

KEUKA LAKE OUTLET COMPACT

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John Andersen, Chairman
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Edward J. Balsley, Manager
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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN PULTENEY ON 27 JAN 2003

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY CHRM. ANDERSEN AT 7:00PM;
ALL COMMISSIONERS WERE PRESENT WITH LEE SACKETT REPRESENTING PENN YAN
AND ARNE SORENSEN REPRESENTING MILO.

GUESTS PRESENT WERE:

CRIS WHITE, KWIC
PAUL BAUTER, KWIC
PETER LANDRE, CORNELL CO-OP EXT, YATES COUNTY
EDWARD BALSLEY, GATE MANAGER
PAUL SCHMIED, PE, NYS DEC
DR. ALEXANDER WAHLIG, KLA
PAUL CARNEY, KLA
DWIGHT ROGERS, KLOC TREASURER

KIMBALL'S GULLY PROJECT

MR. SCHMIED REPORTED ON MEETINGS WITH THE COUNTY
LEGISLATURE RE THE EASEMENTS ON THE SUBJECT PROPERTY. HE REPORTED THE
EASEMENT DESCRIPTIONS HAVE BEEN RE-WRITTEN TO SATISFY THE COUNTY. HE HAS
POINTED OUT THE STATE EASEMENT IS A BENEFIT TO KLOC AND THE COUNTY. HE
PROVIDED A NEW DESCRIPTION, ATTACHED TO THESE MINUTES.

UPON A MOTION BY COMM. DESEYN, SECOND BY COMM BARAN, THE
MINUTES OF 25 NOVEMBER, 2002 WERE APPROVED.

THE BILL FROM PENN YAN MUNICIPAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1034.95 WAS
APPROVED FOR PAYMENT UPON A MOTION BY COMM. CHADWICK, SECOND BY COMM.
D'IANGIANNI.

GATE MANAGER'S REPORT

MR. BALSLEY REPORTED THAT 3 GATES WERE OPENED AT
CHRISTMAS TIME AND ON JAN 26, THE LEVEL WAS 712.5, JUST ON TARGET. HE IS
PLANNING TO CLOSE ONE GATE TO STABILIZE THE FLOW/LEVEL. HE IS PLANNING TO
KEEP TWO GATES OPEN ONLY 3 OR 4 INCHES FOR MINIMUM FLOW. HE HAS HAD A FEW
COMPLAINTS ON THE LAKE LEVEL BEING TOO LOW.

THE WATER RELEASE PROGRAMM WAS REVIEWED IN ITS FINAL
FORM BY MR. BALSLEY AND APPROVED FOR PUBLICATION/IMPLEMENTATION UPON A
MOTION BY COMM. D'IANGIANNI, SECOND BY COMM. BARAN. MR. BALSLEY WILL
PROVIDE A NEWS RELEASE FOR THE MEDIA

ADJOURNMENT

UPON A MOTION BY COMM. CHADWICK, SECOND BY COMM.
BARAN, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:15 PM

SUBMITTED BY W. WEBER, SECTY

"Protecting Beautiful Keuka Lake"

John L. Buono

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January 10, 2003

Anton J. Sidoti
New York Regional Engineer
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
New York Regional Office
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Re: Seneca Falls, NY and Waterloo, NY Hydropower Projects
(Seneca Falls Power Corp.) FERC 2438

Dear Mr. Sidoti:

This letter serves to inform you that Canal records show that Seneca Falls Power Corporation (SFPC) has held Seneca Lake levels above the prescribed "Regulation Curves" and above the "Winter Target" elevation of 445.0 feet Barge Canal Datum as specified in the current Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) License Article 405.

Presently, Seneca Lake is at elevation 445.6 ft BCD and is thus 0.6 feet above the "Winter Target". During periods of high snowpack (as is the case this winter), the Seneca Lake levels have been historically managed at elevation ± 444.7 ft. BCD, the level of the minimum regulation curve target for the winter.

It is our understanding that SFPC has operated the Waterloo and Seneca Falls Projects intermittently throughout the month of December and early January even while Seneca Lake level were above the "Winter Target" elevation of 445.0. We have been informed by SFPC that their generation rate has been between 1,400 and 1,900 cfs for 12 hours per day with no or limited generation on weekends and holidays. This operating scheme coupled with seasonal precipitation and snowmelt has resulted in elevated lake levels as described above.



SFPC's failure to keep Seneca Lake levels within prescribed levels creates a situation where flooding would be likely if the lake levels are not lowered. Even with proper lake level management, flooding on Seneca Lake is a normal phenomenon each spring; however, elevated lake levels reduces the flood storage buffer and thus increases the flooding potential on Seneca Lake. Seneca Lake flooding also impacts Keuka Lake, Cayuga Lake and the Seneca River downstream of Cayuga Lake.

We were encouraged to hear from SFPC via facsimile on January 7, 2003 that they have agreed to operate their facilities at maximum discharge until the level of Seneca Lake "has been brought within the top end of the elevation rule curve". Moreover, we have been informed by SFPC through verbal conversations that they intend to operate at maximum discharge (2,400 cfs, 24 hours per day) until the lake levels are lowered to our satisfaction, which in our interpretation would be to elevation 444.7 ft. It is hoped that this operational strategy will relieve the avoidable flooding concerns that presently exist.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,



Howard M. Goebel, P.E., P.H.
Canal Hydrologist

cc: Robert Brooks, Director, New York State Canal Corporation
Scott Goodwin, SFPC
Peter McGovern, FERC
Paul Wilson, SEMO
Bill Weber, KLOC
Marion Balyszak, SLPWA
Sharon Anderson, CLWN