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Project No. 14791-001 – Oregon  
Bowman Dam Hydroelectric Project  
Ochoco Irrigation District

Mr. Bruce Scanlon  
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Ochoco Irrigation District  
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Prineville, OR 97754

**Reference: Authorization to Use the Traditional Licensing Process**

Dear Mr. Scanlon:

In a letter filed on October 29, 2018, you requested to use the Traditional Licensing Process (TLP) in preparing a license application for the proposed 3-megawatt Bowman Dam Hydroelectric Project, located at the existing U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Arthur R. Bowman Dam on the Crooked River in Crook County, Oregon. On the same date, you filed a notice of intent and pre-application document (PAD) for the proposed project.

On January 16, 2019, you filed documentation with the Commission showing that you published a notice of the request to use the TLP in the December 21, 2018 edition of the *Central Oregonian*. Your notice contained the information required in section 5.3(d)(2) of the Commission's regulations, including a statement requesting that comments on the request to use the TLP be filed with the Commission by January 21, 2019. No comments have been filed with the Commission in response to your notice or PAD.

Therefore, based on the information that you have provided that indicates that the complexity of the resource issues is believed to be small, the level of anticipated controversy is expected to be minimal, and there is a reasonable amount of available information regarding resources associated with the project, I am granting your request to use the TLP.

Section 4.38 of the Commission's regulations describes the pre-filing steps that need to be completed when preparing an application for a hydropower license under the

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TLP, including consultation and conducting necessary studies [18 C.F.R. §4.38(a)-(e)]. Specific steps that will need to be carried out during pre-filing consultation include an initial joint agency/public meeting and site visit [§4.38(b)(3)]; an opportunity for participants to request studies [§4.38(b)(5)]; preparation and participant review of a draft application [§4.38(c)(4)]; and a meeting to resolve any disputes on the draft application [§4.38(c)(6)]. Please note that the initial joint agency/public meeting, is required to be held no sooner than 30 days, nor later than 60 days, from the date of this letter [§4.38(b)(3)(ii)].

If you have any questions, please contact Matt Cutlip at (503) 552-2762 or via email at [matt.cutlip@ferc.gov](mailto:matt.cutlip@ferc.gov).

Sincerely,

Vince Yearick  
Director  
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