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OFFICE OF ENERGY PROJECTS

Project No. 2533–000- MN
Brainerd Hydroelectric Project
Brainerd Public Utilities

Reference: Consultation with Tribes for the Brainerd Hydroelectric Project No. 2533

To the Parties Addressed:

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) invites your participation in the relicensing process for the existing Brainerd Hydroelectric Project No. 2533 (Brainerd Project). The 3.54-megawatt Brainerd Project is located on the Mississippi River in the City of Brainerd in Crow Wing County, Minnesota. Brainerd Public Utilities, the licensee for the project, must file a notice of intent and Pre-Application Document by February 28, 2018, and an application for a new license must be filed by February 28, 2021.

It is very important that a Tribe whose interests could be affected by the proposed Brainerd Project participate early in the process so that tribal concerns are addressed. For this reason, please inform us if you have an interest in participating in the relicensing process for the project. In addition, please indicate if you would like to meet with Commission staff to discuss the Commission's licensing process, how your tribe can participate to the fullest extent possible, your interests and concerns in the affected area, and how to establish procedures to ensure appropriate communication between Commission and tribal staffs. The meeting can be limited to Commission and your tribal staff, or can be open to other Tribes, Brainerd Public Utilities, or any other licensing participants.

If at all possible, we would appreciate your response by November 13, 2017. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file your response using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. 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 N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-2533-000.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Laura Washington at (202) 502-6072, or at Laura.Washington@ferc.gov. Ms. Washington will contact you shortly to follow-up on this letter.

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