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825 First Street, N.E.  
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**Subject: Weber Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. P-1744)  
Six-Month Progress Report for Alternative Licensing Process**

Dear Ms. Bose:

Pursuant to Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) regulations for the Alternative Licensing Process (ALP; 18 CFR §4.34), PacifiCorp hereby submits its six-month progress report for the Weber Hydroelectric Project. This report covers the period of February 14, 2017 to August 13, 2017.

For future progress reports, PacifiCorp proposes a change in the reporting period to encompass an entire-month format, with two weeks following to submit the report. This will simplify the current mid-month basis reporting. For example, the next report would encompass August 2017 through January 2018, with a submittal date to FERC no later than February 14, 2018. PacifiCorp requests that FERC provide concurrence on the proposed report date change.

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Sincerely,

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**WEBER HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT RELICENSING  
FERC PROJECT NO. 1744  
ALTERNATIVE LICENSING PROCESS  
SIX-MONTH PROGRESS REPORT  
FEBRUARY 2017 – AUGUST 2017**

**SUMMARY**

This six-month progress report is the fourth in a series of reports to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) summarizing major activities undertaken for the Weber Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 1744) Alternative Licensing Process (ALP). It covers the period February 14, 2017 through August 13, 2017 and summarizes 1) key project milestones reached, 2) meetings held, 3) communications logged, 4) deliverables completed, 5) progress made on technical reports, and 6) work expected over the next six-month period.

**PROJECT MILESTONES**

March 15, 2017	Preliminary draft Water Resources Technical Report distributed to water resources work group for 30-day review.
April 20, 2017	Weber relicensing stakeholder meeting held at Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (UDWR) Northern Regional Office in Ogden, Utah, to provide updates on studies and to review and discuss preliminary drafts of proposed protection, mitigation and enhancement (PM&E) measures; a memorandum of agreement (MOA); and the applicant-prepared environmental assessment (APEA).
April 28, 2017	Draft Water Resources Technical Report filed with FERC for 30-day public review.
June 30, 2017	Final Technical Reports (Water Resources; Fisheries; Recreation; Terrestrial Threatened, Endangered, and Sensitive Species and Noxious Weeds; and Cultural Resources) filed with FERC.
July 12, 2017	Draft MOA distributed to Weber relicensing stakeholder group for 30-day review.
Meeting notes, including a record of attendees, and other relicensing materials are available on PacifiCorp's Weber Relicensing website: <a href="http://www.pacificorp.com/es/hydro/hl/weber.html#">http://www.pacificorp.com/es/hydro/hl/weber.html#</a>	

**MEETINGS**

**April 20, 2017** – PacifiCorp met with stakeholders at UDWR's Northern Regional Office in Ogden, Utah to provide updates on studies and to review and discuss preliminary drafts of proposed PM&E measures; an MOA between PacifiCorp and interested stakeholders; and the APEA.

**May 8, 2017** – PacifiCorp held an on-site meeting with representatives from the U.S. Forest Service (USFS), Trout Unlimited, and Utah Department of Transportation to review the area for PM&E measure REC-8 (improve two existing user-created trails located in and outside the Weber FERC Project Boundary). Meeting also included annual project coordination with the USFS.

**May 19, 2017** – PacifiCorp met with representatives from the USFS, American Whitewater and the Davis and Weber Counties Canal Company (DWCCC) to discuss PM&E measure REC-9 (Support whitewater boating use of the bypass reach, working cooperatively to identify a safe, legal boater egress site) and reach a conclusion on details and a framework for including it in the PM&E measures proposed for project relicensing.

**June 9, 2017** – PacifiCorp met with representatives from the USFS, American Whitewater and DWCCC to continue discussion of PM&E measure REC-9, and to hear reports back from the FERC call and the USFS property boundary inquiries, with the goal of reaching consensus regarding PM&E measure REC-9. PacifiCorp requested any edits on the draft verbiage of REC-9 from the three parties that could help to reach consensus.

## **OTHER COMMUNICATIONS**

**March 15, 2017** – The preliminary draft Water Resources Technical Report was distributed to the water resources work group for 30-day review and comment. The Weber relicensing stakeholder group was notified of preliminary draft availability and invited to review the report. Email distribution by Miriam Hugentobler, Project Coordinator. *(Comments on the preliminary draft were received from Utah Division of Water Quality and Utah Division of Wildlife Resources.)*

**April 28, 2017** – Weber relicensing stakeholders were notified that the draft Water Resources Technical Report had been filed with FERC for 30-day public review. Email distribution by Miriam Hugentobler, Project Coordinator. *(Comment on the draft report was received from the Davis and Weber Counties Canal Company.)*

**May 23, 2017** – Conference call with FERC Coordinator Evan Williams, FERC Recreation Planner Kyle Olcott, PacifiCorp Relicensing Manager Eve Davies, and Facilitator Ben Gaddis to discuss proposed PM&E measure REC-9.

**June 30, 2017** – Weber relicensing stakeholders were notified that Final Technical Reports (Water Resources; Fisheries; Recreation; Terrestrial Threatened, Endangered, and Sensitive Species and Noxious Weeds; and Cultural Resources) had been filed with FERC. Email distribution by Miriam Hugentobler, Project Coordinator. *(Filing included a response to comments matrix for each resource that detailed how all comments received on previous draft reports were addressed in the final reports.)*

**July 11, 2017** – Representatives from the USFS, American Whitewater and DWCCC who participated in meetings regarding PM&E measure REC-9 were provided an update on PacifiCorp's final language for REC-9 and how comments on the measure were addressed.



Representatives were asked to participate in a joint pedestrian survey of the river channel once water levels have dropped sufficiently (possibly October 2017). Email from Eve Davies, PacifiCorp Relicensing Manager.

**July 11, 2017** – Weber relicensing stakeholders were notified that the draft MOA was nearing completion and were invited to indicate whether their organization was interested in being a signatory to the MOA and if so, who their signatories to the MOA would be. Email distribution by Miriam Hugentobler, Project Coordinator.

**July 12, 2017** – The draft MOA, including PacifiCorp's proposed PM&E measures, was distributed to Weber relicensing stakeholders for 30-day review. Email distribution by Miriam Hugentobler, Project Coordinator.

## **DELIVERABLES**

The following deliverables were submitted to FERC during this six-month period:

- Draft Water Resources Technical Report, submitted April 28, 2017.
- Final Technical Reports (Water Resources; Fisheries; Recreation; Terrestrial Threatened, Endangered, and Sensitive Species and Noxious Weeds; and Cultural Resources), submitted June 30, 2017.

## **TECHNICAL REPORTS SCHEDULE**

- All technical reports are now complete and have been submitted to FERC as final. They are also posted on PacifiCorp's Weber Relicensing web page.

## **NEXT REPORTING PERIOD**

- Stakeholder comments on the draft MOA will be addressed and formal approval sought as soon as possible following proposed edits by the stakeholders. One stakeholder (UDWR) has already indicated that they are ready to sign the MOA with no proposed edits.
- The preliminary draft APEA will be distributed to Weber relicensing stakeholders for 30-day review by approximately September 1, 2017.
- The preliminary draft license application (DLA) will be distributed to Weber relicensing stakeholders for 30-day review by approximately October 2, 2017.
- The DLA will be submitted to FERC early to mid-December 2017.