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RE: Appalachian Power Company  
Smith Mountain Project No. 2210  
Application for Amendment of  
Order Approving Non-Project Use of  
Project Lands and Waters

August 2, 2013

Dear Sir or Madame:

On behalf of Appalachian Power Company (Appalachian), enclosed please find one copy of "Smith Mountain Project No. 2210 Application for Amendment of Order Approving Non-Project Use of Project Lands and Waters: Water Withdraw Increase". The enclosed application is predicated on the request of the Bedford Regional Water Authority (BRWA) to increase withdrawals of water for domestic purposes from Smith Mountain Lake from the current approved maximum daily rate of 2.999 MGD to a maximum daily rate of 12 MGD.

Under the conditions of "Order Approving Non-Project Use of Project Lands and Waters: Water Withdraw Increase" issued October 10, 2008 for the Smith Mountain Project by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) and the associated "Virginia Water Protection Permit 96-0707", Appalachian granted permission to BRWA to withdraw up to a maximum daily rate of 2.999 MGD from Smith Mountain Lake. Growth in the area serviced by BRWA is expected to result in the need to expand the water withdrawal rates required by BRWA to a maximum daily rate of 12 MGD. Therefore, BRWA is requesting that Appalachian apply to the Commission in order that Appalachian can grant approval to BRWA for the noted water withdrawal increase.

The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (VDEQ) has issued a Draft Modification of Virginia Water Protection Permit No. 96-0707. Within that draft document, VDEQ has

stipulated various conditions for construction of the facilities necessary to accommodate the increased water withdrawals as well as for withdrawing water for domestic purposes at the requested rates. Appalachian is proposing to submit the application to the Commission which will refer to the conditions promulgated by VDEQ as well as other conditions that would need to be met by BRWA. The draft application by Appalachian also contains an Draft Applicant Prepared Environmental Assessment (DEA) that addresses various environmental issues including the potential effects the increased water withdrawals may have on water levels for Smith Mountain Reservoir as well as discharges downstream of the Leesville Development for the Smith Mountain Project.

We are asking that all parties addressed by this letter review the enclosed information and provide any and all comments to the undersigned within forty-five days of the date of this letter. Any questions should be addressed to the same.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Frank M. Simms".

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