U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Chesapeake Bay Field Office, Annapolis, MD 21401

Cost Estimate for FERC Scotts Mill 30(C) Exemption Application

SCOTTS MILL DAM HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT, FERC P-14425, JAMES RIVER, LYNCHBURG, VA

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| Biologist day rate  |   | $711  |
| USFWS Overhead rate |   | 22% |
| Overhead total |   | $156  |
| Total biologist day with overhead |   | $867  |

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| Conference calls and summary documents from Aug-Oct 2017 | 3 days x 2 | $5,202 |
| Preparation and Site Visit to Scotts Mill Dam November 6, 2017 | 2 days x 2 | $3,468 |
| Scott's Mill Project Draft License Application review, January 2, 2018 | 2 days x 2 | $3,468 |
| James River Assoc Meeting, Agency Meeting, November 8, 2018 | 1 day  | $867 |
| Design Questions to Applicant November and December 2018 | 2 days x 2 | $3,468 |
| Agreement in Principal calls and drafting March 1, 2019 to February 28, 2020 | 7 days x 2 | $12,138 |
| ER20/0274 OEPC File Number: PEP/NRM 9043.1, June 25, 2020 | 4 days | $3,468 |
| Draft Settlement Agreement January 25, 2021 to March 24, 2021 | 5 days | $4,335 |
| Final Settlement Agreement drafting and coordination | 5 days | $4,335 |
| FERC Final Environmental Review and REA Notice | 4 days x 2 | $6,936 |
| Post Licensing Study Review and Coordination | 4 days x 2 | $6,936 |
| Total Estimate | 63 days | $54,621 |

Comments on Cost Estimate

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has developed this Exemption 30 (C) cost estimate for the Scotts Mill Hydroelectric Project. For this project, the Service has determined that the charges will not be required due to the natural resource and energy benefits that will be provided by this project. This project will promote natural resources, advance hydroelectric development science, and encourage other hydroelectric operators upstream in the river to provide safe, timely and effective fish passage. The Scott’s Mill representatives have developed a partnership with the natural resource agencies, and under these unique circumstances the Service will not require any compensation from this project. We believe this project to be in the best interest of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the general public.