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Secretary
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888 First St. NE
Washington, DC 20426

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RE: Jarvis Project (P-3211-009)

Dear Secretary:

I wanted to comment on behalf of the many Sportsmen and Women in the six NY counties that I represent as the NYS Conservation Fund Advisory Board Region 6 Representative.

First, as a Proposed Study, there is a great concern over the drawdowns at the Jarvis Plant from the Hinckley Reservoir. Supposedly there is a capacity of some 28.5 billion gallons at Hinckley. The problem with this assumption is that no one actually knows what the capacity is. The last study evaluation was done over 80 years ago! How can we use a resource that we do not know what it is ... or what the actual capacity is? What has been the net effect of the erosion and siltation of the lake itself? It is well known and documented that the sand bars have changed dramatically in just the past 20 years. You need only ask the property owners. What has been the net effect of the development and private wells over the same time period on the water table and aquifer's? How can we proceed without addressing this issue? How can a resource be managed when we do not know what the resource really is? A study/survey needs to be done to address this before any permit is approved. Everyone needs to know what the actual and true capacity. Only then can we proceed with any licensing.

Secondly, regarding the Aquatic Resources, there are several areas of concern. The minimum flow rates need to be raised to 260 cfs vs the current 160 cfs along with insuring the proper temperature to support the Coldwater Fisheries downstream. Additionally, the current intake at the dam should be small enough to prevent the intake of smaller fish species.

There needs to be more consideration of the economic impact from the cold water fisheries needs on the local and regional economy. Fishing is a major activity along Hinckley and the West Canada Creek below. In support of this I submit the fact that the economic impact of sport fishing on the local economy is extensive. New Yorkers are fourth in the nation in pumping \$43 Billion and 313,000 jobs into the national economy annually. (Southwick Associates commissioned by the Outdoor Industries Association). According to the NY State Angler Survey done by the DEC in 2007 study, In the 6 County Region which includes Oneida and Herkimer Counties, there were over 2.5 million angler days of people fishing. In the mid 1990's a survey was done by the DEC on the economic impact of fishing on Hinckley and the West Canada and indicated that the overall impact directly and indirectly was over \$18 million annually on the local economy. Appropriate flow rates need to be maintained to protect and maintain the fisheries.

Thank you for your attention and open discussion of our concerns.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Corr', with a stylized flourish at the end.

David Corr

Mohawk Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Region 6 Conservation Fund Advisory Board Representative

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