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OFFICE OF ENERGY PROJECTS

Project No. 15056-000 – New York
Ashokan Pumped Storage Project
Premium Energy Holdings, LLC

VIA FERC Service

Mr. Victor M. Rojas
Premium Energy Holdings, LLC
355 South Lemon Avenue, Suite A
Walnut, CA 91789

Reference: Deficient Preliminary Permit Application

Dear Mr. Rojas:

Your preliminary permit application filed on November 18, 2020, for the Ashokan Pumped Storage Project No. 15056-000 is deficient. The deficiencies are identified in the enclosed Schedule A.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Within 45 days, please file the requested information using the Commission's eFiling system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/eFiling.aspx>. 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, you may submit a paper copy. Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852. The first page of any filing should include docket number 15056-000.

Failure to provide this information may result in your application being rejected. If you have any questions concerning this letter, please call Woohee Choi at (202) 502-6336, or email at Woohee.Choi@ferc.gov.

Sincerely,

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

Enclosure: Schedule A

Schedule A
Project No. 15056-000

DEFICIENCIES

1. Section 4.32(a)(2)(ii)(B) of the Commission's regulations requires the applicant to identify every city, town, or similar local political subdivision which has a population of 5,000 or more people and is located within 15 miles of the project dam. Your application does not include a mailing address for the Town of Woodstock, Town of Ulster, and Town of Saugerties. Please provide the mailing address of the listed municipalities.
2. Section 4.32(a)(2)(v) of the Commission's regulations requires the applicant to identify (providing names and mailing addresses) all Indian tribes that may be affected by the project. According to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Tribal Directory Assessment Tool (<https://egis.hud.gov/TDAT/>), the Delaware Nation, Delaware Tribe of Indians, Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe, and Stockbridge Munsee Community should be notified of activities on lands of Ulster County, New York. However, you do not include these Indian tribes as potentially affected tribes. Please include the tribes and their mailing addresses.
3. Section 4.81(b)(1) of the Commission's regulations requires a description of the proposed project, *to the extent possible*, specifying and including the number, physical composition, dimensions, and general configuration of any dams, spillways, penstocks, powerhouses, tailraces, or other structures, whether existing or proposed, that would be part of the project.
 - Exhibit 1 states that "the project concept envisions the construction of a pumped storage power plant facility with a rated capacity of 800 MW." However, Exhibit 1 also states that "the proposed project currently envisions procurement of five new pump-turbine generator-motor sets for the pumped storage power plant; and each unit would have a nominal rating at 200 MW." Please clarify and update the application with the correct rated capacity.
 - Exhibit 1 does not mention any emergency spillways for the upper reservoir. If applicable, please provide dimensions and the general configuration for any emergency spillways.
4. Section 4.81(d)(5) of the Commission's regulations requires a map or series of maps for areas within the project boundary that, under the provisions of the Wilderness Act, have been: (i) designated as wilderness area; (ii) recommended for designation as wilderness area; or (iii) designated as wilderness study area.

You provide the series of maps for the project layout. However, the scale of maps is not sufficient to show clearly and legibly all of the information. Please revise and submit the maps enlarged to a scale that is adequate for that purpose.