

December 2, 2010

Certification Administrator Low Impact Hydropower Institute 34 Providence Street Portland, ME 04103

Re: Response to Certification Condition #2 for the Bear River Hydroelectric Project

On May 19, 2010, the Low Impact Hydropower Institute issued a letter of certification for the Bear River Hydroelectric Project that included two conditions for certification. The first condition requested the results from the Black Canyon monitoring study. That information was provided by PacifiCorp by email on August 11, 2010. In the transmittal letter, PacifiCorp noted that information in support of the second condition would be provided at a later time.

The second condition is the option to provide additional information on watershed protection to support qualification for 3 additional years of certification. The second condition states:

2. (Optional) In reviewing the watershed protection information the Application Reviewer recommended that the LIHI Board award the Bear River project an extra three years of certification because of the Applicant's watershed protection efforts. The Board discussed the recommendation but did not come to an agreement and asked whether the Applicant is interested in seeking the extra three years. If they are the Board asks PacifiCorp to supply supporting information. The supporting information should be (1) copy of entire settlement document, (2) Annual status of land protection measures, (3) contacts with whom LIHI can discuss the administration of this land protection (e.g., land trust given to, etc) to see how it is going, and; (4) any additional information that helps the Board answer "yes" to D.2 of the Watershed Protection criterion:

D.2 Has the facility owner established an approved watershed enhancement fund that: I) could achieve within the project's watershed the ecological and recreational equivalent of land protection in D.1., and 2) has the agreement of appropriate stakeholders and state and federal resource agencies?

To meet this second condition, supplemental information is included in Attachment A. In addition, the Settlement Agreement will be emailed separately as a PDF Attachment. PacifiCorp believes that this supporting information will help to demonstrate that the Bear River Project meets Certification Condition #2. With this submittal, PacifiCorp respectfully requests consideration for the three (3) extra years of certification for the Bear River Project.

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Please contact me at (503) 813-6617 or <u>mike.ichisaka@pacificorp.com</u> if you have any questions regarding this supporting information.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure:

Attachment A (Supporting Information for Certification Condition #2

for the Bear River Hydroelectric Project)