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Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
825 First Street, N.E.
Washington, DC 20426

**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 August 2017 through January 2018.

This letter and its enclosures have been filed electronically. The security classification of each component in this packet is shown in the enclosure table below. Copies have also been transmitted to those cited below. If you have any questions concerning these documents, please contact Eve Davies at 801-220-2245, or eve.davies@pacificorp.com.

Sincerely,

 For

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	Six-Month Progress Report – Public		
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**WEBER HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT RELICENSING
FERC PROJECT NO. 1744
ALTERNATIVE LICENSING PROCESS
SIX-MONTH PROGRESS REPORT
AUGUST 2017 – JANUARY 2018**

SUMMARY

This six-month progress report is the fifth 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 August 2017 through January 2018¹, and summarizes 1) key project milestones reached, 2) meetings held, 3) communications logged, 4) deliverables completed, 5) progress made on the Draft Applicant-Prepared Environmental Assessment (APEA) and Draft License Application (DLA), and 6) work expected over the next six-month period.

PROJECT MILESTONES

DATE	MILESTONE
August 31, 2017 and September 6, 2017	Conference calls were held with interested stakeholders/signing parties to review and discuss proposed revisions to the draft Memorandum of Agreement (MOA).
September 6, 2017	MOA distributed to stakeholders for final review.
September 11, 2017	Preliminary Draft APEA distributed to stakeholders for 30-day review.
October 11, 2017	Final MOA distributed to signing parties for signatures.
October 31, 2017	Preliminary DLA distributed to stakeholders for 30-day review.
December 15, 2017	DLA, including Draft APEA, filed with FERC.
Meeting notes and other relicensing materials, including a record of comments received on preliminary drafts referenced above, are available on PacifiCorp's Weber Relicensing webpage: http://www.pacificorp.com/es/hydro/hl/weber.html#	

MEETINGS

No meetings were held during the timeframe covered in this progress report.

OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

August 31, 2017 and September 6, 2017 – Conference calls were held with interested stakeholders to review and discuss proposed revisions to the draft MOA. The same information

¹ This reporting period reflects a minor change as was proposed by PacifiCorp and concurred with by FERC after the filing of the previous progress report. The reporting periods will now encompass August through January and February through July, rather than beginning and ending in the middle of February and August as they previously did. They will be filed with FERC no later than two weeks after the end of each respective reporting period.

was covered during both calls; two sessions were held to accommodate participants' conflicting schedules. The MOA identifies a series of new proposed license measures, i.e., Protection, Mitigation and Enhancement (PM&E) measures, supported by PacifiCorp and signatory parties to the agreement. The PM&E measures to be implemented at the Project relate to water resources, fisheries and aquatic resources, botanical resources, terrestrial wildlife resources, cultural and tribal resources, and recreation resources. A final review copy of the MOA, including agreed-upon revisions, was distributed after the calls. Calls were led by Eve Davies, PacifiCorp Relicensing Manager. With a single exception, all participating stakeholders signed the MOA; one stakeholder instead submitted a letter of support for the proposed license mitigation measures.

September 6, 2017 – The MOA was distributed to signing parties by email for final review within their respective agencies/organizations. Email distribution by Miriam Hugentobler, Project Coordinator.

September 11, 2017 – A preliminary Draft APEA was distributed to stakeholders for 30-day review. Email distribution by Miriam Hugentobler, Project Coordinator. Comments on the preliminary Draft APEA were received from Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, Utah Division of Water Quality, and American Whitewater.

October 7, 2017 – Utah Division of Water Quality submitted a letter of support regarding Protection, Mitigation, and Enhancement (PM&E) Measures at PacifiCorp's Weber Hydroelectric Project, as detailed in the MOA. This letter is included in Appendix A of the Draft APEA.

October 11, 2017 – The final MOA was distributed to signing parties by email for signatures. Email distribution by Miriam Hugentobler, Project Coordinator. The MOA was signed by PacifiCorp, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S.D.A Forest Service, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, American Whitewater, Davis and Weber Counties Canal Company, Trout Unlimited, Weber River Water Users Association, and Weber Basin Water Conservancy District. The completed MOA is included in Appendix A of the Draft APEA.

October 31, 2017 – A preliminary DLA was distributed to stakeholders by email for 30-day review. Email distribution by Miriam Hugentobler, Project Coordinator. Comments on the DLA were received from American Whitewater. Utah Division of Water Quality responded they reviewed the DLA exhibits and had no comments.

December 15, 2017 – The DLA, including the Draft APEA, was filed with FERC.

DELIVERABLES

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

- The DLA, including the Draft APEA, was filed with FERC on December 15, 2017. The DLA was also posted to PacifiCorp's Weber Relicensing webpage.

NEXT REPORTING PERIOD

- The public comment period on the DLA ends on March 20, 2018.
- The Final License Application will be developed and submitted to FERC prior to May 31, 2018.
- A Joint Agency meeting is not currently anticipated, although if comments on the DLA warrant it, it will be noticed and conducted prior to the FLA submittal.