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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 2018 through July 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,

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WEBER HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT RELICENSING FERC PROJECT NO. 1744 ALTERNATIVE LICENSING PROCESS SIX-MONTH PROGRESS REPORT FEBRUARY 2018 – JULY 2018

SUMMARY

This six-month progress report is the sixth 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 2018 through July 2018 and summarizes 1) key project milestones reached, 2) meetings held, 3) communications logged, 4) deliverables completed, 5) progress made on the Final Applicant-Prepared Environmental Assessment (APEA) and Final License Application (FLA), and 6) work expected over the next six-month period.

PROJECT MILESTONES

DATE	MILESTONE			
March 20, 2018	Close of public comment period for the Draft License Application (DLA), including the Draft APEA.			
May 30, 2018	FLA, including the Final APEA, filed with FERC.			
Meeting notes and other relicensing materials, including a record of comments received on the DLA 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

March 20, 2018 – The public review period for the DLA closed on this date. During the 90-day public review period, comments were received from the U.S. Department of Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Bureau of Land Management, American Whitewater, Union Pacific Railroad, and the U.S. Forest Service (USFS). Copies of all comments received are included in Appendix G of the Final APEA. A summary of comments received and how each was addressed is available on PacifiCorp's Weber Relicensing webpage¹ and is also included in Appendix G of the Final APEA.

¹http://www.pacificorp.com/content/dam/pacificorp/doc/Energy_Sources/Hydro/Hydro_Licensing/Weber/WeberFLA-ComMatrix.pdf

March 22, 2018 – FERC notified PacifiCorp of deficiencies in the DLA and the need for additional information [letter from Timothy Konnert, Chief, West Branch, Hydropower Licensing to Eve Davies, Weber Relicensing Project Manager, PacifiCorp]. A summary of how each of FERC's comments was addressed is included in the comment matrix referenced above (see footnoted link to PacifiCorp's Weber Relicensing webpage).

March 27, 2018 – Conference call with DLA preparers and FERC staff to review and discuss deficiencies in the DLA. Call participants included: Eve Davies, PacifiCorp; Ben Gaddis, Gaddis Consulting; Lindsey Kester, Kelly Beck, and Frank Shrier, SWCA; Miriam Hugentobler, project coordinator; and FERC staff members Evan Williams, Quinn Emmering, and Frank Winchell.

April 2, 2018 – A revised Historic Properties Management Plan (HPMP) incorporating FERC comments was provided to the USFS and Utah State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) for review and comment via email by Lindsey Kester, SWCA. USFS and SHPO responses were addressed for the final HPMP and a comment matrix was added as Appendix E.

June 28, 2018 – FERC issued an acceptance letter and request for additional information in order to complete evaluation of the FLA and APEA [letter from Timothy Konnert, Chief, West Branch, Hydropower Licensing to Eve Davies, Weber Relicensing Project Manager, PacifiCorp]. A response was requested within 90 days.

DELIVERABLES

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

- Six-month progress report #5 for the Weber ALP was filed with FERC on February 6, 2018. The progress report was also posted to PacifiCorp's Weber Relicensing webpage.
- The final HPMP was filed with FERC on May 18, 2018 for inclusion in the relicensing record. A public copy of the HPMP that excluded privileged information was appended to the Final APEA.
- The FLA, including the Final APEA, was filed with FERC on May 30, 2018. The FLA was also posted to PacifiCorp's Weber Relicensing webpage.

NEXT REPORTING PERIOD

• The additional information requested by FERC on June 28, 2018 regarding the FLA will be filed with FERC within 90 days of the request, or no later than September 26, 2018.