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Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
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Re: **Lowell Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2790-072)**
Draft License Application

Dear Secretary Bose:

Boott Hydropower, LLC (Boott or Licensee) is the Licensee, owner, and operator of the 20 megawatt Lowell Hydroelectric Project (Project or Lowell Project) (FERC No. 2790). Boott operates the Project under a license from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission). The Project's existing license expires on April 30, 2023. Boott is pursuing a new license for the Project using the Commission's Integrated Licensing Process (ILP) as defined in 18 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) Part 5. In accordance with 18 C.F.R. § 5.16(a), Boott is filing herewith the Draft License Application (DLA) for the Project.

The DLA is composed of two volumes, as described below. Exhibit E – Environmental Report contains Licensee's analysis of the effects of the Proposed Action, relicensing the continued operation and maintenance of the Project. Based upon the analysis of the effects of the Proposed Action on developmental and non-developmental resources, the Licensee is proposing certain environmental measures consistent with the Project's current license as discussed in detail in Exhibit E. As stated in this application for license, Boott proposes to remove the four mill power stations and associated canal infrastructure from the new FERC license. Nevertheless, Boott will continue to manage the canal structures, water levels and flows using best practices and consistent with current agreements with the National Park Service and other stakeholders.

The DLA consists of the following:

VOLUME I OF II

Volume I contains Public information and exhibits as follows:

- Table of Contents
- Executive Summary
- Initial Statement and Additional Information Required by 18 C.F.R. § 5.18(a)
- Exhibit A – Project Description
- Exhibit B – Project Operation and Resource Utilization
- Exhibit C – Construction History and Proposed Construction Schedule
- Exhibit D – Cost and Financing
- Exhibit F – General Design Drawings
- Exhibit G – Project Maps
- Exhibit H – Description of Project Management and Need for Project Power

VOLUME II OF II

- Part 1 – Exhibit E – Environmental Exhibit
- Part 2 – Exhibit E – Appendices

Please note that Boott is not submitting the portions of the application which would constitute Critical Energy Infrastructure (CEI) at this time. These would include the Exhibit F drawings, Supporting Design Report, and the Single Line Diagram referenced in Exhibit A. Certain information within the DLA is still under development or more appropriately filed with the Final License Application (FLA) in April 2021. Additionally, proposals presented in the DLA are preliminary.

Boott is making the DLA available to resource agencies, Indian tribes, local governments, nongovernmental organizations, and members of the public who are on the Project distribution list. An electronic copy of the DLA can be downloaded from FERC's eLibrary system (<https://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>) by searching under docket number P-2790 (sub docket 072). The DLA will also be available at the Project's public relicensing website at www.lowellprojectrelicensing.com.

In accordance with 18 CFR § 5.16(e), interested parties may file comments regarding the DLA within 90 days of the date of this letter (i.e., by March 2, 2021). All comments must be eFiled with FERC or sent to FERC at the following address:

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Please do not hesitate to contact me at (978) 935-6039 or kwebb@centralriverspower.com if you have any questions concerning this submittal.

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