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Honorable Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20426

**SUBJECT: West Canada Creek Project (FERC No. 2701-059)
Draft License Application**

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 (Project), Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) Project No. 2701. The West Canada Creek Project consists of two developments, Prospect and Trenton, 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 FERC Integrated Licensing Process (ILP) pursuant to 18 C.F.R. Part 5 of the Commission's regulations. Erie must file its final application for a new license with FERC no later than February 28, 2021.

In accordance with 18 CFR § 5.16(c), Erie respectfully submits the Draft License Application (DLA) for filing with the Commission. The DLA is being filed in accordance with the ILP and consists of the following draft technical exhibits and environmental report:

- Initial Statement;
- Exhibit A - Project Description;
- Exhibit B - Project Operation and Resource Utilization;
- Exhibit C - Construction History;
- Exhibit D - Statement of Cost and Financing;
- Exhibit E - Environmental Report;
- Exhibit F - General Design Drawings (*CEII*);
- Exhibit G - Project Maps; and
- Exhibit H - Description of Project Management and Need for Project Power (*Single-line Diagram CEII*).

Erie is providing electronic copies of the DLA to relevant resource agencies, tribes, non-governmental organizations, and other potential interested parties included on the attached distribution list. An electronic copy of the DLA can be downloaded from FERC's eLibrary system (<https://elibrary.ferc.gov/eLibrary/search>) by searching under docket number P-2701 (sub docket 059). The DLA will also be available at the Project's public relicensing website at <https://westcanadacreek.brookfieldusprojects.com/>.

In accordance with FERC regulations (18 CFR § 5.16(e)), participants and Commission staff may submit comments to the Licensee regarding the DLA within 90 days following this filing, i.e., by December 30, 2020.

Certain information within the DLA is still under development or more appropriately filed with the Final License Application (FLA) in February 2021. Exhibit E discusses the results of the studies conducted in support of the relicensing and considers how the information and data collected during those studies addresses issues that were raised by agencies and other relicensing participants, and how that data addresses the Licensee's proposal. In support of this proposal, Exhibit E evaluates the potential impacts to environmental, recreational, and cultural resources that may occur as a result of continued Project operation under a new license. As appropriate, Exhibit E includes Licensee's preliminary proposals for the protection and mitigation of effects on, or enhancement to, resources that are associated with the continued operation of the Project.

The draft Exhibit F - General Design Drawings, and the Single-line Diagram (Attachment 1 of Exhibit H), contain Critical Energy Infrastructure Information (CEII) and will be filed under separate cover with the Commission only.

If you have any questions 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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