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

SUBJECT: Camp Far West Hydroelectric Project
FERC Project No. 2997
Filing of Pre-Application Document

Dear Secretary Bose:

Pursuant to Section 5.6 of Title 18 of the Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.), the South Sutter Water District (SSWD or Licensee), a State of California public agency, files with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) this attached Pre-Application Document (PAD) in support of SSWD's intent to file an application for a new license for the Camp Far West Hydroelectric Project, FERC Project Number 2997 (Project). SSWD is the existing licensee and current owner and operator of the Project.

The initial license for the Project was issued by FERC to SSWD on July 2, 1981, effective on July 1, 1981 for a period of 40 years.

Simultaneously with the filing of this PAD and in conformance with 18 C.F.R. Section 5.5., under separate cover SSWD has filed with FERC a Notice of Intent (NOI) to file an application for new license for the Project on or before June 30, 2019. In addition, in conformance with 18 C.F.R. Section 5.3(b) and (c)(1), SSWD has filed with FERC a request to use the traditional licensing process (TLP) to relicense the Project.

This PAD filing includes one volume, all contents of which are public information, and includes: 1) a process plan and schedule; 2) information on the Project location, facilities, and operations; 3) a description of the existing environment and potential resource impacts; 4) a list of preliminary issues and studies; and 5) a summary of contacts made with various resource agencies, Native American tribes, non-governmental organizations or other members of the public in connection with preparing the PAD. It is SSWD's belief that the PAD demonstrates SSWD's exercise of due diligence in obtaining and providing relevant existing information.

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SSWD is filing all portions of the PAD following the Commissions' eFiling guidelines, with the following exceptions:

- Appendix F, Hydrology and Power Generation Data. The hydrology and power generation data are contained in a set of six folders, with spreadsheet files, as well as HEC-DSS files that cannot be uploaded to FERC's eLibrary system.
- Attachment G – Operations and Water Balance Model. The Operations and Water Balance Model includes the spreadsheet model and supporting data development spreadsheets, and a model documentation and validation report.

SSWD will file separately with FERC on Digital Versatile Disc an original and two copies of Appendix F and Appendix G.

In conformance with 18 C.F.R. Section 5.2(a) and Sections 5.6(a)(1) and (2), SSWD will make the PAD, NOI and SSWD's request to use the TLP available to appropriate federal and State of California resource agencies, Native American tribes, local governments, non-governmental organizations (NGO) and members of the public likely to be interested in the proceeding. A list of those parties is provided in the NOI.

Further, in conformance with 18 C.F.R. Section 5.3(d)(2), SSWD has caused to be published a notice of the filing of this NOI and PAD and a notice of filing of SSWD's request to use the TLP in daily and weekly newspapers of general circulation in each county in which the Project is located.

If you have any questions about this notice, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Brad Arnold

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General Manager/Secretary
SOUTH SUTTER WATER DISTRICT

Attachment: SSWD's Camp Far West Hydroelectric Project Pre-Application Document

cc w/out Attach: Camp Far West Hydroelectric Project Relicensing Contact List (via e-mail)