



November 6, 2015

Ms. Kimberly D. Bose
Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, N.E.
Washington, DC 20426

**Re: Susitna-Watana Hydroelectric Project, FERC Project No. 14241-000;
Initial Study Report Part D: Supplemental Information to June 2014
Initial Study Report**

Dear Secretary Bose:

Pursuant to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) directive in its October 27 letter, the Alaska Energy Authority (AEA) hereby files its Initial Study Report (ISR) Part D. AEA reiterates that its ISR Part D format is intended to build upon the prior documents for the convenience of stakeholders and Commission staff to allow them to preserve the review they have done to date.

Consistent with AEA's past approach to the ISR,¹ the ISR Part D enables reviewers to focus on those studies which are being updated with information generated since the June 2014 ISR.² The alternative of filing an amended ISR as a single document would not allow reviewers to easily distinguish what is new based on the work completed since AEA filed the ISR in June 2014.

The ISR Part D is a "roadmap" document covering each of the approved study plan's 58 studies. This roadmap provides a status report on the study implementation and identifies which sections of the ISR are being updated with post-June 2014 study results. In addition the Part D provides a cross-reference to any pertinent technical memoranda, and outlines the remaining steps to complete the study plan.

The ISR Part D purposefully excludes a schedule for completing the remaining studies. AEA is focusing on the scope of work and sequence of activities for each study that are

¹ When AEA released its draft ISR in February 2014, agencies and stakeholders insisted that AEA not ask them to review an entirely new document when filing the final ISR in June 2014. This led to the ISR Parts A, B, and C format.

² While the majority of data collection was completed in calendar year 2014, in some cases the study reports and ISR Part D incorporate work that continued into 2015.

required to meet the objectives and requirements of the study plan. Consistent with its August 26, 2015 letter, AEA is requesting the Commission to issue a revised Study Plan Determination before addressing the schedule moving forward.

If you have any questions related to this matter or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (907) 771-3955. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wayne M. Dyok". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Wayne Dyok
Project Manager
Alaska Energy Authority

Attachments

cc: Distribution List