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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 #9**

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 new licenses 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 completed all the resource studies detailed in its May 6, 2013 Revised Study Plan (RSP), which was 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 ninth ILP Study Progress Report for the Projects.

Unless otherwise described, all relicensing studies were conducted in conformance with the approved RSP and the Commission’s Study Plan Determination. This progress report describes the activities performed since the April 1, 2015 filing of the eighth 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.

Pursuant to the Commission’s regulations at 18 CFR § 5.15(f), on May 29, 2015, Hawks Nest Hydro filed the Updated Study Report (USR) with the Commission and distributed notice of the filing and of the schedule for the USR meeting to the Projects’ mailing list. On June 11, 2015, Hawks Nest Hydro conducted the USR meeting in Glen Ferris, WV, which was attended by representatives from the Commission staff, the Licensee, WVA Manufacturing, LLC, and other stakeholders. On June 26, 2015, Hawks Nest Hydro filed a summary of the USR meeting with the Commission in accordance with 18 CFR § 5.15(f). The status of studies not yet complete at the time of the eighth ILP Progress Report is summarized below, with detailed status described in the USR and USR meeting summary.

Bypass Reach Aquatic Habitat Use/Instream Flow Study

- This study is complete. Activities completed in the second quarter of 2015 included finalization of the draft study report, which Brookfield distributed and filed with the USR on May 29, 2015.

Rare, Threatened, and Endangered Aquatic Species Study

- This study is complete. Activities completed in the second quarter of 2015 included finalization of the draft study report, which Brookfield distributed and filed with the USR on May 29, 2015.

Recreation Flow Assessment Study

- This study is complete. Activities completed in the second quarter of 2015 included finalization of the draft study report, which Brookfield distributed and filed with the USR on May 29, 2015.

Recreation Use and Needs Assessment

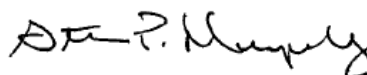
- This study is complete. Activities completed in the second quarter of 2015 included finalization of the draft study report, which Brookfield distributed and filed with the USR on May 29, 2015.

Cultural Resources Study

- This study is complete. The final Phase I Survey Report and Cultural Historical Survey Report were filed with the Commission on June 9, 2015.

As always, I welcome the opportunity to further discuss the ongoing relicensing process with the Commission. 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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