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The Honorable Kimberly D. Bose
Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, N.E.
Washington, DC 20426

Re: City of Bend Hydroelectric Project Draft Conduit Exemption Application

Dear Secretary Bose:

The purpose of this letter is to transmit to you a copy of the City of Bend's Draft Application for Exemption of a Conduit Hydroelectric Facility. The enclosed draft exemption application has been prepared in accordance with 18 CFR 4.92. The City of Bend circulated a document entitled "Initial Consultation Document" to interested resource agencies, organizations, and individuals on July 8, 2011, thereby initiating the first stage of consultation pursuant to 18 CFR 4.38(b)(2).

The City of Bend had a joint meeting with interested parties to discuss the City's proposed hydroelectric facility and its potential environmental impacts. This meeting was held on August 10th from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Deschutes County Administration Building in Bend. Notices of the joint meeting were published on July 24, 25, 26, 2011 in accordance with 18 CFR 4.38(g). As part of the second stage of consultation, the City diligently obtained all reasonable information for the project area. No studies were requested from relevant agencies or stakeholders.

Copies of this draft application are available on the City of Bend's project website at <http://www.ci.bend.or.us/index.aspx?page=155>. Postcards notifying interested parties of the availability of the application and requesting review and comment have been sent to the resource agencies, Indian tribes, local governments, and members of the public identified on the attached distribution list.

If you have any questions or need any additional information regarding this filing, please contact Tina Woodward (HDR Engineering) at: 704-342-7997 or Blaine Graff (HDR Engineering) at: 503-423-3866.

Sincerely,



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