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VIA E-FILING

Kimberly D. Bose Secretary Federal Energy Regulatory Commission 888 First Street, N.E. Washington, DC 20426

Beaver Falls Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 1922) Final Study Plan

Dear Secretary Bose:

The City of Ketchikan, Alaska d/b/a Ketchikan Public Utilities (KPU) is the licensee for the Beaver Falls Hydroelectric Project, FERC No. 1922 (Project), located on Beaver Falls Creek near the City of Ketchikan, Ketchikan Gateway Borough, Alaska. The 7.1 megawatt Beaver Falls Hydroelectric Project is located along the southern coast of Revillagigedo Island, on Beaver Falls Creek, approximately 6 miles northeast of the City of Ketchikan, Alaska.

KPU is using the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Traditional Licensing Process (TLP) for the Beaver Falls Project relicensing. As part of the FERC relicensing process, the following relicensing activities have occurred to date for the Project (not an exhaustive list):

- Notice of Intent (NOI), Pre-Application Document (PAD), and request to utilize the TLP for relicensing filed with FERC on July 16, 2019;
- FERC granted KPU approval to utilize the TLP for relicensing the Project on August 19; 2019;
- KPU hosted a Joint Agency & Public Meeting (JAM) and site visit for the Project on October 3, 2019; and
- KPU distributed a Draft Study Plan for comment from relevant and known resource agencies, Tribes, non-governmental organizations, and stakeholders on March 6, 2020.

Though not required by the TLP, KPU hereby electronically files the Beaver Falls Project Final Study Plan (FSP) as a best practice documentation measure. KPU does not request or expect FERC or other agency or stakeholder commentary on the FSP.

This FSP is simultaneously being distributed to the Project Distribution List (included in the NOI and PAD filed with FERC on July 16, 2019, which includes relevant and known resource agencies, Tribes, non-governmental organizations, and stakeholders).

All materials related to the current relicensing process as well as this FSP are available for inspection at KPU's office located at 2930 Tongass Avenue, Ketchikan, Alaska 99901; by appointment; as well as on KPU's relicensing website: https://www.beaverfallsrelicensing.com/.

Should you have any questions or comments related to the enclosed materials, or any other information presented here within, please contact me at <u>jenniferh@ktn-ak.us</u> or at 907-228-4733 or Katie Sellers at <u>katie.sellers@kleinschmidtgroup.com</u> or at 207-416-1218.

Sincerely,

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