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Dear Ms. Bose:

The Upper Peninsula Construction Council would like to respectfully request that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission please approve without delay the Shoreline Management Plans listed above.

As you know, the Council, as well as Michigan state legislators, local and county government officials, organizations and citizens have already expressed support for the plans. We believe that the plans will ensure that proposed activities are consistent with the purposes of protecting and enhancing the scenic, recreational and other environmental values of each project.

The Council notes that these plans have already been the subject of nearly two years of consultation with the public and state and federal government agencies. There have been public meetings and focus groups that included individuals representing environmental groups, local hunting and fishing interests, economic development and county and township government who provided input and suggestions. A comment period was conducted.

We applaud the fact that these plans have been improved, reflecting many suggestions made by the public and state and federal agencies. Just as important, the plans contain proposals to enhance public access to the flowages and protect wildlife and the environment.



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The UPCC looks forward to any development resulting from FERC approval of these plans that will, in our view, help the construction trades industry, local businesses and increase the tax base, thereby helping schools and services and resources provided by local units of government like roads, public transportation and senior services. We can have progress and a clean environment.

Given these facts, there is no need in our view for more meetings or studies, only action. Therefore, we urge you to please approve these plans immediately following FERC's public comment period. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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