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January 30, 2020

Ms. Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
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FERC Project No. 2426—South SWP
Hydropower Transmittal of Final License Application

Dear Ms. Bose:

Pursuant to Section 5.17 of Title 18 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) and the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP), jointly referred to in this letter as the Licensees, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) the attached final Application for New License for Major Project—Existing Dam for the South SWP Hydropower, FERC Project Number 2426 (Project). The Project is located along the West Branch of the State Water Project in Los Angeles County, California. The Project, as proposed by the Licensees, would occupy 2,007 acres of United States (U.S.) lands: 1,334.6 acres managed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service (USFS) as part of the Angeles National Forest; 665.9 acres managed by USFS as part of the Los Padres National Forest; and 6.5 acres administered by the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management.

The Final License Application (FLA) has been prepared in conformance with 18 CFR, Section 5.18 and Part 4, Subpart F following the Integrated Licensing Process.

The Licensees are filing the FLA electronically. However, Appendix A of Exhibit B (Hydrology Dataset for the Relicensing Period of Record) and Appendix B of Exhibit E (Study Plans, Field Results and Data Summaries, and Associated Data Files) will be filed with FERC on a DVD via certified mail. The FLA is composed of four volumes, as described below.

VOLUME I (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 for the Project
- Exhibit D, Statement of Costs and Financing
- Exhibit F, General Design Drawings (text only)
- Exhibit G, Project Maps
- Exhibit H, Plans and Ability of Applicant to Operate Efficiently

VOLUME II (PUBLIC)

Volume II contains the following Public information:

- Exhibit E, Environmental Report, excluding the Historic Properties Management Plan (HPMP). The HPMP contains privileged and confidential information and, as such, is being filed with FERC as Privileged in Volume III.

VOLUME III (CUI//PRIV)

Volume III contains Privileged information and includes:

- Exhibit E, HPMP

VOLUME IV (CUI//CEII)

Volume IV contains Critical Energy Infrastructure Information (CEII) material not intended for public release, and includes:

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

The Licensees will make Volumes I and II available to all federal, State, and local agencies, Native American tribes, non-governmental organizations, and members of the general public that have an interest in this relicensing by:

- Posting the volumes to the public Project relicensing website: <https://south-swp-hydropower-relicensing.com/>
- Making a hardcopy of the volumes available during regular business hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday) at DWR's place of business and at LADWP's place of business, which are:

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- Making a digital copy of the volumes available at the following public library in the Project region:

Old Town Newhall Library
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Additionally, the Licensees provided an electronic copy of the HPMP to the Native American tribes that have expressed interest in the relicensing.

Within five business days of filing the FLA with FERC, the Licensees will hand-deliver a complete hardcopy of the FLA to the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) at:

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2800 Cottage Way Suite W1834
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The Licensees will file with FERC a date and time-stamped copy of the letter to confirm that BLM has received the copy. Further, the Licensees will mail a complete hardcopy of the FLA, including the eFiling Confirmation of Receipt, to each of the following:

- FERC's San Francisco Regional Office;
- FERC's Office of General Counsel—Energy Projects; and
- FERC's Office of Energy Projects.

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If you have any questions regarding the Final License Application, please contact Gwen Knittweis, DWR's Chief of Hydropower License Planning and Compliance Office at (916) 557-4554, or Simon Zewdu, LADWP's Director of Regulatory Compliance and Specifications at (213) 367-2525.

Sincerely,



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