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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 #6**

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 sixth ILP Study Progress Report for the Projects.

Hawks Nest Hydro filed the last (fifth) ILP study progress report on June 27, 2014. Also on June 27, 2014, Hawks Nest Hydro filed with the Commission a summary of the June 12, 2014 ISR meeting in accordance with 18 CFR § 5.15(c)(3). By letters to the Commission dated July 21, 2014 and July 24, 2014, respectively, the New River Conservancy (NRC) and West Virginia Professional River Outfitters Association (WVPRO) filed timely comments on the ISR and the Initial Study Results Meeting Summary. Hawks Nest Hydro filed a response to these comments with the Commission on August 25, 2014. The Commission issued its determination on requests for study modifications on September 25, 2014, and no modifications to the study plan are required.

Unless otherwise described, all relicensing studies are being conducted in conformance with the approved RSP and the Commission’s Study Plan Determination. Activities performed since the fifth ILP study progress report, as well as study activities generally expected to be conducted in the next quarter in support of relicensing the Projects, are summarized below.

Bypass Reach Aquatic Habitat Use/Instream Flow Study

- Field data collection using terrestrial and bathymetric survey techniques was completed in the summer of 2014 to complete the topographic model of the 2D study site (i.e., areas not covered by LiDAR) and to map substrate/cover boundaries within the study site.
- This study is expected to be substantially complete by the end of the next quarter. The remaining work to complete the study includes developing a final topographic map of the study site for use in the model, calibrating the model, running the model, and developing the draft study report. The report is projected to be completed in the first quarter of 2015.

Recreation Flow Assessment Study

- In response to comments raised at and as follow-up to the Initial Study Results Meeting, the survey period for the Extended Whitewater Evaluation was extended until September 30, 2014, and a direct-entry online survey was created and made available to provide stakeholders with an additional means for submitting survey responses.
- The survey period for the Flow Comparison Survey ended on August 15, 2014, and the results from this survey have been processed and summarized for use in the draft study report.
- Data input/entry of the Controlled Whitewater Evaluation post-run surveys collected in May 2014 is substantially complete and the data is currently being analyzed and summarized for use in the draft study report.
- Activities expected for the next quarter include input and processing of any submitted Extended Whitewater Evaluation surveys and development of the draft Recreation Flow Assessment Study Report.

Recreation Use and Needs Assessment

- The survey period for the Recreation Activities and Facilities Survey ended on June 28, 2014 and the results from this survey have been processed and summarized for use in the draft study report.
- A map and summary table were developed, and photographs captioned and organized, of the existing recreation facilities at the Projects (excluding those associated with Hawks Nest State Park), as described in Task 2 of the Recreation Use and Needs RSP, for use in the draft study report.
- Activities expected for the next quarter include development of the draft Recreation Use and Needs Study Report.

Cultural Resources Study

- Activities that have been ongoing since the fifth ILP study progress report include efforts to finalize the Phase I Archaeological Identification Survey and the Cultural Historic Survey study reports. Because additional time and effort was needed, these reports are

expected to be distributed to the consulting parties, including the West Virginia State Historic Preservation officer and federally recognized Indian tribes, in October.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S.P. Murphy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "S".

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