



August 27, 2014  
DPG 14-182

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

**SUBJECT: FINAL LICENSE AMENDMENT APPLICATION FOR THE NON-CAPACITY LICENSE AMENDMENT PROCESS; UPPER AMERICAN RIVER PROJECT; FERC PROJECT NO. P-2101**

Dear Ms. Bose:

In accordance with federal regulations, the Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) is pleased to submit a Final Non-Capacity License Amendment Application (FNLAA) for the Upper American River Project (UARP) to add the New Slab Creek Powerhouse and Boating Flow Valve.

The UARP is an existing 688 MW, multi-development hydroelectric project located within the Rubicon River, Silver Creek, and South Fork American River drainages in El Dorado and Sacramento Counties, California. The license amendment includes a proposed 2.7 MW New Slab Creek Powerhouse and adjacent boating flow release valve, both located approximately ¼-mile downstream of the existing UARP Slab Creek Dam. The primary purpose of the new powerhouse and boating flow valve is to allow SMUD to comply with new UARP license requirements to release minimum and boating flows below Slab Creek Reservoir.

The powerhouse and boating flow valve represent a non-capacity amendment to the pending license. For this type of amendment, FERC regulations (18 CFR § 4.38 (a)(6)) require a three-stage consultation process, including two stages prior to the filing of the amendment application. In compliance with requirements of the 1<sup>st</sup> stage of consultation, SMUD released an Initial Consultation Document October 28, 2011, received formal comments, and conducted public meetings and other consultations in 2012. After performing additional studies, and in compliance with 2<sup>nd</sup> stage consultation, SMUD released a Draft Non-Capacity License Amendment. The enclosed FNLAA has been prepared in response to comments received by SMUD on the draft document.

This filing includes sensitive information pertaining to cultural resources. Consequently, SMUD is submitting both non-public (complete) and public (without cultural resources investigation) versions of the document. We respectfully request that the non-public version be treated confidentially according to FERC regulations. SMUD will upload the public and non-public versions onto the FERC website with the appropriate identifiers.

If you have any question regarding the information contained in the FNLA, please contact David Hanson at (916) 732-6703 or [david.hanson@smud.org](mailto:david.hanson@smud.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Scott M".

Scott Flake, P.E.  
Director, Power Generation and Project Development

Enclosure: 

1. Distribution List
2. Final License Amendment Application