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Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
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Project No. 14110-001 – Washington
Black Canyon Hydroelectric Project
Black Canyon Hydro, LLC

Re: BCH Response to Agency and Stakeholder Study Reports Comments

Dear Secretary Bose,

Black Canyon Hydro (BCH) submitted relevant study reports for agency and stakeholder review on February 6, 2014. BCH presented study summary results via agency/stakeholder meetings on February 24-25, 2014. BCH submitted the study results meeting summary and updated study reports for comment on March 12, 2014. Agencies and stakeholders provided comments on the study reports and made requests for revisions and additional information. Commenting was concluded on April 11, 2014.

Comment letters were received from United States Department of Interior National Park Service (1), Wash. State Dept. of Ecology (1), The Snoqualmie Tribe (1), the City of Snoqualmie (2) and Susan Wilkens (2). Thus, a total of seven comment letters were reviewed by BCH.

Based on comments received from the National Park Service, BCH herein submits an updated Recreational Resources and Whitewater Boating Study Report with revisions as requested.

Based on comments received from the WA State Dept. of Ecology and the Snoqualmie Tribe, BCH will submit a BMP plan with the Preliminary Licensing Proposal to identify and manage rock excavation waste, including the potential for acidification of drainage, to assure there are no significant adverse effects on water quality or environment.

Based on comments received from the City of Snoqualmie, BCH will similarly propose a groundwater table examination and determination inclusive of elevation, directional flow gradient and potential exchange with the open river channel as a result of operation of the project. This aspect of study is proposed to occur as a



post-license article during the development of the preliminary tunnel design report when full property access may be accomplished.

Comments received from Susan Wilkens are noted and are of mutual interest and concern.

In addition to comments received and addressed, BCH has agreed to carry out a Spring/Summer 2014 initial trout spawning survey in accordance and collaboration with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. This effort is intended to provide additional insight and potentially affirmative observation of spawning utilization and timing within the Project study area. A short study plan summary of this voluntary effort is also submitted herein.

BCH will continue to move forward in a collaborative way that allows for meaningful stakeholder participation, while at the same time, respecting the time constraints and other obligations imposed by the FERC's ILP. All stakeholders are encouraged to contact Alex Grant, BCH Licensing Coordinator, at either (360) 738-9999 or alexgrant@tollhouseenergy.com at any time with any input related to this proceeding.

Sincerely,



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Agent for Black Canyon Hydro, LLC



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