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Project No. 1494-438—Oklahoma  
Pensacola Hydroelectric Project  
Grand River Dam Authority

Darrell Townsend, Assistant General Manager  
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**Reference: Letter Order Lifting Abeyance and Providing a Revised ILP Process Plan and Schedule**

Dear Dr. Townsend:

On February 1, 2017, Grand River Dam Authority (GRDA) filed a Notice of Intent (NOI) and Pre-application Document (PAD) to relicense the Pensacola Project No. 1494 (Pensacola Project) using the Commission's Integrated Licensing Process (ILP). On February 15, 2017, we issued a letter holding the ILP in abeyance and waiving the requirement to issue notice of the commencement of the pre-filing process and scoping within 60 days of GRDA's filing of the NOI and PAD. The ILP was placed in abeyance while the Commission took action on an application from GRDA to amend the project's existing license. On August 15, 2017, the Commission issued an order amending the Pensacola Project's license.

Because the Commission has taken final action on the license amendment application, we are lifting the abeyance and providing stakeholders with a revised ILP process plan and schedule (Attachment A). By separate letter, we will also initiate tribal consultation with potentially affected Indian tribes.

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If you have any questions, please contact Rachel McNamara at (202) 502-8340 or [rachel.mcnamara@ferc.gov](mailto:rachel.mcnamara@ferc.gov).

Sincerely,

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Director  
Division of Hydropower Licensing

Enclosure: Attachment A

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## APPENDIX B

### REVISED PROCESS PLAN AND SCHEDULE FOR THE ILP RELICENSING OF THE PENSACOLA HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT NO. 1494-483

(shaded milestones are unnecessary if there are no study disputes; if due date falls on a weekend or holiday, the due date is the following business day)

18 C.F.R.	Lead	Activity	Timeframe	Deadline
§ 5.5(a)	GRDA	Filing of NOI and PAD	Actual filing date	2/1/2017
§ 5.7	FERC	Initial Tribal Consultation Meeting	Waived	Pending
§5.8	FERC	FERC Issues Notice of Commencement of Proceeding and Scoping Document (SD1)	Waived	1/12/2018
§5.8 (b)(3)(viii)	FERC/ Stakeholders	Public Scoping Meetings and Environmental Site Review	Within 30 days of NOI and PAD notice and issuance of SD1	Week of 2/12/2018
§ 5.9	Stakeholders/ FERC	File Comments on PAD, SD1, and Study Requests	Within 60 days of NOI and PAD notice and issuance of SD1	3/13/2018
§5.10	FERC	FERC Issues Scoping Document 2 (SD2), if necessary	Within 45 days of deadline for filing comments on SD1	4/27/2018
§5.11(a)	GRDA	File Proposed Study Plans	Within 45 days of deadline for filing comments on SD1	4/27/2018
§5.11(e)	GRDA/ Stakeholders	Study Plan Meetings	Within 30 days of deadline for filing proposed Study Plans	Week of 5/21/2018
§5.12	Stakeholders	File Comments on Proposed Study Plan	Within 90 days after proposed study plan is filed	7/26/2018
§5.13(a)	GRDA	File Revised Study Plan	Within 30 days following the deadline for filing comments on proposed Study Plan	8/27/2018
§5.13(b)	Stakeholders	File Comments on Revised Study Plan (if necessary)	Within 15 days following Revised Study Plan	9/11/2018
§5.13(c)	FERC	FERC Issues Study Plan Determination	Within 30 days following Revised Study Plan	9/26/2018
§5.14(a)	Mandatory Conditioning Agencies	Notice of Formal Study Dispute (if necessary)	Within 20 days of Study Plan determination	10/16/2018

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<b>18 C.F.R.</b>	<b>Lead</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Timeframe</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
§5.14(l)	FERC	Study Dispute Determination	Within 70 days of notice of formal study dispute	12/25/2018
§5.15(a)	GRDA	Conduct First Season Field Studies	October 2018 – August 2019	
§5.15(c)(1)	GRDA	File Initial Study Reports	No later than one year from Study Plan approval	9/26/2019
§5.15(c)(2)	GRDA	Initial Study Results Meeting	Within 15 days of Initial Study Report	10/11/2019
§5.15(c)(3)	GRDA	File Study Results Meeting Summary	Within 15 days of Study Results Meeting	10/29/2019
§5.15(c)(4)	Stakeholders/ FERC	File Meeting Summary Disagreements/Modifications to Study/Requests for New Studies	Within 30 days of filing Meeting Summary	11/28/2019
§5.15(c)(5)	GRDA	File Responses to Disagreements/Modifications/ New Study Requests	Within 30 days of disputes	12/30/2019
§5.15(c)(6)	FERC	Resolution of Disagreements/ Study Plan Determination (if necessary)	Within 30 days of filing responses to disputes	1/29/2020
§5.15	GRDA	Conduct Second Season Field Studies	October 2019 – August 2020	
§5.15 (f)	GRDA	File Updated Study Reports	No later than two years from Study Plan approval	9/26/2020
§5.15(c)(2)	GRDA	Second Study Results Meeting	Within 15 days of Updated Study Report	10/13/2020
§5.15(c)(3)	GRDA	File Study Results Meeting Summary	With 15 days of Study Results Meeting	10/28/2020
§5.15(c)(4)	Stakeholders/ FERC	File Meeting Summary Disagreements/ Modifications to Study Requests/Requests for New Studies	Within 30 days of filing Meeting Summary	11/27/2020
§5.15(c)(5)	GRDA/ Stakeholders	File Responses to Disagreements/Modifications/ New Study Requests	Within 30 days of disputes	12/29/2020
§5.15(c)(6)	FERC	Resolution of Disagreements/ Study Plan Determination (if necessary)	Within 30 days of filing responses to disagreements	1/28/2021
§5.16(a)	GRDA	File Preliminary Licensing Proposal (or Draft License Application) with the FERC and distribute to Stakeholders	Not later than 150 days before final application is filed	11/3/2019*

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<b>18 C.F.R.</b>	<b>Lead</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Timeframe</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
§5.16 (e)	FERC / Stakeholders	Comments on GRDA Preliminary Licensing Proposal, Additional Information Request (if necessary)	Within 90 days of filing Preliminary Licensing Proposal (or Draft License Application)	2/3/2020*
§5.17 (a)	GRDA	License Applications Filed		3/31/2020*

\* Because of delay caused by ILP abeyance, these deadlines fall before completion the ILP prefiling milestones required by section 5.15 of the Commission's regulations.

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