

January 29, 2010

Ms. Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First St. NE
Washington, DC 20426

**REF: Gibson Dam Hydroelectric Project,
FERC Project No. P-12478-003
SUB: Fifth Six Month Progress Report**

Dear Secretary Bose:

This letter is submitted as required by Article 4 of the preliminary permit for the above referenced project.

Fifth Six Month Progress Report

The fifth six months involved the following effort:

1. Applied for Water Quality Certification (401 Certification) from Montana Department of Environmental Quality, and received a 401 Certification, with conditions, for the project;
2. Completed a Traditional Land Use Study through consultation with the Blackfeet Tribe;
3. Prepared a draft Historic Properties Management Plan (HPMP) and distributed to agencies and tribes for comment;
4. Filed a Response to FERC's October 28, 2009 letter, (Schedules A and B) regarding Deficiencies and Additional Information Requests relating to GDHC's filed application for license;
5. Continued investigation of transmission line interconnection and right-of-way agreements;
6. Continued investigation of power sales alternatives; and
7. Updated Project licensing website at www.gibsonhydro.com.

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The next six month period would consist of the following effort:

1. Submit an application to the USFS for a Special Use Permit;
2. Submit an application to the Montana DNRC for a beneficial use non-consumptive water right;
3. Finalize the Historic Properties Management Plan after consultation with agencies and tribes, and file the plan with FERC in response to FERC's October 28, 2009 letter, Schedule C;
4. Continue investigation of transmission line interconnection and right-of-way agreements;
5. Continue investigation of power sales alternatives;
6. Initiate Project engineering & design; and
7. Initiate Project finance arrangements.

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