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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of August 2011.

Notary Public in and for the State of Alaska.
Juneau Hydropower, Inc.  

NOTICE OF SCOPING MEETING AND SITE VISIT AND SOLICITING SCOPING COMMENTS FOR AN APPLICANT PREPARED ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT USING THE ALTERNATIVE LICENSING PROCESS  

(August 10, 2011)  

a. Type of Application: Alternative Licensing Process.  
b. Project No.: 13563-001.  
c. Applicant: Juneau Hydropower, Inc.  
d. Name of Project: Sweetheart Lake Hydroelectric Project.  
e. Location: On Sweetheart Lake, approximately 30 air miles southeast of the city of Juneau, Alaska. The project would occupy lands of the Tongass National Forest.  
f. Filed Pursuant to: Federal Power Act, 16 USC 791(a) - 825(r).  
g. Applicant Contact: Duff Mitchell, Business Manager, Juneau Hydropower, Inc., P.O. Box 22775, Juneau, AK 99802. 907-789-2775, e-mail: duff.mitchell@juneauhydro.com.  
h. FERC Contact: Jennifer Harper, at (202) 502-6136.  
i. Deadline for filing scoping comments: October 7, 2011.  

All documents (original and seven copies) should be filed with: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426.  

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) Rules of Practice and Procedure require all interveners filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervener files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.  

Scoping comments may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's website http://www.ferc.gov using the "e-filing" link. For a simpler method of submitting text only comments, click on "Quick Comment." The proposed project description can be found and viewed on the Commission's website at http://www.ferc.gov using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document.  

k. Scoping Process: Juneau Hydropower, Inc. (Juneau Hydropower) is using the Commission's alternative licensing process (ALP). Under the ALP, Juneau Hydropower will prepare an Applicant Prepared Environmental Assessment (APEA) and license application for the Sweetheart Lake Hydroelectric Project. Juneau Hydropower expects to file with the Commission, the APEA and the license application for the Sweetheart Lake Project by November 30, 2012. Although Juneau Hydropower's intent is to prepare an APEA, there is the possibility that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be required. Nevertheless, this meeting will satisfy the scoping requirements, pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, irrespective of whether an EA or EIS is issued by the Commission.  

The purpose of this notice is to inform you of the opportunity to participate in the upcoming scoping meetings identified below, and to solicit your scoping comments.  

Scoping Meetings: Juneau Hydropower and the Commission staff will hold two scoping meetings, one in the daytime and one in the evening, to help us identify the scope of issues to be addressed in the APEA. The daytime scoping meeting will focus on resource agency concerns, while the evening scoping meeting is primarily for public input. All interested individuals, Native Alaskan tribes, organizations, and agencies are invited to attend one or both of the meetings, and to assist the staff in identifying the environmental issues that should be analyzed in the APEA. The times and locations of these meetings are as follows:  

**Daytime Meetings**  
September 7, 2011  
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (Alaska Standard Time)  
Juneau Ranger District Conference Room  
Juneau, AK 99801  
Juneau, AK 99801  
Juneau Hydropower, Commission staff, and state and federal resource agencies will participate in an aerial tour of the project site on Thursday, September 8, 2011. Anyone with questions about the aerial tour should contact Duff Mitchell, Juneau Hydropower, at (907) 789-2775. Those individuals planning to participate in the aerial tour should notify Mr. Mitchell of their intent no later than September 1, 2011.  

To help focus discussions, Scoping Document 1 (SD1) was mailed August 8, 2011 outlining the subject areas to be addressed in the APEA, to the parties on the mailing list. Copies of the SD1 also will be available at the scoping meetings. SD1 is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be accessed on the Commission's website at http://www.ferc.gov using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document.  

For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at 1-866-208-3676, or for FERC Online Support: http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efilingonline.asp using the "e-filing" link. For a simpler method of submitting text only comments, click on "Quick Comment."  

Based on written comments received, a Scoping Document 2 (SD2) may be issued. SD2 will include a revised list of issues, based on the scoping sessions.  

**Objectives:** At the scoping meetings, the staff will: (1) summarize the environmental issues tentatively identified for analysis in the APEA; (2) solicit from the meeting participants all available information, especially quantifiable data, on the resources at issue; (3) encourage statements from experts and the public on issues that should be analyzed in the APEA, including viewpoints in opposition to, or in support of, the staff's preliminary views; (4) determine the resource issues to be addressed in the APEA; and (5) identify those issues that require a detailed analysis, as well as those issues that do not require a detailed analysis.  

**Procedures:** The meetings will be recorded by a stenographer and will become part of the formal record of the Commission proceeding on the project. Individuals, organizations, and agencies with environmental expertise and concerns are encouraged to attend the meetings and to assist Juneau Hydropower in defining and clarifying the issues to be addressed in the APEA. Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary.  

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