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Magalie R. Salas  
Secretary  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street, NE  
Washington, DC 20426

Re: Mystic Lake Hydroelectric Project 2301-019 Filing of Preliminary Licensing Proposal (PLP) per the Commission's Integrated Licensing Process (ILP)

Dear Secretary Salas:

PPL Montana, LLC (PPLM) herein files the Mystic Lake Project Preliminary Licensing Proposal (PLP) with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (the "Commission") pursuant to the Commission's Integrated Licensing Process (ILP) rules, 18 C.F.R. § 5.1 *et seq.* PPLM understands that this is the first PLP in the country to be filed under the Commission's ILP. We appreciate Commission staff and stakeholder contributions toward the filing of this pioneer PLP.

The Mystic PLP is organized into the following 9 public and non-public Volumes:

Volume I: Public, Preliminary License Proposal (PLP)

Volume II: Public, Appendix A – Long-term Monitoring Plans

Volume III: Non Internet Public (NIP), PLP Figures

Volume IV: Public, Mystic Project Biological Assessment (BA)

Volume V: Non Internet Public (NIP), BA Figures

Volume VI: Public, Mystic Project Biological Evaluation (BE)

Volume VII: Non Internet Public (NIP), BE Figures

Volume VIII: Non Public Confidential, Draft Historic Properties Management Plan (HPMP)

Volume IX: Non Public Confidential, Draft Programmatic Agreement (PA)

Volumes I, II, IV and VI are being filed electronically with the electronic copy of this letter. These Volumes will also be posted to, and may be downloaded from, PPL Montana's Mystic Lake ILP website at [www.mysticlakeproject.com](http://www.mysticlakeproject.com) on June 1.

Volumes III, V and VII constitute Non Internet Public (NIP) information. The original and 14 copies of Volumes III, V and VII are being filed as hard copy under cover of this letter. These Volumes may be requested directly from PPL Montana.


Volumes VIII and IX are non-public and the originals (no copies) are being filed as hard copy under cover of this letter. PPLM requests that they be placed in the Commission's non-public files.

PPLM will send an email to all stakeholders listed on the Mystic Lake relicensing Project Contact List to access public documents in this filing via the PPLM Mystic ILP website at [www.mysticlakeproject.com](http://www.mysticlakeproject.com).

PPLM, in consultation with resource agencies and other public and private stakeholders, has made numerous previous filings (Mystic NOI, PAD, Final Study Plan and study results) with the Commission as part of the Mystic ILP process. Information contained in these filings is available from the Commission or from PPLM Mystic ILP website [www.mysticlakeproject.com](http://www.mysticlakeproject.com). The Mystic Project PLP does not propose to materially modify the present operation of the Project under a new license. The PLP does, however, propose various protection, mitigation and enhancement (PM&E) measures to better conserve, protect and enhance fisheries and aquatic habitats, wildlife and terrestrial habitats, water quality, recreation, land-use, aesthetics and cultural resources affected by the Project. The PLP also proposes monitoring of Project resources to ensure effective management and implementation of PM&E measures. Mystic PM&E and monitoring measures were developed through extensive consultation with stakeholders.

PPLM anticipates filing a Mystic Project Final License Application (FLA) with the Commission by December 15, 2006.

Sincerely,



Jon H. Jourdonnais,  
Director Hydro Licensing and Compliance

Cc: Service List (electronic filing only)