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August 1, 2016

Ms. Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
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FERC Project No. P-_____ – Devil Canyon Project Filing of Notice of Intent to File an Application for a New License and Pre-Application Document

Dear Secretary Bose:

This letter files with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) the California Department of Water Resources' (DWR) Notice of Intent to File an Application for a New License (NOI, included in Enclosure 1) and Pre-Application Document (PAD, included in Enclosure 2) for a portion of the existing South SWP Hydropower, FERC Project No. 2426. DWR and the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) jointly hold the initial FERC license, which expires on January 31, 2022.

The current licensed South SWP Hydropower consists of three developments: the Warne and the Castaic Power Developments, which are both located along the West Branch of the State Water Project (SWP) in Los Angeles County, California; and the Devil Canyon Power Development, which is located along the East Branch of the SWP in San Bernardino County, California.

After careful consideration, DWR and LADWP request that at the completion of relicensing, FERC issue: one new license to DWR for the Devil Canyon Project, which would include the Devil Canyon Power Development portion of the existing license; and one new license to DWR and LADWP as co-licensees for the South SWP Hydropower facilities that consist of the Warne and Castaic Power Developments.

This letter transmits DWR's NOI and PAD for the Devil Canyon Power Development. DWR and LADWP are also filing an NOI and PAD under separate cover for the Warne and the Castaic Power Developments. Please note that Appendix D of the PAD contains Critical Energy Infrastructure Information (CEII) and the information included in this appendix has been filed electronically as CEII. Also, please note that Appendix I of the PAD contains Privileged material and the information contained in this appendix has been filed electronically as Privileged.

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DWR requests that FERC designate a new docket number for the Devil Canyon Project and its relicensing.

In addition, as provided for in 18 CFR Section (§) 5.5(e), this letter requests that for activities related to the relicensing, FERC designate DWR as FERC's non-federal representative for the purposes of consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, and the implementing regulations at 36 CFR § 800.2(c)(4), as well as for consultation under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, as amended.

If you have any questions about this matter, please contact me at (916) 557-4555 or your staff may contact Gwen Scholl, DWR's Relicensing Program Manager, at (916) 557-4554.

Sincerely,



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