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To the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission:

I'd like to start by saying thank you to the commission for giving the people a chance to address their concerns that have seemingly gone unheard thus far. I have been a property owner on Hinckley Lake since 2009. Throughout my time here, I have witnessed property values decreasing, wells drying up, damage to properties and diminishing wildlife habitat, all due to the water level manipulation and misconduct by the NY Canal Corp, NYPA and Brookfield Power Authority.

I can assure you, if any of the members of these corporations resided on or had appreciation for the history of Hinckley, they would be disgusted with what is being done to our lake, the landowners, the shoreline and the wildlife. I have attended meetings with local representatives that have no voice, that only back the people to get votes but once elected they forget those that needed and supported them, as well as the causes they were fighting for. I have talked to Andrew Cuomo's office just to be told that there isn't anything they can do to help, that I would need to speak with the DEC. I have talked with the DEC to be told to speak with the NYS Canal Corp. I have called the NYS Canal Corp to be told to talk with the Power Authority and MVWA. This process is overwhelming for the average person and many of us are feeling defeated. I fear we've lost the drive and interest of the majority of the land owners due to the lack of answers and the fact the not a single person can willingly assist us and/or answer our concerns. That being said we need help from FERC.

I ask FERC to remember a time that Hinckley Reservoir was a destination for people and families to gather. Businesses thrived, wildlife was abundant and properties held value. On any given weekend, the Hinckley state park was always at full capacity. Some of my fondest childhood memories are of my time spent at Hinckley; for family reunions, summer holidays and camping vacations with my family. I want future generations to have the same opportunity to enjoy the lake, the beach and all the fun that this beautiful Adirondack Park has to offer. Today you would be lucky to see a few people there because you can never count on the reservoir having sufficient water to enjoy. I ask FERC to recognize what the last 40 years had on this beautiful area in hope to make it right, for the next 40 years and longer.

The Adirondack Park is a protected area for a reason, in which we, the property owners and visitors, respect. Why isn't it protected from corporate greed? How can we stop the destruction these corporations have created, all for the sake of revenue? With the advancement in technology, why would we jeopardize a natural resource? Why haven't they updated to wind turbines or solar energy with the ongoing shortage of reservoir water and climate change? These are just a few questions that we must demand answers to.

In regard to water management, please understand that the property owners at any given time are at the mercy of the operating diagram. This diagram is so outdated and even with the release of the new operating diagram, it only favors the Canal Corp, NYPA and MVWA. Power can be generated at any time of the year; why would it be during optimal times for the lake use? The diagram is based on the capacity of 25.8 billion gallons of water which was measured many years ago. I ask FERC to reassess the capacity

due to this large body of water fluctuates much more than it did years ago. Could it be the destruction of Grey Dam? I personally can see that the lake has many more sand bars than it did years ago. Does the lake need to be dredged to allow more water to be held for peak season? We can only hope that FERC takes into consideration the many people who have been affected by the water management because we have not had proper local and state representation thus far.

Thank you,
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