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Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ATTN: DHAC, PJ-12.2 888 First Street, N.E. Washington, D.C. 20426

> Project No. 14110-001 – Washington Black Canyon Hydroelectric Project Black Canyon Hydro, LLC

Re: Filing of Proposed Study Plans for Integrated Licensing Process

Dear Secretary Bose,

Pursuant to the regulations of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) for the Integrated Licensing Process (ILP), 18 CFR § 5.11(2009), Black Canyon Hydro, LLC (BCH) hereby submits proposed study plans for BCH's Black Canyon Hydroelectric Project, FERC No. P-14110 (Project), located on the North Fork Snoqualmie River in King County, Washington.

Additionally, BCH has submitted a table summarizing Pre-Application Document comments, requests for additional information, and study requests, along with BCH responses. BCH has reviewed each stakeholder comment and attempted to assign a comment number to each individual comment, request for additional information, or study request. The "numbered" version of each stakeholder comment has been submitted for reference when using the table.

Often stakeholders submitted study requests in the same resource category. However, specific scope, standards and division of study topics across different formal study requests varied among stakeholders. BCH has attempted to reconcile this variability as best as possible and address the concerns of all parties in the proposed study plans.

FERC staff requested additional information which has also been submitted in the documents titled "Hydrology Summary for the Black Canyon Hydroelectric Project" and two maps titled "Ownership and Land Use, FERC No. P-14110" and "Land Zoning, FERC Project No. P-14110."

All documents have been submitted electronically to the FERC and will also be posted shortly at <u>www.blackcanyonhydro.com</u>. BCH will provide CD's containing these documents on request to participating stakeholders.

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BCH will conduct a study plan meeting from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM on October 4, 2012 for the purpose of clarifying and reviewing the proposed study plans and to resolve any outstanding issues, pursuant to 18 CFR § 5.11(e).

The study plan meeting will take place at the North Puget Sound – Region 4 Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife office (16018 Mill Creek Blvd., Mill Creek, WA 98012-1541), however space is limited. Any party or person interested in attending the study plan meeting should let BCH know immediately by contacting Alex Grant, Licensing Coordinator – Black Canyon Hydroelectric Project at <u>alexgrant@tollhouseenergy.com</u> or call him at (360) 738-9999.

Sincerely,

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Encl: Meeting Agenda

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Meeting Agenda

An approximate meeting agenda is being provided, however, BCH wants to emphasis that it is approximate and there will almost inevitably be some changes made based on stakeholder input or particular study plans requiring more or less time.

BCH has tried to group study plans that are most closely related or focus on the same resource type. BCH has also tried to budget time in a manner that reflects the volume of comments and differences in study requests on the same resource area.

TIME	STUDY PLAN
9:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Fisheries
	Fish Passage
	Geomorphology
	Instream Flows
	Wildlife, Vegetation and Sensitive Habitats
12:00 PM to 1:00 PM	Break
1:00 PM to 2:00 PM	Hydrology
	Water Quality
	Groundwater
3:00 PM to 5:00 PM	Cultural
	Noise
	Aesthetics
	Recreation
	Recreational Boating

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