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

**SUBJECT: Hawks Nest Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2512-069)
Glen Ferris Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 14439-000)
Integrated Licensing Process Study Progress Report #7**

Dear Secretary Bose:

Hawks Nest Hydro, LLC (Hawks Nest Hydro), a subsidiary of Brookfield Renewable Energy Group, owns and operates the Hawks Nest Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2512) and the Glen Ferris Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 14439) (collectively, the “Projects”) in Fayette County, West Virginia. The Projects are licensed by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“FERC” or “Commission”) in accordance with the Commission’s delegated authority under the Federal Power Act. Hawks Nest Hydro is currently pursuing a new license for the Projects under the Integrated Licensing Process (ILP) described at 18 CFR Part 5 of the Commission’s regulations. Accordingly, Hawks Nest Hydro has initiated the resource studies detailed in its May 6, 2013 Revised Study Plan (RSP) and approved (as filed) by the Commission’s May 31, 2013 Study Plan Determination. Pursuant to 18 CFR § 5.15(b) and the RSP, Hawks Nest Hydro is providing this seventh ILP Study Progress Report for the Projects.

Unless otherwise described, all relicensing studies are being conducted in conformance with the approved RSP and the Commission’s Study Plan Determination. This progress report describes the activities performed since the September 29, 2014 filing of the sixth ILP Progress Report, as well as study activities generally expected to be conducted in the next quarter in support of development of the final license application for the Projects, which must be filed with the Commission by December 31, 2015.

Bypass Reach Aquatic Habitat Use/Instream Flow Study

- Completed model development and calibration, including development of final topographic model of, and mapping of substrate/cover boundaries within, the 2D study site.
- Effort for this study is currently focused on development of an updated hydrology dataset to support habitat time series analysis.

- Activities expected to be conducted and complete in the next quarter include simulation model runs and development of the draft study report, which is still expected to be substantively completed in the first quarter of 2015.

Recreation Flow Assessment Study

- Study effort in the fourth quarter of 2014 focused on data processing and compilation and initiation of the draft study report, which is expected to be finalized in the next quarter.

Recreation Use and Needs Assessment

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Cultural Resources Study

- Brookfield and Brookfield's consultants finalized the Phase I Archaeological Identification Survey and the Cultural Historic Survey study reports, which will be distributed to the consulting parties, including the West Virginia State Historic Preservation officer and federally recognized Indian tribes, early in the next quarter.

As always, I welcome the opportunity to discuss the ongoing relicensing process or the progress of ongoing studies with you further. If you have any question regarding this progress report, please feel free to contact me at (315) 598-6130.

Very truly yours,



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