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OFFICE OF ENERGY PROJECTS

Project No. 13563-001  
Sweetheart Lake Hydroelectric Project  
Juneau Hydropower, Inc.

Mr. Duff Mitchell  
Juneau Hydropower, Inc.  
P.O. Box 22775  
Juneau, AK 99802

**RE: Authorization to Use the Alternative Licensing Process**

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

In your July 28, 2010 filing of a notice of intent (NOI) and pre-application document (PAD), you requested authorization to use the Alternative Licensing Process (ALP) in preparing a license application for the proposed 30-megawatt Sweetheart Lake Hydroelectric Project. The project would be located on Lower Sweetheart Lake and Sweetheart Creek in the City and Borough of Juneau, Alaska.

On August 18, 2010, you filed documentation with the Commission that you published notice of your request to use the ALP in the August 13, 2010 and August 17, 2010, editions of the Juneau Empire, a newspaper serving the City and Borough of Juneau, Alaska. Your notice contained the information required in section 5.3(d)(2) of the Commission's regulations, including a statement requesting that comments on the request to use the ALP be filed with the Commission within 30 days.

Included in your PAD were letters filed by National Marine Fisheries Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Forest Service, Central Council Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes, Douglas Indian Association, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, and Alaska Electric Light and Power. These licensing participants all supported your request to use the ALP and the draft communications protocol.

Juneau Hydropower, Inc. has demonstrated that it has made an effort to contact all resource agencies, citizens groups, and others affected by the project, and that a consensus exists that the use of alternative procedures is appropriate in this case. In light

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of the support shown for using an alternative licensing process, I believe that the use of alternative licensing procedures would be appropriate in this case because it would foster improved communications, participation, and cooperation among the participants, and ultimately simplify and expedite the licensing process. Therefore, I am approving Juneau Hydropower, Inc.'s request to follow the ALP.

If you have any questions, please call Jennifer Harper at (202) 502-6136.

Sincerely,

Ann F. Miles, Director  
Division of Hydropower  
Licensing

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