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Ms. Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary Federal Energy Regulatory Commission 888 First Street, NE Washington, DC 20426

February 26, 2016

RE:

FERC Project No. 2814

**Great Falls Hydroelectric Project** 

Notice of Intent to File New License Application, Pre-Application Document, and Request for Designation as Non-Federal Representative for Consultation

Under the ESA and NHPA

## Dear Secretary Bose:

The City of Paterson, New Jersey, as successor in interest to the Paterson Municipal Utilities Authority (PMUA), and the Great Falls Hydroelectric Company (Co-Licensees) hereby submit to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) this Notice of Intent (NOI) to File an Application for a New License and the Pre-Application Document (PAD) Volume I for review by the agencies and all other potentially interested parties and the PAD Volume II, containing the sections determined to be Critical Energy Infrastructure Information (CEII) and not to be released to the public, for the relicensing of the Great Falls Hydroelectric Project (Project), Project No. 2814. Pursuant to 18 C.F.R. § 5.5(c) and 5.6(a), the appropriate documents are also being distributed to resource agencies, Native American Tribes, local governments, and members of the public likely to be affected by or interested in the Project relicensing proceeding.

Concurrent with the submission of this NOI/PAD and under separate cover, the Co-Licensees are submitting a request to use the Traditional Licensing Process for the relicensing of the Project. Pursuant to 18 C.F.R. § 5.3(d)(2), notice of this filing is being published in the Star Ledger, a local newspaper of general circulation in Passaic County where the Project is located, concurrent with the submission of this NOI and PAD. The Co-Licensees will also file a copy of the newspaper notice with the FERC as soon as it is received.

In addition, pursuant to 18 C.F.R. § 5.5(e), the Co-Licensees are hereby requesting designation as the FERC's non-federal representatives for carrying out consultation pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) for activities related to the Project relicensing.

The Co-Licensees look forward to working with the FERC, other federal and State agencies, Native American Tribes, local governments, and the public to timely develop a Final License Application and supporting record that fully serves the needs of all potentially interested parties in the relicensing of the Project.

If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

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Enclosures: Notice of Intent (NOI) to File Application for a New License

Pre-Application Document (PAD) Volume I and Volume II (CEII)