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VIA Electronic Mail

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Subject: Revised Part 12D Inspection Plan and IC Team Proposal, 2025 Periodic Inspection, Green Island Hydroelectric Project

Dear Ms. Carey:

This letter is to acknowledge your May 16, 2025, letter transmitting the revised Part 12D Inspection Plan and Independent Consultant Team (IC Team) Proposal (collectively, the Inspection Plan) for the 2025 Periodic Inspection (PI) of the Green Island Hydroelectric Project, FERC No. 13.

We have reviewed the Inspection Plan and find that the additional information does not address Comments 2 and 3 in our May 5, 2025 letter adequately. We have the following comments that require additional detail or clarification to fulfill the expectations as outlined in Chapter 16 of the Commissions Engineering Guidelines for the Evaluation of Hydropower Projects (Guidelines).

1. The Inspection Plan does not include your assessment on how the relevant technical disciplines were identified other than just pointing out “FERC Design Criteria” as identified issues and/or technical complexities of each project feature. As discussed in Section 16-3.3.2.1, this assessment must be provided as it is essential to evaluate the IC Team qualification. Please note that the example table provided in Section 16-3.3.5.1 of the Guidelines (also mentioned in Comment 2 of our May 5, 2025 letter) is only for illustrative purposes and should not be used or copied as it is. An assessment of each project feature used to identify the relevant technical disciplines should be provided in a revised Inspection Plan.

2. The Inspection Plan does not clearly state who from the IC Team will be attending the field inspection. As discussed in Comment 3 of our May 5, 2025 letter, our consideration for an official IC Team member is contingent to participation in the field inspection. Since the Inspection Plan identifies Mr. Gerard R. Blanchette as the IC and Ms. Paige A. Wilber as the Team Member, and resumes were provided for both, it may be your intent that both Mr. Blanchette and Ms. Wilber will be attending the field inspection. Please confirm this in the revised Inspection Plan.

Per 18 CFR § 12.34(a), you are required to obtain the approval of the IC Team from the Director, Division of Dam Safety and Inspections, prior to the performance of this PI. At this time, we are unable to provide that approval pending resolution of the comments above.

Within 30 days of the date of this letter, provide a revised Inspection Plan that addresses the above comments. File your submittal using the Commission's eFiling system at <https://www.ferc.gov/ferc-online/overview>. During eFiling make the following menu selections: Hydro: Dam Safety; Washington, DC; and Independent Consultant Approval Request. The cover page of the filing must indicate that the material was eFiled. For assistance with eFiling, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY).

Thank you for your continued cooperation and interest in dam safety. If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 502-8486 or yilak.desta@ferc.gov.

Sincerely,

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