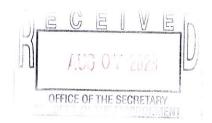
## ROBERT G. CASSILLY Harford County Executive



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August 02, 2023

Secretary Serena McIlwain Maryland Department of the Environment Montgomery Park Business Center 1800 Washington Blvd. Baltimore, Maryland 21230



Re: Conowingo Hydroelectric Project - Section 401 WQC Reconsideration

Dear Secretary McIlwain,

I support Constellation Energy Generation, LLC's request to preserve the existing agreement with the State of Maryland.

The Conowingo Dam provides many benefits to Maryland, including enhanced debris cleanup and management (a large part of which is generated upstream and outside the State of Maryland); enhanced Habitat and Fish Passage improvements; climate resiliency projects; and various modifications to river flow producing enhancements to aquatic species habitats.

The Conowingo also serves as Maryland's largest source of renewable energy in a process free of carbon, air, or water pollution. The Dam also provides a variety of recreational opportunities (boating, bird watching, fishing, and hiking to name a few), and enhanced wildlife program support for rare, threatened, and endangered species.

Constellation is a substantial contributor in efforts to protect the Susquehanna River, the Watershed, and the Chesapeake Bay. Constellation currently removes an average of 600 tons of trash and debris around the Dam each year. River cleanup efforts help clear trash and debris from upstream sources, some of which pass through upriver dams that have not committed to the same debris removal activities.

Preserving the existing agreement and the millions of dollars of investments from Constellation

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will ensure the continued operation of the state's largest source of renewable energy. The commitments from other regional parties, including those that are the actual source of pollution upstream, must be fulfilled and enforced.

Very truly yours

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