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Re: Annual EAP Exemption filing P-10624

Dear Kevin,

Please accept this as the Annual EAP Exemption Filing for FERC No. P-10624. There are three criteria in 18 CFR 12.21(c) concerning the conditions of exemptions from filing EAP's.

- 1. To review circumstances upstream and downstream from the project to determine if, as a result of changed circumstances, a project emergency might endanger life, health or property.
 - a. I have inspect the project area upstream and downstream for new construction or changes that could present a danger to life, health or property and there were not any observed.
- 2. Promptly after the applicant or licensee learns that, as a result of any change in circumstances, a project emergency might endanger life, health or property, the applicant or licensee must inform the Regional Engineer of that changed condition without unduly delaying the preparation and implementation of the emergency action plan.
 - a. French Paper will inform the Regional engineer of any changes identified throughout the year and immediately prepare and implement the emergency action plan.
- 3. Comprehensive review of the necessity for an emergency action plan must be conducted at least once per year.
 - a. French Paper Hydro is a low hazard dam, and a failure would increase the water level by one inch as reported in the previous comprehensive review, posing no threat to life, health or property. The request was granted by FERC on February 13, 1989, and the conditions upon which the request was made remain the same.
- 4. French Paper is requesting the EAP exemption be granted for year 2024.

Sincerely,

Shane Fenske