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May 15, 2018

Ms. Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street, Northeast  
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FERC Project No. 2426-227 – South SWP Hydropower Filing of Initial Study Report

Dear Ms. Bose:

On August 1, 2016, pursuant to Sections (§) 5.5 and 5.6 of Title 18 of the Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.), the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) and the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) a Notice of Intent and a Pre-Application Document in support of DWR and LADWP's (Licensees) intent to seek a new license for the South SWP Hydropower (Project), FERC Project Number 2426. The Licensees hold the existing license as joint licensees, and are the current owners and operators of the Project. The existing license expires on January 31, 2022.

In compliance with 18 C.F.R. § 5.15(c)(1), the Licensees hereby file an Initial Study Report, which is an enclosure to this letter.

In compliance with 18 C.F.R. § 5.15 (b) and 5.15 (c)(1), at 9:00 AM on May 23, 2018, the Licensees will meet with participants and FERC staff at the Courtyard by Marriott at 28523 Westinghouse Place in Valencia, California to discuss study results and participant's proposals, if any, to modify the study plan in light of the progress of the study plan and data collected.

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If you have any questions about the Initial Study Report, please contact Gwen Knittweis, DWR's Relicensing Program Manager and Acting Chief of Hydropower License Planning and Compliance Office at (916) 557-4554 or Simon Zewdu, LADWP's Manager of Regulatory Compliance and Special Projects at (213) 367-2525.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure