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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 #8**

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 eighth 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 December 22, 2014 filing of the seventh 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

- Habitat modeling procedures were established and completed. These activities include the development of species and guild habitat suitability simulations, weighted usable area or flow-habitat relationships, and habitat time series modeling.
- Efforts this period have also been focused on the development of the draft study report, reporting on all phases of study, as outlined in the RSP.

- Activities expected to be complete in the next quarter include finalization of the draft study report, which Brookfield intends to distribute and file with the Updated Study Report by the end of May 2015.

Rare, Threatened, and Endangered Aquatic Species Study

- Continued development of draft study report based on results of the Aquatic Species Composition and Abundance Survey, which was completed in 2014.
- Activities expected to be complete in the next quarter include finalization of the draft study report, which Brookfield intends to distribute and file with the Updated Study Report by the end of May 2015.

Recreation Flow Assessment Study

- Study effort in the first quarter of 2015 focused on development of the draft study report.
- Activities expected to be complete in the next quarter include finalization of the draft study report, which Brookfield intends to distribute and file with the Updated Study Report by the end of May 2015.

Recreation Use and Needs Assessment

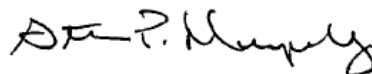
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Cultural Resources Study

- The Phase I Archaeological Identification Survey and the Cultural Historic Survey study reports were distributed to the consulting parties, including the West Virginia State Historic Preservation officer and federally recognized Indian tribes, on March 2, 2015. Consulting parties were asked to provide a response within 30 days of this transmittal.

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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