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FERC Project No. 10855

Ms. Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission 888 First Street NE Washington, DC 20426

Dear Secretary Bose:

Dead River Hydroelectric Project – Hoist and McClure Developments Article 403 - Deviation of Minimum Flows

In accordance with Article 403 of the Order Issuing License for the Dead River Hydroelectric Project dated October 4, 2002, and amended on September 1, 2011, UPPCO is required to report to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) any deviations associated with flows and the steps used to mitigate potential impacts that may have been caused as a result of the deviation. Please consider this letter as fulfillment of the notification requirement of these deviations.

On Thursday, March 17, 2016, the Hoist and McClure developments tripped offline at 07:33 CDT, as a result of trees falling onto the transmission line due to wet, heavy snow accumulation causing an electrical fault. As a result, operators were dispatched to both developments. Minimum flows were established at the Hoist development at 08:43 CDT, via the low level outlet (LLO).

The electrical fault was cleared, and the McClure development was returned to normal operation at 08:43 CDT and the Hoist Development was returned to normal operation at 13:11 CDT, and the LLO closed. For your reference, a graphical representation of the operations data outlining the deviation for both developments is included in Appendix A.

No adverse environmental impacts have been observed as a result of these deviations and Upper Peninsula Power Company did not receive any comments from the resource agencies following the deviation. Due to the nature of the event, UPPCO is not proposing any corrective actions at this time.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Robert Meyers at (906) 485-2419 or Jarrod Nelson (906) 232-1433.

Sincerely,

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Enc. Operational data

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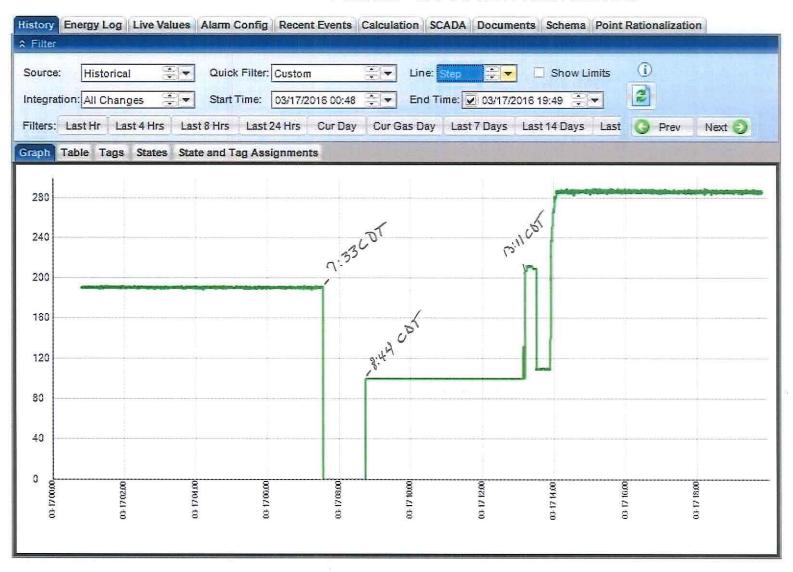
APPENDIX A:

March 17, 2016 Operations Data Graphics (Hoist and McClure Developments)

Point Info - UPPCO-MCL: Total Plant Flow



Point Info - UPPCO-HST: Total Plant Flow



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