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

Dear Secretary Bose,

The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (WVDNR) is providing comments in accordance with 18 CFR § 5.15 regarding the Appalachian Power Company (APC) submission of their Study Report Meeting Summary, dated July 23, 2010. The 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, 2009<sup>1</sup>. 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 progress reports to the WVDNR for the aforementioned studies in their Initial Study Report, dated June 23, 2010 and held a Study Report Meeting on July 8, 2010.

The WVDNR will defer from commenting on the Cultural Resources Study since it is outside of the agency's mandate. The Transmission Line Study is in progress and fieldwork is anticipated to be completed by midsummer 2010, with a draft report available by late summer. The Water Quality Study has been completed and a draft report has been provided to the WVDNR. The WVDNR has reviewed the report and concurs with the findings and conclusions.

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The Fish Entrainment & Impingement Study is ongoing. The Recreation Study is ongoing. The London Tailrace Angling Feasibility Report is ongoing with a report due in May 2011.

In summary, four of the six approved studies are still in progress. The WVDNR agrees with the referenced meeting summary, and does not recommend any modifications to ongoing studies or new studies.

Sincerely,



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