Appendix A. Consultation Record Excerpt: DOI/FWS August 14, 2018 Letter

This appendix reproduces the U.S. Department of the Interior and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service letter dated August 14, 2018 documenting the August 1, 2018 Project site visit and the agencies' review of the updated Project footprints. The letter is included as a consultation record excerpt for the PAD and is not relied upon to support any obsolete non-jurisdictional filing posture.

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Attn: Jennifer Polardino, Environmental and Project Review Branch
Division of Hydropower Administration and Compliance

RE: Old Forge Bore Hole Pumped Storage Project (FERC No. DI18-2)

Dear Ms. Bose:

On July 19, 2018, the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) Solicitor's Office wrote to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) to express, on behalf of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), concern that the Old Forge Bore Hole Pumped Storage Project (Project) appeared to contain several streams within the proposed work area, bringing into question the Commission's May 1, 2018 determination that the Project did not require licensing.

On August 1, 2018, the Service participated in a site visit for the Project. After a thorough exploration of the updated Project footprints as depicted in the applicant's August 9, 2018 supplemental filing,[1] the Service and the DOI have determined that Project footprints no longer overlap any Commerce Clause streams or waters. The Red Spring Run tributary that used to flow into the area of the proposed lower reservoir footprint no longer exists within this footprint due to past mining activities, and the relocated upper reservoir footprint does not overlap any streams.

Our concerns have been addressed, and DOI and the Service are no longer requesting that the Commission reconsider its ruling that the Project falls outside of the Commission's licensure jurisdiction under the Federal Power Act.

[1] FERC Accession No. 20180809-5042

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Thank you for your consideration in this matter. If you have any questions, please contact Richard McCorkle of my staff at 814-234-4090.

Sincerely,

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