

January 11, 2018

The Honorable Kimberly Bose, Secretary  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street, NE  
Washington, DC 20426

**RE: SCOTT'S MILL HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT  
FERC PROJECT NO. 14425  
DOCUMENTS NEEDED TO INITIATE LICENSING PROCEEDING**

*REFERENCE: Commission Letter Dated December 18, 2017*

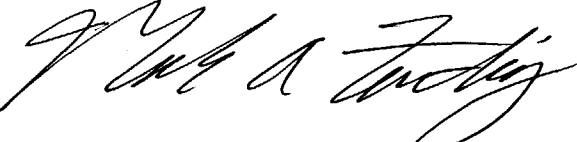
Dear Secretary Bose:

In response to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) letter dated December 18, 2017, Scott's Mill Hydro, LLC (Scott's Mill) hereby transmits its Notice of Intent (NOI) and Pre-Application Document (PAD) for the 4.5 MW Scott's Mill Hydropower Project. On August 31, 2015 Liberty University (LU) filed an NOI and PAD for the project, conducted the Joint meeting on December 2, 2015, and subsequently prepared a study plan and conducted studies for the license application. On January 3, 2018 LU confirmed with the Commission that it does not intend to prepare and file a development application for the Scott's Mill site on the James River. LU approved Scott's Mill's use of their data for use in Scott's Mill moving forward with the licensing. Scott's Mill filed with the Commission and distributed a draft license application to 62 entities on December 11, 2017.

The enclosed NOI is based on information developed through consultation with interested parties for the past several years and the results of studies conducted for the project over the past two years. The PAD includes Scott's Mill's Process Plan, Schedule, and Communications Protocol. It is similar to the Process Plan, Schedule, and Communications Protocol used by licensing participants in the LU proceeding, but updated. Scott's Mill requests waiver of the requirements for including (1) Project Location, Facilities and Operations, and (2) Description of Existing Environment and Resource Impacts, (3) Preliminary issue and Studies List, and (4) Summary of Contacts. Scott's Mill's draft license application currently on file with the Commission contains a full description of the project location, facilities and operations; the existing environment, resource impacts of the proposed action and alternatives, and protection, mitigation, and enhancement measures. The draft license application includes an assessment of the issues and the results of the studies requested by resource agencies and other licensing participants. It also contains a complete consultation record.

Scott's Mill also requests that the Commission approve use of the Traditional Licensing Process (TLP). The Commission had previously approved use of this process. No participants objected to the use of the TLP process.

Sincerely,



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