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Project No. 2741-039 – California
Jeff L. Taylor Pine Flat Power Plant
Kings River Conservation District

VIA Electronic Mail

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Reference: Authorization to Use the Traditional Licensing Process

Dear Mr. Merritt:

In a letter filed on February 1, 2024, Kings River Conservation District (KRCDD) requested to use the Traditional Licensing Process (TLP) to prepare a subsequent license application for the Jeff L. Taylor Pine Flat Power Plant (project). The project is located on the Kings River in Fresno County, California. On the same date, KRCDD filed a notice of intent and pre-application document for the project.

On February 15, 2024, KRCDD filed documentation demonstrating that it published notice of its request to use the TLP in the January 30, 2024, edition of the *Fresno Bee*. The notice contained the information required in section 5.3(d)(2) of the Commission's regulations, including a statement requesting that comments on the request to use the TLP be filed with the Commission within 30 days of the filing date of the TLP request. No comments have been filed with the Commission.

Based on the information provided that indicates that the complexity of the resource issues is believed to be minor, the level of anticipated controversy is expected to be minimal, and there is a reasonable amount of available information regarding resources associated with the project, KRCDD's request to use the TLP is granted.

Section 16.8 of the Commission's regulations describes the pre-filing steps that need to be completed when preparing an application for a hydropower license under the TLP, including consultation and conducting necessary studies [18 C.F.R. §16.8(a)-(e)]. Specific steps that will need to be completed during pre-filing consultation include an initial joint agency/public meeting and site visit [§16.8(b)(3)]; an opportunity for

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participants to request studies [§16.8(b)(5)]; preparation and participant review of a draft application [§16.8(c)(4)]; and a meeting to resolve any disputes on the draft application [§16.8(c)(6)].

If you have any questions, please contact Shannon Archuleta at (202) 552-2739 or via email at Shannon.Archuleta@ferc.gov.

Sincerely,

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