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PPLM-2301-1835

Ms. Magalie R. Salas
Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE
Washington, D.C. 20427

RE: filing of Notice of Intent and Pre-Application Document with the Commission for
Mystic Project 2301 under the Integrated Licensing Process

June 21, 2004

Dear Secretary Salas:


PPL Montana, LLC herein provides to the Commission, resource agencies, Tribes and interested public to date, our formal Notice of Intent (NOI) and Pre-Application Document (PAD) for relicensing the Mystic Lake Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2301) using the Commission's new Integrated Licensing Process (ILP). In addition to the information provided in the attached PAD, other Project information including a Mystic Lake Project ILP schedule and communications protocol, public and agency resource group meeting summaries, upcoming scoping and site visit details and real time flow and whitewater survey information, is presented at PPL Montana's Mystic Lake relicensing website located at www.mysticlakeproject.com.

PPL Montana received designation as the Commission's non-federal representative for consultation under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act by Commission letter dated January 9, 2004. The Commission also authorized PPL Montana, by letter of January 14, 2004, to initiate consultation with the Montana State Historic Preservation Officer, appropriate Native American tribes, Custer National Forest and other consulting parties, pursuant to 36 CFR 800.2(c)(4) of the regulations implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

PPL Montana proposes the continued use of the ILP to assist in reaching a formal settlement agreement with stakeholders in support of a new FERC License that provides for cost-effective operation and continued resource stewardship at the Mystic Project.

We look forward to working with the Commission and other stakeholders on Mystic Lake Project relicensing.

Sincerely,



John C. VanDaveer,
Manager Hydro Generation

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Notification of Intent Submitted by PPL Montana For a New License for the
Mystic Lake Hydroelectric Project FERC No. 2301

June 21, 2004

Section 5.5(b)(1) The Licensees name and address:

PPL Montana, LLC
c/o Jon Jourdonnais
Director of Hydro Licensing and Compliance
45 Basin Creek Road
Butte, Montana 59701

Section 5.5(b)(2) The Project Number:

FERC Project No. 2301

Section 5.5 (b)(3) The License expiration date:

December 31, 2009

Section 5.5(b)(4) Unequivocal statement of the Licensee's intention to file for a new License:

PPL Montana intends to file, with the Commission, an application for a new License for the Mystic Lake Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2301) (the "Project") using the Commissions' new Integrated Licensing Process (ILP) regulations issued July 23, 2003.

Section 5.5(b)(5) The type of principal project works licensed:

The Project consists of one dam (including spillway and intake), one storage reservoir (Mystic Lake), a bypass reach flowline and penstock, surge chamber, one re-regulating dam and reservoir (West Rosebud Lake) and two 50 kv transmission lines.

Section 5.5(b)(6) The location of project by state, county, and stream and when appropriate, by city or nearby city:

The Project is located on West Rosebud Creek (river mile 28.8) in both Stillwater and Carbon Counties near the city of Columbus, Montana.

Section 5.5(b)(7) The installed plant capacity:

The useable plant capacity of the Project is 10.5 Megawatts

Section 5.5(b)(8) The names and addresses of:

Section 5.5(b)(8)(i) Every county in which any part of the project is located and in which any Federal facility that is used of to be used by the project is located:

The Project is located in Stillwater and Carbon Counties. The address for each County is as follows:

Stillwater County	Carbon County
400 3rd Avenue North	17 W 11 th
County Courthouse	County Courthouse
Columbus, MT 59019-7165	Red Lodge, MT 59068-0887

Section 5.5(b)(8)(ii)(A) Every city, town or similar political subdivision in which any part of the project is or is to be located and any Federal facility that is or is to be used by the project is located:

The Project is not located within any town or city limits.

Section 5.5(b)(8)(ii)(B) Every city, town or similar political subdivision that has a population of more than 5,000 people and is located within 15 miles of the project dam:

The Mystic Lake Project is not located within 15 miles of a town of 5,000 or more people.

Section 5.5(b)(8)(iii)(A) Every irrigation district, drainage district or similar purpose political subdivision in which any part of the project is or is proposed to be located and any Federal facility that is or is proposed to be used by the project is located:

The Project is not located in and does not propose to use any Federal facility that is located in any irrigation, drainage district or similar political subdivision.

Section 5.5(b)(8)(iii)(B) Every irrigation district, drainage district or similar purpose political subdivision that owns, operates, maintains or uses any project facility or any Federal facility that is or is to be used by the project:

No irrigation, drainage district or similar political subdivision owns, operates or maintains any Project facility or any Federal facility that the Project uses or proposes to use.

Section 5.5(b)(8)(iv) Every other political subdivision in the general area of the project that there is reason to believe would be interested in, or affected by, the notification:

The Custer National Forest
1310 Main
Billings, MT 59102

Section 5.5(b)(8)(v) Affected Indian tribes:

The Eastern Shoshone, Crow, Northern Arapaho, and Shoshone-Bannock Tribes have been formally invited by PPL Montana and FERC to participate in consultations for Cultural Resource Management (CRM) under ILP rules for the Mystic Lake Project. The Eastern Shoshone Tribe has participated in a CRM consultation meeting held on October, 2003 in Billings, Montana and they have provided comments to PPL Montana on drafts of a Cultural Resource Study Plan for the Project.

Eastern Shoshone Tribe
PO Box 538
Fort Washakie, WY 82514

Crow Tribe
PO Box 159
Crow Agency MT 59022

Northern Arapaho Tribe
PO Box 396
Fort Washakie, WY 82514

Shoshone-Bannock Tribe
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