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Ms. Kimberly Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street
Washington D.C. 20426

Subject: Sweetheart Lake Hydroelectric Project
FERC No. 13563-001

Dear Ms. Bose:

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on Scoping Document 1 (SD-1) issued August 2011 for the Sweetheart Lake Hydroelectric Project. Scoping meetings were held in Juneau on September 7, 2011 and a site visit was conducted on September 8, 2011.

Prior to the SD-1 issuance, the department provided comments on the Preliminary Application Document (PAD)(January 12, 2011). The ADF&G PAD comments and comments given during the scoping meetings addressed relevant concerns and issues. During the scoping meetings, FERC representatives solicited comments and added several additional topics to the lists identified in SD-1. We have been told that Scoping Document 2 will be developed from input at scoping meetings and comments filed on SD-1.

We will continue to work closely with the applicant to facilitate development of their application and study plans and will address any outstanding items when Scoping Document 2 is released.

Thank you for continued consideration of our comments on the PAD and items addressed at the scoping meetings.

Sincerely,

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