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Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, N.E.
Washington, DC 20426

Re: Claytor Project (P-739-018) – Application for New License
Comments on Initial Study Report Meeting Summary

Dear Secretary Bose:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Initial Study Meeting Summary Report for the Claytor Project (P-739-018). Our comments are in regards to the Water Quality Study. DEQ considers the limited results presented as preliminary and anticipate additional discussion in working groups where water quality data may impact other studies and vice versa both within the reservoir and downstream.

Water Quality

Units of measure are lacking in the tables causing some confusion as to magnitude of values presented and consequent interpretation of results. A more complete analysis is needed before arriving at a conclusion that Claytor Dam has no impacts on water quality within the project boundary. Further, analysis of historic as well as current data is needed in light of reservoir stratification and downstream impacts noted via temperature and dissolved oxygen data presented.

Sincerely,

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