

ELECTRONICALLY SUBMITTED November 2, 2022

RE: Proposed Dixon Diversion Draft Study Plan  
Bradley Lake Project FERC Project No. 8221

Dear Interested Parties:

The Alaska Energy Authority (AEA) is pursuing a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) license amendment associated with the existing 120-megawatt (MW) Bradley Lake Hydroelectric Project (Bradley Lake Project, FERC No. P-8221). The purpose of the amendment is to gain authorization to divert water from the Dixon Glacier to generate additional power. The Bradley Lake Project has an installed capacity of 120 megawatts and is operated by the Homer Electric Association on behalf of AEA. The Bradley Lake Project is located on the Bradley River in the Kenai Peninsula Borough northeast of the town of Homer in Southcentral Alaska. On April 27, 2022, AEA initiated the pre-filing amendment process by filing its Initial Consultation Document (ICD).

AEA hosted a Joint Agency and Public Meeting in Homer, Alaska on June 14, 2022, and representatives from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G), Alaska Department of Natural Resources, USFWS's Kenai National Wildlife Refuge, and members of the public attended. AEA requested that agency study requests be submitted on or before August 14, 2022. The USFWS, NMFS, ADF&G, and Cook Inletkeeper submitted comments regarding the ICD and study requests associated with the proposed Dixon Diversion license amendment.

AEA provides the Draft Study Plan (attached) for proposed studies which includes a summary of the agency and stakeholder requested studies, AEA's response to the study requests, and AEA's proposed 2023 field season studies. AEA intends to hold a Study Plan Meeting to present information pertaining to AEA's proposed 2023 field season studies as provided in the Study Plan. AEA will conduct the Study Plan meeting on November 17, 2022, from 1:00 to 5:00 PM Alaska Standard Time via Microsoft Teams and at the AEA office (813 W Northern Lights Blvd, Anchorage, AK 99503). To assist with meeting planning and logistics, AEA requests that all agencies or stakeholders who plan to attend the meeting RSVP by sending an email to Jennifer Gut at [jennifer.gut@kleinschmidtgroup.com](mailto:jennifer.gut@kleinschmidtgroup.com) or by phone at (803)904-8680 by November 15, 2022.

Any stakeholder comments on AEA's proposed studies should be provided by December 30, 2022, to Bryan Carey, Alaska Energy Authority, at [bcarey@akenergyauthority.org](mailto:bcarey@akenergyauthority.org). After the comment period, AEA will develop a Final Study Plan (FSP) and submit to agencies in March 2023.

Sincerely,

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Director of Owned Assets, Alaska Energy Authority

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