FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20426 February 13, 2017

OFFICE OF ENERGY PROJECTS

Project No. 14806-000-South Dakota Gregory County Pump Storage Project Gregory, Charles & Brule Counties, SD

Raymond J. Wahle, PE Missouri River Energy Services 3724 W. Avera Drive P.O. Box 88920 Sioux Falls, SD 57109

RE: Deficient Preliminary Permit Application

Dear Mr. Wahle:

Your preliminary permit application for the above listed project is deficient. The deficiencies are identified in the enclosed Schedule A.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Within 45 days, please file the requested information using the Commission's eFiling system at http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, please send a paper copy to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, D.C. 20426. Please put the docket number P-14806-000 on the first page of your response.

Failure to provide this information may result in your application being rejected. If you have any questions concerning this letter, please call Tyrone Williams at (202) 502-6331.

Sincerely,

Janet Hutzel, Chief Midwest Branch Division of Hydropower Licensing Schedule A Project No. 14806-000

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Pursuant to section 4.32(e)(1) of the Commission's regulations, the deficiencies listed below have been identified for the referenced application. Please correct the deficiencies within 45 days from the date of this letter.

1. Section 4.81(b)(1) of the Commission's regulations requires, in part and to the extent possible, a description of the proposed project that includes the composition and dimensions of project features for proposed or existing dams, spillways, penstocks, tailraces, substation, or other structures that would be part of the project. Your Exhibit 1 references trashracks located at the end of the tailrace tunnel, but does not provide the dimensions of the trashracks. Also, Exhibit 1 states that the proposed new transmission line would extend from the substation located aboveground near or over the underground powerhouse, but does not provide information on the dimensions and composition of the substation. Please revise your Exhibit 1 to include information on the dimensions and composition of the trashracks and substation.

Section 4.81(b)(4) of the Commission's regulations requires, in part and to the extent possible, an Exhibit 1 that provides the total estimated average annual energy production and installed capacity. Your Exhibit 1 does not provide information on estimated average annual energy output of the facility. Please revise your Exhibit 1 to include this information.

Section 4.81(d) of the Commission's regulations requires, in part, an Exhibit 3 that includes a map or series of maps that sufficiently, clearly, and legibly show the location of the project, relative locations and physical interrelationships of the principal project features, and a proposed project boundary that encloses all of the principal project features identified in Exhibit 1. Your Exhibit 3-2 does not show the locations of two surge tanks identified in Exhibit 1 within the proposed project boundary. Please revise your Exhibit 1, accordingly, to comply with section 4.81(d) of the Commission's regulations.

Enclosure: Schedule A

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