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Kimberly Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20426

Re: Blenheim-Gilboa Pumped Storage Project, FERC No. 2685-026; Notice of Intent to File a
Draft License Application

Dear Secretary Bose:

The Power Authority of the State of New York (Power Authority) is relicensing the Blenheim-Gilboa Pumped Storage Project (FERC No. 2685) (Project) using the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) Integrated Licensing Process (ILP). Pursuant to section 5.16(c) of the Commission's ILP regulations, 18 C.F.R. § 5.16(c), the Power Authority as applicant hereby notifies the Commission of its election to file a Draft License Application (DLA) instead of a Preliminary Licensing Proposal for the Project.

According to the Commission's ILP Process Plan and Schedule the Power Authority must file the DLA on December 1, 2015. The time set forth in section 5.16(c) of the Commission's ILP regulations to file the notice of intent to file a DLA is the date of the updated study report (USR) required by section 5.15(f). Pursuant to the Commission's ILP Process Plan and Schedule for the Project, the date for the USR is February 18, 2017, after the deadline for filing the DLA. For this reason the Power Authority is filing the notice of intent before the USR, to provide the Commission adequate notice of the Power Authority's intention to file a DLA for the Project.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please direct them to me at (914) 681-6564 or Rob.Daly@nypa.gov.

Sincerely,

Robert Daly
Manager, Licensing