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Mrs. Douglas L. Rook

Sodus Point, NY

June 17, 2008

Mr. Frank Bevacqua
1250 23rd Street, NW, Suite 100
Washington, D. C. 20440

RE: Proposed new Order of Approval and plan for regulation of lake levels and flows in the Lake Ontario-St. Lawrence River system through the dam at Cornwall-Massena

1. Final Report of April 2005
 - 2 areas favored Plan 1958 D - Riparian rights were first on the list
 - 4 areas thought the Environmental Plan good
 - 7 areas felt Plan B+ a fair choice, in spite of Riparian rights listed in fourth consideration

2. Final Report of March 2006 - Increased involvement
 - Committees - 3, 16 members
 - Work Groups - 9
 - Participants:
 - Planning - 14
 - Hydraulic - 22
 - Data - 14
 - Recreation - 18
 - Water Usage - 16
 - Power - 9
 - Environmental - 51 (weighted view)
 - Commercial - 24
 - Coastal - 25

 - NO decision made - plan set aside

3. 2008 - Plan 2007 proposed

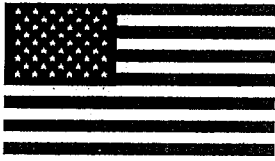
4. Statement:
 - It is sad and costly that Plan B+, favored by the majority, was NOT accepted and implemented.

Sincerely,

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September 9, 2005

Mrs. Douglas L. Rook

Newark, NJ

Dear Mrs. Rook:

Thank you for your correspondence regarding the options being considered by the International Lake Ontario - St. Lawrence River Study Board for recommendation to the International Joint Commission (IJC). Your letter has been conveyed to the Commission as part of our reporting process.

Regarding the questions you raised, there was a Plan C, but it was very similar and did not perform as well as Plan D, so it was eliminated. Since the summer meetings, a new Plan C has been developed and its results will be sent to you later this year, along with revised results for the other plans that were presented. Regarding flushing wetlands, the Study Board is looking at mitigation measures and artificially maintaining wetlands may be considered. Regarding your last question about nuclear and steam plants, none of the plan options being considered would negatively impact these plants.

The opinions and comments you and others provided are extremely valuable and have helped the Board to ensure the plans are better able to serve all interests. The Board will be providing the Study's Final Report to the Commission this fall. The Commission will review the report and will present its draft decisions at public hearings it is expected to hold in 2006. A copy of this report will be provided to you. You will also receive information about the meetings that will be held in your area next year.

For additional information or if you have additional comments, please contact Frank Bevacqua or Paula Fedeski-Koundakjian, the IJC U.S. and Canadian Public Information Officers at (202) 736-9024 or (613) 995-0088, respectively.

Sincerely,

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August 2, 2005

Ms. Arlean Kreusch
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International Lake Ontario-St. Lawrence Study
1776 Niagara Street
Buffalo, NY 14207

Re: proposed plans A, B, D to re-regulate water levels for Lake Ontario-St. Lawrence River

Dear Ms Kreusch,

A. Questions:

1. Was there a plan C? If so, what did it say?
2. If wet lands need flushing out, could it be done using a water pump, or constructing a tunnel between it and the lake?
3. Wouldn't flooding along the approximately 250 miles of Lake Ontario's south shore put 4 nuclear plants and 8 steam stations at risk?

B. Results of flooding:

1. Billions of dollars lost by home owners and businesses.
2. Natural safe harbors would not be safe anymore. IE Sodus Bay Islands and Drumlins would erode - leaving just an indentation of water.
3. Habitats for wild life, trees and plants destroyed.
4. Over a 100 years of history sacrificed.

C. Opinion:

1. The 1958D regulation plan for water level control that has been in effect since the 1960's has served the area nearly perfectly. It seems logical to continue using it.


D. Statement:

As a summer resident of the Barrier Bar, (Crescent Beach), Sodus Bay,

Sodus Pt., NY for 80 years, it has been a special privilege to be here, to nurture and appreciate the animals, trees and plants that have taken up residence; to best the challenges of weather because it is necessary to use a boat to reach the cottage; to walk the beach - clear it of debris, (bed springs, tires, combs, sneakers, etc), as well as harvest drift wood, friendship stones and mermaid tears...

Ecologically and environmentally, the Barrier Bar is a sacred place. More could be said, but I rest my case against using Plans A, B, or D to re-regulate Lake Ontario-St. Lawrence River water levels.

Sincerely,


Mrs. Douglas L. Rook