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April 10, 2019

Ms. Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
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Washington, DC 20426

FERC Project No. 14797 – Devil Canyon Project Transmittal of
Draft License Application and Request for Written Comments by July 8, 2019

Dear Secretary Bose:

Pursuant to Section 16.8(c)(4) of Title 18 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this letter provides to resource agencies and Indian tribes a copy of the California Department of Water Resources' (DWR) draft Application for New License Major Project – Existing Dam – for the Devil Canyon Project, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Project Number 14797 (Project). The existing licensed Project is located along the East Branch of the State Water Project, in San Bernardino County, California. The Project occupies 221.0 acres of United States lands managed by the United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, as part of the San Bernardino National Forest.

The Draft License Application (DLA) is prepared in conformance with 18 CFR, Part 4, Subpart F, (APPLICATION FOR LICENSE FOR MAJOR PROJECT - EXISTING DAM) following the Traditional Licensing Process.

The public portion of the DLA can be downloaded at the Project website - <http://devil-canyon-project-relicensing.com/license/> and is also being filed herein. The DLA is composed of four volumes, as described below, and this outline is expected to carry forward to the Final License Application.

VOLUME I of IV (PUBLIC)

Volume I contains the following public information:

- Initial Statement
- Exhibit A, Project Description
- Exhibit B, Project Operations and Resource Utilization
- Exhibit C, Construction History and Proposed Construction Schedule

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- Exhibit D, Statement of Project Costs and Financing
- Exhibit G, Project Maps
- Exhibit H, Miscellaneous Material

VOLUME II of IV (PUBLIC)

Volume II contains the following public information:

- Exhibit E, Environmental Report, excluding the draft Historic Properties Management Plan (HPMP) and the supporting Cultural Resources and Tribal Resources Technical Reports. The HPMP and supporting reports contain privileged and confidential information and, as such, are being filed with FERC as privileged in Volume III.

VOLUME III of IV (CUI//PRIV)

Volume III contains privileged information and includes:

- Exhibit E, draft HPMP and supporting reports.

VOLUME IV of IV (CUI//CEII)

Volume IV contains CEII materials not intended for public release, and includes:

- Exhibit F, Detailed Design Drawings. Exhibit F design drawings are considered CEII, and are being filed with FERC as CEII per Commission regulation 18 CFR 388.113(c).

Relicensing participants may submit written comments on the DLA to DWR. **Written comments must be received by DWR at the address below by 5:00 PM on Monday, July 8, 2019**, 90 days from the date of this transmittal letter, as provided in 18 CFR Section 16.8(c)(5):

ATTN: Jeremiah McNeil, Relicensing Program Manager
Hydropower License Planning and Compliance Office
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If DWR concludes that a written comment received within the comment deadline indicates an agency or Indian tribe has a substantive disagreement with DWR's conclusions regarding resource impacts or DWR's proposed protection, mitigation, and enhancement measures, DWR will schedule and hold a meeting with the disagreeing agency or Indian tribe no later than 60 days from the date of the comment letter. DWR will invite to the meeting other agencies or Indian tribes with an interest in the issue. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss and attempt to reach agreement with the disagreeing agency or Indian tribe on DWR's proposed measures. DWR will provide to FERC notice of the meeting, including a meeting agenda, no later than 15 days in advance of the meeting. The consultation will be documented in DWR's final license application, which DWR plans to file with FERC by January 31, 2020.

If you have any questions regarding the draft license application, please contact me at (916) 557-4554 or your staff may contact Jeremiah McNeil, DWR's Relicensing Program Manager, at (916) 557-4555.

Sincerely,



Gwen Knittweis, Chief
Hydropower Licensing Planning and Compliance Office
Executive Division
California Department of Water Resources

Enclosures

cc: (See attached Distribution List.)