Larry Hogan, Governor Boyd K. Rutherford, Lt. Governor

Ben Grumbles, Secretary Horacio Tablada, Deputy Secretary

September 2, 2020

RE: Water Appropriation and Use Permit No.: GA1992S009(09)
Publication of Permit Decision

Dear Property Owner, Public Official, Interested Person or Applicant:

On September 2, 2020 the Water and Science Administration (Administration) issued Water Appropriation and Use Permit No. GA1992S009(09) to Brookfield Power Piney & Deep Creek, LLC to appropriate and use an annual average of 128,000,000 gallons of water per day (gpd) and a maximum daily withdrawal of 420,000,000 gallons for hydroelectric power generation. Water is to be withdrawn from Deep Creek Lake. The site is located near Deep Creek Lake and the withdrawal point is north of the Deep Creek Lake Dam, about three miles west of Thayerville, Garrett County, Maryland.

After examination and consideration of the documents received and evidence in the application file and record, the Administration has determined that the application meets the statutory and regulatory criteria necessary for issuance of a Water Appropriation and Use Permit. This Notice of Decision, a Fact Sheet on Judicial Review, The Impact Analysis Summary, Response to Comments document, and copy of the signed permit can all be found at

 $\underline{https://mde.maryland.gov/programs/Water/water_supply/Pages/DeepCreekLakeRenewalProcessFor 09}.aspx\ .$

This is a final agency determination; there is no further opportunity for administrative review. The applicant or any person with standing who participated in the public participation process through the submission of written or oral comments may petition for judicial review in the Circuit Court in the County where the permitted activity is to occur. The petition for judicial review must be filed within 30 days of the publication of the permit decision.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, the best way to contact me at this time is via email to john.grace@maryland.gov.

Sincerely,

John Grace

Water Supply Program

Enclosures