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OFFICE OF ENERGY PROJECTS

Project No. 14683-000—Pennsylvania
Blue Marsh Dam Water Power Project
Adam Robert Rousselle, II

Mr. Adam Robert Rousselle, II
104 Autumn Trace Drive
New Hope, PA 18938

Reference: Deficient Preliminary Permit Application

Dear Mr. Rousselle:

Your preliminary permit application filed on June 17, 2015, for the Blue Marsh Dam Water Power Project No. 14683-000 is deficient.

The deficiencies are identified in the enclosed Schedule A and additional information is identified in the enclosed Schedule B. The information is needed before we can complete our evaluation of your preliminary permit application.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Within 45 days, please file the requested information using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, please send a paper copy to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, D.C. 20426. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-14683-000.

Failure to provide this information may result in your application being rejected. If you have any questions concerning this letter, please call Tim Looney at (202) 502-6096.

Sincerely,

John B. Smith, Chief
Mid-Atlantic Branch
Division of Hydropower Licensing

Enclosure: Schedule A

cc: Public Files

DEFICIENCIES

1. Section 4.32(a)2(ii)(B) of the Commission's regulations requires the applicant to provide the mailing address for cities, towns, or similar subdivisions of 5,000 or more people within a 15-mile radius of the project dam. You provided the names, but failed to provide mailing addresses for them, please provide the mailing addresses for the following Pennsylvania cities or towns: Reading, Shillington, and Wyomissing.

2. In section 4 of the opening statement of the preliminary permit application you claimed preference under section 7(a) of the Federal Power Act. Please submit evidence of municipal status with: copies of applicable state/local laws or a municipal charter; or other appropriate legal authority as required in section 4.81(a)(4) of the Commission's regulations.

3. In Section 1.1 of Exhibit 1 you provided the dimensions of the existing penstock (9 feet 11 inches by 10 feet 4 inches) and proposed penstock (6 foot diameter) but fail to provide the lengths, and the age and condition of the existing penstock as required in section 4.81(b)(1) of the Commission's regulations. To the extent possible, please provide the penstock lengths, and the age and condition of the existing penstock.

4. In Section 1.1 of Exhibit 1 you provided a description of the proposed powerhouse as required in section 4.81(b)(1) of the Commission's regulations, but failed to address the proposed tailrace. Please provide a description of the proposed tailrace and whether the water would be returned to Tulpehocken Creek.

5. In section 1.5 of Exhibit 1 of the preliminary permit application you state there are no lands of the United States included within the proposed project boundary. Because the proposed project is using the Corps of Engineers' Blue Marsh dam there could be federal land involved. Therefore, please provide an explanation of how the proposed project would not use any lands of the United States, or modify your preliminary permit application to include federal lands included in the project boundary. Also, if the project is using federal land, please provide a completed FERC Form 587.

6. Exhibit 4 provides maps for the proposed Blue Marsh Dam Water Power Project. As required by section 4.39(b)(1) you must place a north arrow on figures 1, 2, and 3. Provide a figure 3 that: (a) shows Blue Marsh reservoir, and (b) shows and labels the proposed project boundary including the project facilities and

reservoir as required by section 4.81(d)(3). Per Section 4.81(d)(3)(i), if the project is located at an existing Federal dam, the Federal dam and impoundment must be shown, but may not be included within the project boundary. Also, on the title for figure 3, please correct it to reflect Blue Marsh Dam.

Schedule B
Project No. 14683-000

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. In sections 1.1 and 1.3 of Exhibit 1 of the preliminary permit application you say the transmission line will interconnect with PPL. Please provide the complete name for PPL.

2. In Section 1.1 of Exhibit 1 you provided the dimensions of the proposed powerhouse as required in section 4.81(b)(1) of the Commission's regulations, but when compared with the dimensions on the drawing, prepared by Canyon Hydro on page 18, the dimensions do not appear to agree. Please clarify the description. Also, is the proposed powerhouse an outdoor or indoor type?

3. Paragraph 1.1 of Exhibit 1 of the preliminary permit application states that you will be using two generating units rated at 1,135 kilowatts (kW) each. However, the Canyon Hydro figure on page 18 indicates the generating unit will be 1,250 kW. Please clarify.