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OFFICE OF ENERGY PROJECTS

Project No. 14524-001 – Pennsylvania
Dashields Locks and Dam Hydroelectric Project
FFP Project 133, LLC

Mr. Erik Steimle
Vice President, Development
334 NW 11th Ave.
Portland, OR 97209

Reference: Authorization to Use the Traditional Licensing Process

Dear Mr. Steimle:

In a letter filed on September 26, 2016, you requested to use the Traditional Licensing Process (TLP) in preparing a license application for the proposed 25-megawatt Dashields Locks and Dam Hydroelectric Project, located at the existing U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Dashields Locks and Dam on the Ohio River in Edgeworth Borough, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. On the same date, you filed a notice of intent and pre-application document (PAD) for the proposed project.

On October 25, 2016, you filed documentation with the Commission showing that you published a notice of the request to use the TLP in the September 26, 27, 28, and 29, 2016 editions of the *Tribune-Review*. Your notice contained the information required in section 5.3(d)(2) of the Commission's regulations, including a statement requesting that comments on the request to use the TLP be filed with the Commission by October 26, 2016. No comments have been filed with the Commission in response to your notice.

Therefore, based on the information that you've provided which indicates that the complexity of the resource issues is believed to be small, the level of anticipated controversy is expected to be minimal, and there is a reasonable amount of available information regarding resources associated with the project, I am granting your request for the use of the TLP.

Section 16.8 of the Commission's regulations describes the pre-filing steps that need to be completed when preparing an application for a hydropower license under the TLP, including consultation and conducting necessary studies [18 C.F.R. §16.8(a)-(e)]. Specific steps that will need to be carried out during pre-filing consultation include an initial joint agency/public meeting and site visit [§16.8(b)(3)]; an opportunity for

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participants to request studies [§16.8(b)(5)]; preparation and participant review of a draft application [§16.8(c)(4)]; and a meeting to resolve any disputes on the draft application [§16.8(c)(6)]. Please note that the initial joint agency/public meeting, is required to be held no sooner than 30 days, nor later than 60 days, from the date of this letter [§16.8(b)(3)(ii)].

If you have any questions, please contact Brandi Sangunett at (202) 502-8393 or via email at brandi.sangunett@ferc.gov.

Sincerely,

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