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Kimberly Bose
Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
DHAC, PJ-12.1
888 First Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20426

COMMENTS

- P-2402-108**
- P-10854-080**
- P-1864-083**
- P-2506-144**
- P-10856-061**

Dear Secretary Bose:

Please include the attached resolution for comments concerning the project numbers listed above.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Catherine Pullen/maz

Catherine Pullen, Chairperson
Alger County Board of Commissioners

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RESOLUTION 07-12

WHEREAS, Upper Peninsula Power Company has unveiled Shoreline Management Plans for project lands at its five hydroelectric projects (Numbers: 2402, 10854, 2506, 10856 and 1864) located in numerous U.P. counties; and

WHEREAS, the Shoreline Management Plans include proposals to protect the environment and enhance recreational opportunities for citizens at the flowages, as well as ensure that proposed activities are consistent with the purposes of protecting and enhancing the scenic, recreational and other environmental values of each project; and,

WHEREAS, these draft plans were developed based on more than 14 months of input from state and federal resource agencies, local government officials and the public. In addition, UPPCO conducted focus groups consisting of various stakeholders, including representatives from county and township boards, hunting and fishing interests, outdoor enthusiasts and economic development. UPPCO also conducted public meetings and invited comments from citizens concerning the plans. The company also engaged the public over many months regarding plans to sell UPPCO private property at the five hydroelectric projects; and,

WHEREAS, the flowages these Plans address will continue to be open for people to use alongside numerous acres of U.P. acres already available to citizens; including state and federal lands such as the Hiawatha and Ottawa National Forests that are off limits to development; and,

WHEREAS, it is projected that any development resulting from the sale of property at the projects will over time assist the U.P. construction trades industry, help local businesses and grow local tax bases to the benefit of schools, as well as township and county units of government and the programs and services they provide to citizens. Broadening the tax base in U.P. counties is welcomed, recognizing the state's current financial status and economic outlook; now therefore.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Alger County Board of Commissioners hereby approves this resolution of support for the Plans with the expectation that UPPCO will continue working with local units of government and other stakeholders as the process continues and directs that a copy of this document be transmitted to U.P. Power Company and appropriate state and federal officials.

Dated: June 11, 2007



Catherine A. Pullen, Chairwoman
Alger County Board of Commissioners