Road  
Lansing, New York 14882

Dear Donna:

Thank you for making me aware of your concern with the low water levels on Seneca Lake and the damage this is causing to area properties.

In an effort to be of assistance, I contacted Scott Goodwin, President of the Seneca Falls Power Corporation and Patricia Schaub, Director for the Division of Hydropower Administration for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, requesting their immediate assistance on your behalf. Enclosed are copies of my correspondence for your review.

As soon as a response is received, it will be forwarded to you. In the meantime, please don't hesitate to let me know if I can be of further assistance to you or your family.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Michael F. Nozzolio,  
Senator, 54th District

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Patricia Schaub, Director  
Office of External Affairs  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
Division of Hydropower Administration and Compliance  
888 First Street NE  
Washington, D.C. 20426

Re: Seneca Lake Water Levels  
Seneca Falls Power Corporation

Dear Director Schaub:

As the New York State Senator for the 54<sup>th</sup> Senate District, I have the privilege to represent the Finger Lakes region which includes Seneca Lake.

Several of my constituents have made me aware of their serious concerns with the low water levels on Seneca Lake. I have contacted the New York State Canal Corporation and been informed that the Seneca Falls Power Corporation is responsible for the maintaining the water levels in accordance with their FERC license. I have enclosed a copy of my recent correspondence to the Seneca Falls Power Corporation requesting their assistance on behalf of my constituents.

It is my hope that this situation can be reviewed and addressed in the very near future. Thank you for your immediate attention to this very important issue.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,  
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Scott Goodwin, President  
Seneca Falls Power Corporation  
3330 Clayton Road, Suite B  
Concord, CA. 94519

Re: Seneca Lake water levels

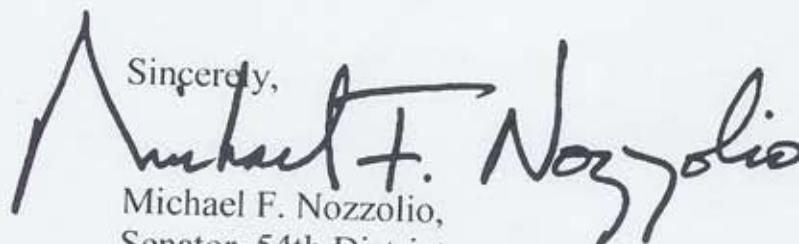
Dear Mr. Goodwin:

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Several of my constituents have made me aware of their serious concerns with the low water levels on Seneca Lake. I have contacted the New York State Canal Corporation and been informed that the Seneca Falls Power Corporation is responsible for maintaining the water levels in accordance with their FERC license. In addition, I have enclosed a copy of correspondence from Carmella Mantello, Director for the New York State Canal Corporation, for your review.

It is my hope that this situation can be reviewed and addressed in the very near future. Thank you for your immediate attention to this very important issue.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,  
  
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June 2009

Donna Scott, President  
Finger Lakes Ecology Association  
535 Lansing Station Road  
Lansing, New York 14882

Re: Seneca Lake water levels

Dear Donna:

Enclosed please find a copy of correspondence recently received from Patricia Schaub, Acting Director for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, in response to my request on your behalf.

It was a pleasure to bring your concerns to Director Schaub's attention and I am pleased to learn that this matter is being carefully reviewed. It is my hope that appropriate action will be taken once their review is completed.

If I can be of assistance in the future to you or your family, I hope you won't hesitate to let me know.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mike' with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Michael F. Nozzolio,  
Senator, 54th District

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Enclosure



FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20426

May 6, 2009

The Honorable Michael F. Nozzolio  
New York State Senate  
Legislative Office Building, Room 409  
Albany, NY 12247

Dear Senator Nozzolio:

I am writing in response to your April 21, 2009 letter regarding your constituents' concerns about the low water levels at the Waterloo and Seneca Falls Project (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission No. P-2438). The license requires the licensee, Seneca Falls Power Corporation, to operate the project to control reservoir surface elevation fluctuations at Seneca Lake within 0.1 foot of the seasonal target elevations of 446.0 feet Barge Canal Datum (BCD) during the summer and 445.0 feet BCD during the winter.

We have recently received information from Seneca Falls Power Corporation needed to verify the licensee's compliance with this requirement. We are currently reviewing that information and will make a determination in the near future concerning the licensee's compliance. Please be assured that, based upon our determination, we will take the necessary steps to ensure that Seneca Falls Power Corporation operates the project in compliance with its license requirements.

I hope this information is helpful. Your correspondence and this reply have been placed in our public files for the Waterloo and Seneca Falls Project, which serves to alert the Commission to the concerns of interested individuals and groups.

If I can be of further assistance in this or any other Commission matter, I trust you will get back in touch with me.

Sincerely,



Patricia A. Schaub  
Acting Director  
Office of External Affairs