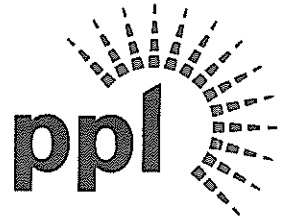


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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street
Washington, D. C. 20426

December 1, 2005

RE: Filing as confidential the Mystic Lake Project Cultural Resource Management
Archaeological Inventory Report under the Integrated Licensing Process

Dear Secretary Salas:

Enclosed are an original and eight copies of a report on the inventory of archaeological properties for the Mystic Lake Project. The report is confidential and not for public release, and we request that it be placed in the Commission's non-public files.

Under copy of this letter, we are also submitting the report to the Custer National Forest (CNF) and the Montana State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) for review and comment. We ask that the Commission, CNF and SHPO provide PPLM with any comments on this report on or before January 4, 2006. This will allow us to proceed in a timely manner with additional studies for CRM on the Project.

Any questions that may arise in the course of review of this report should be directed to me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. N. Jourdonnais".

Jon Jourdonnais,
Director of Hydro Licensing and Compliance

cc: Mr. Frank Winchell, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, w/enclosure
Mr. Stan Wilmoth, Montana Interim State Historic Preservation Officer w/enclosure
Ms. Halcyon LaPoint, Archaeologist, Custer National Forest, w/enclosure