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OFFICE OF ENERGY PROJECTS

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

Mr. Darryl Williams
The Tulalip Tribes of Washington
6406 Marine Drive
Tulalip, WA 98271

Reference: Project Consultation with the Tulalip Tribes of Washington

Dear Mr. Williams:

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) invites your participation in the licensing process for the Black Canyon Hydroelectric Project located on North Fork of the Snoqualmie River in King County, Washington. Black Canyon Hydro, LLC (Black Canyon Hydro) has requested to use the Commission's Integrated Licensing Process to license the project.

The proposed project would consist of the following features: (1) an approximately 35-foot-wide, 7-foot-tall inflatable dam; (2) a 90-foot-wide, 7-foot-tall diversion intake structure; (3) a 9-foot-wide, 7-foot-tall fish ladder; (4) a 6,990-foot-long, 14-foot-diameter horizontal upper tunnel (5) a 1,185-foot-long, 17-foot-diameter horizontal powerhouse tunnel and penstock; (6) a 60-foot-long, 100-foot-wide metal powerhouse with two Francis turbine units, one rated at 16 megawatts (MW) and the other rated at 9 MW; (7) a 150-foot-long, 40-foot-wide tailrace; (8) a 0.75-mile and 0.5-mile extension of two existing logging roads; (9) a 4.2-mile-long, 115-kilovolt transmission line; and (10) appurtenant facilities.

The Commission staff is interested in meeting with you to discuss the Commission's licensing process, how the tribe can participate to the fullest extent possible, your interests and concerns in the affected area, and how to establish procedures to ensure appropriate communication between Commission and tribal staffs. The meeting can be limited to Commission and your tribal staff or can be open to other tribes,¹ Black Canyon Hydro, or any other licensing participants you wish.

¹ Commission staff is also inviting the Snoqualmie Tribe to participate in the licensing process.

If at all possible, we would appreciate your response by April 30, 2012. Our regulations require that we hold a meeting with your tribe within thirty days from the filing of Black Canyon Hydro's Notice of Intent² if a meeting is desired;³ however, we are waiving that timeframe to ensure that, if your tribe desires a meeting, we will be able to conduct it at a mutually agreeable time. Please file your response electronically via the Internet. See 18 C.F.R. § 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's website (<http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>). For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov; call toll-free at (866) 208-3676; or, for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. Although the Commission strongly encourages electronic filing, your response may also be paper-filed. To paper-file, mail an original and seven copies to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20426. Please put the docket number, P- 14110-001 on the first page of your response. Also you may also register online at: <http://www.ferc.gov/esubscribenow.htm> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, please contact FERC Online.

Please contact the Commission's licensing coordinator for the Black Canyon Hydroelectric Project: Kim Nguyen at (202) 502-6105 or kim.nguyen@ferc.gov with any comments or questions. Commission staff will contact your office shortly to follow-up on this letter.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Hill, Chief
Northwest Branch

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² Black Canyon Hydro filed its Notice of Intent with the Commission on March 26, 2012.

³ 18 C.F.R. § 5.7.

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