

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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OFFICE OF ENERGY PROJECTS

Project No. 14811-000--Kansas
Tuttle Creek Dam Hydroelectric Project
Watterra Energy, LLC

Mr. Craig Dalton
Watterra Energy, LLC
7100 Commercial Avenue, Suite 4
Billings, MT 59101

Subject: Rejection of Preliminary Permit Application

Dear Mr. Dalton:

On December 30, 2016, Watterra Energy, LLC filed a preliminary permit application for its proposed Tuttle Creek Dam Hydroelectric Project No. 14811-000. The project would be located at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Tuttle Creek Dam on the Big Blue River in Pottawatomie County, Kansas, approximately 5 miles north of the City of Manhattan, Kansas. The proposed project would consist of an 18-foot-long penstock feeding into two 5.93-megawatt (MW) hydropower turbines connected to a single generator unit that would be installed in a new powerhouse located downstream of the existing dam. A new 8,200-foot-long, 12.7 kilovolt transmission line would connect the project to an existing distribution system. The installed capacity of the project would be 11.86 MW and generate about 64,643 megawatt-hours.

On January 29, 2014, the Commission issued Mid-Atlantic Hydro, LLC a preliminary permit for the Tuttle Creek Hydroelectric Project No. 14555-000.¹ The permit expired on December 31, 2017. The permit was still in effect on December 30, 2016, when your application for a preliminary permit for the same site was filed.

Under section 4.33(a)(1) of our regulations, the Commission cannot accept a preliminary permit application for project works that would develop, conserve, and utilize, in whole or in part, the same water resources that would be developed, conserved and utilized by a project for which there is an unexpired preliminary permit. Because

¹ 146 FERC ¶ 62,074 (2014).

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your preliminary permit application was filed before the expiration of the existing preliminary permit, the preliminary permit application is rejected.

If you have any questions, please contact Sergiu Serban at (202) 502-6211.

Sincerely,

Janet Hutzal, Chief
Midwest Branch
Division of Hydropower Licensing

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