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OFFICE OF ENERGY PROJECTS

Project No. 13212-001 and 13211-001
–Alaska
Grant Lake/Falls Creek Hydroelectric
Project
Kenai Hydro, L.L.C.

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Reference: Designation of non-federal representative to conduct informal endangered species consultation and Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act consultation

Dear Ms. Rappoport and Ms. Hanson:

In a letter filed August 6, 2009, Kenai Hydro, L.L.C. asked the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) to designate it as the non-federal representative for the purpose of informal consultation with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) pursuant to section 7 of the Endangered Species Act for the above projects, and NMFS pursuant to section 305 of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. By this letter, the Commission designates Kenai Hydro, L.L.C. as the Commission's non-federal representative to conduct informal consultation with your agencies.

The role of the non-federal representative includes conducting studies, developing and supplying information, attending meetings, ensuring that pertinent endangered species information and pertinent fishery conservation information is

maintained in a project file, developing a draft biological assessment, participating in informal consultation with the Services, and keeping FERC apprised of its actions. We recommend that Kenai Hydro, L.L.C. set up a meeting with your office to discuss how the informal consultation will be conducted.

The FERC contact will be Joseph C. Adamson. If you have any questions please contact Mr. Adamson at (202) 502-8085; joseph.adamson@ferc.gov.

Sincerely,

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