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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

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

West Canada Creek Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2701)
Filing of Proposed Study Plan

Dear Secretary Bose:

Erie Boulevard Hydropower, L.P. (Erie or Licensee), a Brookfield Renewable company, is the Licensee, owner and operator of the West Canada Creek Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2701) (Project). The West Canada Creek Project consists of two developments, Prospect and Trenton, and is located on West Canada Creek in Oneida and Herkimer counties, New York. The current license for the West Canada Creek Project expires on February 28, 2023. Erie is pursuing a new license for the Project using the Commission's Integrated Licensing Process (ILP). On February 28, 2018, Erie filed a Notice of Intent (NOI) and Pre-Application Document (PAD) with the Federal Energy Commission (FERC or Commission) to initiate the ILP.

On April 30, 2018, FERC issued a notice of the PAD and NOI filing and commencement of the pre-filing process and requested comments and study requests. FERC concurrently issued Scoping Document 1 (SD1) for the Project to identify the subject areas to be addressed in FERC's environmental analysis of the Project relicensing pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). On May 30 and May 31, 2018, FERC held the agency and public scoping meetings at the Town of Trenton Municipal Center in Barneveld, New York, and a site visit on May 30, 2018 at the Project. Comments on the PAD and study requests were due on June 29, 2018. On June 28, 2018, FERC provided an Additional Information Request (AIR) and comments on the PAD to Erie. In addition, Erie received multiple stakeholder comments and study requests.

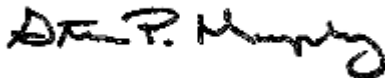
Pursuant to 18 CFR § 5.11, Erie is electronically filing the enclosed Proposed Study Plan (PSP) for the relicensing of the West Canada Creek Project. In accordance with the Commission's regulations at 18 CFR § 5.1(d), Erie is providing notice of this PSP to appropriate federal and state agencies, Indian tribes, local governments, and members of the public likely to be interested in the proceeding, as set forth in the attached distribution list.

The PSP electronic files can be downloaded through FERC's eLibrary at <https://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp> by searching under the Project's docket P-2701. The PSP can also be downloaded from the Project's relicensing website at: <http://www.westcanadacreekproject.com>.

Erie plans to hold the Initial Study Plan Meeting required by the ILP (18 CFR § 5.11) from 10:00 am to 2 pm on September 11, 2018 at SUNY Polytechnic Institute, Student Center Multipurpose Room, 100 Seymour Road, Utica, New York. The purpose of the Initial Study Plan meeting will be to clarify the intent and contents of the Erie's PSP, and identify any outstanding issues with respect to the PSP. To assist with meeting planning and logistics, Erie requests that all agencies or stakeholders who plan to attend the meeting RSVP by sending an email to steven.murphy@brookfieldrenewable.com **on or before August 27, 2018**.

Per 18 CFR § 5.12, comments on Erie's PSP (including any revised information or study requests) must be filed within 90 days of filing the PSP, by November 11, 2018. Erie looks forward to working with FERC staff, agencies, Indian tribes, local governments, non-governmental organizations, and members of the public to finalize the study plan for the West Canada Creek Project relicensing. If you have any questions concerning this PSP, or require any additional information, please contact me at (315) 598-6130 or via email at steven.murphy@brookfieldrenewable.com.

Sincerely,



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