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

FERC Project No. 2426—South SWP  
Hydropower Transmittal of Draft License Application

Dear Ms. Bose:

Pursuant to Section 5.16 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 draft 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 3,287.3 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 Draft License Application (DLA) has been prepared in conformance with 18 CFR, Section 5.18 and Part 4, Subpart F (APPLICATION FOR LICENSE FOR MAJOR PROJECT—EXISTING DAM) following the Integrated Licensing Process.

The Licensees are filing with FERC all portions of the DLA following FERC's eFiling guidelines, with the exception of Appendix B of Exhibit E (Study Plans, Field Results and Data Summaries, and Associated Data Files) and Appendix A of Exhibit B (Hydrology Dataset for the Relicensing Period of Record). Appendix B of Exhibit E and Appendix A of Exhibit B will be filed with FERC on a digital video disc (DVD) via certified mail. The DLA is composed of four volumes, as described below, and this outline is expected to carry forward to the Final License Application.

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### **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 draft 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, draft HPMP

#### **VOLUME IV (CUI//CEII)**

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

- 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 process 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:

Department of Water Resources  
2033 Howe Avenue, Suite 220  
Sacramento, California 95825

Los Angeles Department of  
Water and Power  
111 North Hope Street, Room L43  
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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  
24500 Main Street  
Santa Clarita, California 91321

Pursuant to 18 CFR Section 5.16(e), comments on the DLA should be filed within 90 days of the date of this filing. Because that day falls on a holiday, comments will be due on or before Friday, November 29, 2019.

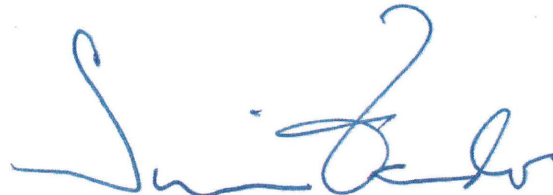
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If you have any questions regarding the Draft License Application, please contact Gwen Knittweis, DWR's Chief of Hydropower License Planning and Compliance Office at (916) 557-4554, or Simon Zewdu, LADWP's Manager of Regulatory Compliance and Specifications,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

Sincerely,



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