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Deputy Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. AD18-13-000]

#### Notice of Availability of the Final Engineering Guidelines for the Evaluation of Hydropower Projects: Chapter 12—Water Conveyance

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC or Commission) Office of Energy Projects has finalized its new *Engineering Guidelines for the Evaluation of Hydropower Projects: Chapter 12—Water Conveyance (Guidelines)*, which was issued in draft form on May 17, 2018, for comment. The *Guidelines* revision reflects the most current thinking and practices of the Division of Dam Safety and Inspections.

The *Guidelines* can be found in Docket Number AD18-13-000. The full text of the *Guidelines* can be viewed on the Commission's website at <https://www.ferc.gov/industries/hydropower/safety/guidelines/eng-guide/chap12.pdf>.

The *Guidelines* are intended to provide guidance to the industry. This document does not substitute for, amend, or supersede the Commission's regulations under the 18 CFR part 12—Safety of Water Power Projects and Project Works. imposes no new legal obligations and grants no additional rights.

In response to the draft *Guidelines*, Commission staff received comments from federal and state agencies, licensees whose portfolio includes arch dams, independent consultants and inspectors, and other interested parties. Staff reviewed and considered each comment and modified several portions of the document in response. Staff declined to modify the document where comments either were already adequately/accurately addressed as

written, or regarded topics that were not relevant to the *Guidelines*.

All of the information related to the *Guidelines* and submitted comments can be found on the FERC website ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)) using the eLibrary link. Click on the eLibrary link, click on "Docket Search" and in the Docket Number field enter the docket number "AD18-13," excluding the last three digits. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. The eLibrary link also provides access to formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

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Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project Nos. 10809-044, 10810-050, 10808-061, 2785-095]

#### Boyce Hydro Power, LLC; Notice of Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

- a. *Application Type*: Temporary Variance Application.
- b. *Project Nos*: 10809-044, 10810-050, 10808-061, 2785-095.
- c. *Date Filed*: July 26, 2018, as clarified on August 7, 2018.
- d. *Applicant*: Boyce Hydro Power, LLC.
- e. *Name of Project*: Secord, Smallwood, Edenville, and Sanford Hydroelectric Projects.
- f. *Location*: These projects are located on the Tittabawassee and Tobacco Rivers in Gladwin and Midland counties, Michigan.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to*: Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791a-825r.
- h. *Applicant Contact*: Mr. Lee Mueller, Boyce Hydro Power, LLC, 10120 W. Flamingo Road, Suite 4192, Las Vegas, NV 89147, (702) 367-7302.
- i. *FERC Contact*: Dr. Jennifer Ambler, (202) 502-8586, [jennifer.ambler@ferc.gov](mailto:jennifer.ambler@ferc.gov).
- j. *Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests*: September 6, 2018.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, and protests using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, please send a paper copy to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426. The first page of any filing should include docket numbers P-10809-044, P-10810-050, P-10808-061, and/or P-2785-095.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person whose name appears on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

k. *Description of Request*: The licensee requests a temporary variance of lake level requirements contained in articles 403, 403, 404, and 411 of its licenses for the Secord, Smallwood, Edenville, and Sanford Projects, respectively. To facilitate focused spillway assessments and gate inspections, the licensee proposes to lower each reservoir about 4 feet to the following elevations: 746.8 ft for Secord, 700.4 ft for Smallwood, 671.8 ft for Edenville, and 626.8 ft for Sanford (all reservoir elevations are at National Geodetic Vertical Datum) beginning September 20, 2018. The licensee would draw down the reservoirs at a rate of 8 inches per day for the inspections to occur on/about October 1, 2018. Potentially beginning on October 2, 2018, the licensee would begin refilling the reservoirs at a rate not to exceed 9 inches per day to return the reservoirs to their normal water surface elevations of 750.8 ft for Secord, 704.8 ft for Smallwood, 675.8 ft for Edenville, and 630.8 ft for Sanford.

l. *Locations of the Application*: A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street NE, Room 2A,