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Project No. 2305-116 – Texas and
Louisiana
Toledo Bend Hydroelectric Project
Sabine River Authority – LA&TX

September 30, 2019

VIA FERC Service

Mr. David Montagne, General Manager
Sabine River Authority, Texas
P.O. Box 579
Orange, TX 77631

Subject: Process Plan and Schedule for Shoreline Management Plan Review

Dear Mr. Montagne:

This letter is in response to your August 27, 2019 filing of your plan and schedule for reviewing your shoreline management plan (SMP) under Article 411 of the project license for the Toledo Bend Hydroelectric Project No. 2305.¹ Article 411 of your project license requires you to implement the SMP filed on February 3, 2012, with several modifications, including a provision to file a report within 5 years of the license order that summarizes your review of the SMP after consultation with interested agencies and stakeholders, determines whether or not any modifications to the SMP are needed, and if so, provides a plan and schedule for modifying the SMP.

Your August 27, 2019 filing sets forth a plan and schedule for completing this SMP review and requests that the Commission approve your plan and schedule. Specifically, you propose to do the following: (1) within 30 days of our concurrence, prepare a revised SMP for review and comment on your website; (2) within the next 60 days after developing the draft, provide the public a 60-day review period including hosting two public meetings (one in Texas and one in Louisiana); (3) within 120 days of our concurrence of this plan and schedule, file a revised SMP with the Commission for approval that addresses all public comments received. Attachment B of your August 27, 2019 filing includes documentation of consultation with numerous agencies,

¹ Order Issuing New License (148 FERC ¶ 62,171), issued August 29, 2014.

tribes, elected officials, citizen groups, and business groups. None of these entities opposed your proposed plan and schedule.²

We concur with your proposed plan and schedule for reviewing the SMP. Thus, we expect you to file the revised SMP with the Commission by January 30, 2020. Your filing must include documentation of consultation with the stakeholders listed in Attachment B of your August 27, 2019 filing, copies of any comments and recommendations received, and specific descriptions of how the agencies' comments are accommodated by the revised SMP.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Mark Carter by phone at (678) 245-3083 or by email at mark.carter@ferc.gov.

Sincerely,

Robert Fletcher
Land Resources Branch
Division of Hydropower Administration
and Compliance

² Although no stakeholders state any opposition to the proposed plan and schedule, several stakeholders expressed opinions on the project's water levels and flooding. Your filing correctly notes that such comments are outside the scope of this SMP review process and will not be further addressed in this proceeding.