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Dear Ms. Bose:

I am a resident of the town of West Shokan, New York, for almost 30 years. Like many of my neighbors, I have come to think of myself as a custodian of the present and future of the priceless, unbroken wilderness of the Catskill Forest Preserve. Therefore, I am writing in opposition to the deeply flawed proposal by Premium Energy Holdings in build a hydroelectric power plant in New York's Catskill Mountains. This land is deemed so valuable that it is protected by the New York State constitution, article XIV.

I pass the famed Esopus Creek daily. This proposed project would disrupt water flow into the Esopus and pumped storage is notorious for wreaking havoc on stream ecology and on aquatic and land habitats as well. The Esopus Creek is one of the Catskills' most vital trout breeding waters and one of the key creeks feeding into the Ashokan Reservoir, which supplies 40% of New York City's water supply, serving 1 billion gallons of water a day to 9.5 million people.

Please do the right thing and deny Premium Energy's proposal for a preliminary permit for the Asoka Pumped Storage Project P-15056.

Sincerely,

 4/5/2021

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