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Debbie Anne Reese, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20426

Re: Ware Shoals Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2416);
Notification of Intent to File License Surrender Application.

Dear Secretary Reese:

Aquenergy Systems, LLC (“Aquenergy”), a subsidiary of Patriot Hydro, LLC, is the owner and Licensee of the Ware Shoals Hydroelectric Project, FERC Project number P-2416 (“Project”). The Project is located on the Saluda River in the Town of Ware Shoals, within the counties of Laurens, Greenwood and Abbeville, South Carolina.

The Project has not operated since Aquenergy was acquired by Patriot Hydro in December 2022. Shortly after Patriot’s acquisition of Aquenergy, the impoundment was lowered per directive from FERC’s Division of Dam Safety and Inspections until concerns regarding the Project’s civil infrastructure are remediated. Aquenergy currently has a request pending before the FERC for a variance from the operating conditions of Article 401 of the license to allow continuation of the lowered headpond elevation.¹

After examining all possible options to remediate the identified civil infrastructure issues, Aquenergy has concluded that it is not economically feasible to return the Ware Shoals Project to service. Therefore, Aquenergy is hereby providing notice to the Commission of its intention to surrender the Project license and to decommission the Project facilities.

Aquenergy will file a license surrender application per 18 CFR §6.1, which will include an analysis of potential environmental impacts from the surrender and decommissioning of the Project, and a Decommissioning Plan for the Project facilities. At this time Aquenergy is making arrangements with qualified consultants to develop the surrender application and the Decommissioning Plan. Aquenergy will provide the Commission with a proposed plan and schedule for filing these documents in a subsequent submission. Aquenergy will also reach out to the resource agencies and other stakeholders in the near future, to initiate the consultation process for the surrender application.

¹ August 21, 2024 letter from Aquenergy, requesting Temporary Variance from License Article 401 requirements. Accession no. 20240821-5060.

Please do not hesitate to contact Kevin Webb at (603) 623-8222 or kwebb@patriohydro.com if you have any questions concerning this notice.

Sincerely,
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