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Lake Powell Pipeline Project
Utah Board of Water Resources

Hon. Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 1st Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20426

Subject: Six-Month Progress Report
The Lake Powell Pipeline Project, FERC Project No. P-12966-003

Dear Secretary,

On May 14, 2014, the Utah Board of Water Resources was granted an extension of term for Preliminary Permit by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Project No. P-12966-003, for a period of two years to study and investigate the feasibility of the proposed project to be located between Lake Powell on the Colorado River and Sand Hollow Reservoir, through Kane and Washington Counties, Utah and through Coconino and Mohave Counties, Arizona. Article 4 of the Preliminary Permit requires that the six-month progress report be filed electronically with the FERC at the end of each six-month period. The required progress report for the seventh six-month period from May 1, 2014 through October 31, 2014, is attached for electronic filing. We apologize for our oversight in not submitting the seventh progress report at the end of the six-month period.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact me at (801) 538-7230. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric L. Millis".

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Attachment



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Seventh Six-Month Progress Report
for the Preliminary Permit

on the

Lake Powell Pipeline Project
FERC No. 12966-003

submitted to the

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

May 1, 2014 to October 31, 2014

(4) Progress Report:

During the seventh six-month permit period, the Permittee received additional comments on the updated Draft Class III Archaeological and Historic-Era Resources Study Report from the Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, Bureau of Reclamation, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Native American tribes and nations, and Utah and Arizona state agencies; further revised the draft Class III report to prepare the Lake Powell Pipeline Final Draft Class III Report for review and concurrence by the Utah and Arizona State Historic Preservation Officers (SHPOs); continued preparing portions of the draft Historic Properties Management Plan (HPMP); continued updating the Water Needs Assessment model to incorporate the GOPB 2012 population projections, revised Utah 25 percent water use reduction goal by 2025 (previously 2050), and Virgin River Climate Change Analysis prepared by the Bureau of Reclamation for UDWR; continued preparing future water supply and demand analyses to update the Water Needs Assessment; continued preparing portions of the draft Preliminary Licensing Proposal; and continued consultations with federal and state resource and regulatory agencies and Indian tribes. The Permittee continues to incorporate responses to comments on the Initial Study Report and Modified Study Report into the final study reports, based on the responses filed with the Commission by the UWDR on behalf of the Utah Board of Water Resources (UBWR).

During this period, the Permittee coordinated with the Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, Bureau of Reclamation, Bureau of Indian Affairs and numerous Native American tribes and nations on the draft Class III report and other project-related documents. Some of the activities related to environmental studies included:

- Coordination with Bureau of Land Management representatives to discuss their comments on the revised updated draft Class III Report and needs for submitting a Final Draft Class III report to the Utah and Arizona SHPOs;
- Correspondence with the Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians regarding impacts of the penstock alignments across the Kaibab-Paiute Indian Reservation and south of the Reservation;
- Consultation with representatives of the Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians, Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah, Pueblo of Zuni Indian Tribe, Navajo Nation, Hualapai Indian Tribe, The Hopi Tribe, Havasupai Indian Tribe, Las Vegas Paiute Tribe, San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe, and The Ute Indian Tribe;
- Continued follow-on consultation regarding results of cultural resource investigations;
- Continued discussion with the Bureau of Land Management regarding LPP impacts on resources and mitigation measures;
- Continued discussion with the National Park Service regarding LPP impacts on resources and mitigation measures; and
- Continued coordination with Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, Bureau of Reclamation to discuss LPP project updates and agency activities.

This period included continued preparation of the preliminary draft biological assessment on listed threatened, endangered and candidate species that could be affected by construction and operation of the LPP Project.

During the eighth six-month period under the Successive Permit, the Permittee will: complete the updated final Water Needs Assessment, Socioeconomics and Water Resource Economics, Land Use Plans and Conflicts, and other associated study reports incorporating the GOPB's 2012 final population projections released in January 2013, Utah Governor's revised 25 percent reduction goal by 2025, and the Bureau of Reclamation's Virgin River Climate Change Analysis study; incorporate the Bureau of Reclamation's updated CRSS model results into the Surface Water Resources, Surface Water Quality, and Socioeconomics final study reports; complete the Final Draft Class III Report incorporating all Bureau of Land Management and Department of the Interior comments; submit the Final Draft Class III Report to the Utah and Arizona SHPOs; incorporate the natural gas pipeline alternative into all applicable study reports; provide further study results to agencies for review and comment; coordinate with the agencies on mitigation measures; complete the preliminary draft biological assessment; complete final study reports for all disciplines; and undertake other consultations as appropriate. The Permittee expects to continue adhering to the ILP with an overall schedule as follows:

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| Preliminary Licensing Proposal: | July 2015 |
| Prepare and File License Application: | July 2015 through January 2016 |

Please contact our Project Manager, Mr. Bill Leeflang, at (801) 538-7298, if you require additional information.

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