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RE: COMMENT, UPDATED STUDY REPORT MEETING SUMMARY, P-1175
LONDON/MARMET HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT & P-1290
WINFIELD HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT

Dear Secretary Bose,

In accordance with 18 CFR § 5.15 (f), the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (WVDNR) is providing comments on Appalachian Power Company's (APC) submission of their Updated Study Report Meeting Summary, dated July 28, 2011. The Updated Study Report Meeting Summary pertains to relicensing proceedings for both the London/Marmet Hydroelectric Project (P-1175), and the Winfield Hydroelectric Project (P-1290). In accordance with Title 18 C.F.R. § 5.15 (c) (4), any participant may file a disagreement concerning the applicant's meeting summary within 30 days, setting forth the basis for the disagreement. This filing must also include any modifications to ongoing studies or new studies proposed by a participant.

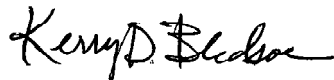
The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) issued its Study Plan Determination on June 25, 2009¹. In its order, the Commission approved six studies: (1) Cultural Resources, (2) Water Quality, (3) Fish Entrainment & Impingement, (4) Transmission Corridor, (5) Recreation Assessment, and (6) London Hydro Tailrace Fishing Access Feasibility. APC presented reports for the aforementioned studies at their Updated Study Report Meeting held on July 13, 2011.

The London Tailrace Angling Feasibility Report has not been completed. An agreement with CSX railroad for public access across their property is still being pursued. Other options, some that are located off site, were discussed. The WVDNR's position is that the tailwater access site must be maintained. The closure of the London tailwater angler access site is unacceptable to us.

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In summary, five of the six approved studies have been completed. The WVDNR agrees with the referenced Updated Meeting Summary, and does not recommend any modifications to the completed studies or new studies. Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the referenced document.

Sincerely,



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