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SUBJECT: FOREST SERVICE COMMENTS ON THE REVISED STUDY PLAN FOR THE MOKELUMNE PUMPED STORAGE PROJECT, FERC NO. 14796

Dear Mr. Sher:

Pursuant to 18 CFR § 5.12, the Forest Service is documenting the review of the Revised Study Plan (RSP) filed by GreenGenStorage, LLC ("GreenGen" or proponent) for the Mokelumne Pumped Storage Project, FERC No. 14796 (Project) on January 18, 2023. This response is being submitted by the USDA Forest Service, Eldorado National Forest (Forest Service) and also represents interests of the Stanislaus National Forest. The Forest Service has been following (via the FERC eLibrary Project docket) the status of the Mokelumne Pumped Storage Project (FERC No. 14796).

The Forest Service reviewed the Proposed Study Plan (PSP) filed by GreenGen on September 19, 2022, participated in Topic Discussion meetings during the comment period and reviewed the Amended PSP submitted by GreenGen. Formal comments on the PSP were provided by the Forest Service to GreenGen and submitted to FERC on December 16, 2022.

My staff have reviewed the Revised Study Plan and attended the presentation on the RSP hosted by GreenGen following the filing. We recognize GreenGen's efforts to incorporate stakeholder comments and found concerns raised have been adequately addressed in the RSP. My staff will continue to participate in coordination of the various studies in the RSP, as detailed in the plans.





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We look forward to continued collaborative involvement in FERC's ILP process for the licensing of this project.

If you have any questions regarding this filing you may contact Charis Parker, Forest Lands Program Manager for the Eldorado NF, charis.parker@usda.gov or Dawn Alvarez, Region 5 Hydropower Assistance Team, at dawn.alvarez@usda.gov.

Sincerely,

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cc: Ms. Kimberly Bose, Secretary, FERC, Jason Kuiken, Kellie Whitton, Dawn Alvarez, Katy Parr, Charis Parker