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Ms. Kimberly Bose, Secretary Federal Energy Regulatory Commission 888 First Street, NE Washington, DC 20426

RE:

Alaska Energy Authority

Susitna-Watana Hydroelectric Project No. 14241 Notification of Intent and Pre-Application Document

#### Dear Secretary Bose:

The Alaska Energy Authority (AEA) hereby files electronically its: (1) Notification of Intent to File an Application for Original License and Request for Designation as Non-Federal Representative and for Authorization to Initiate Consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NOI); and (2) Pre-Application Document (PAD), for the Susitna-Watana Hydroelectric Project No. 14241. Pursuant to 18 C.F.R. §§ 5.5(c) and 5.6(a), these documents are also being distributed to resource agencies, Alaska Native entities, local governments, and members of the public likely to be affected by or interested in the proposed project.

This filing consists of two volumes:

- Volume I (Notification of Intent and Pre-Application Document)
- Volume II (Pre-Application Document Appendices)

Pursuant to 18 C.F.R. § 5.3(d)(2), notice of this filing is being published in the Anchorage Daily News, Alaska Journal of Commerce, Fairbanks Daily News Miner, Mat-Su Valley Frontiersman, and Homer News, newspapers of general circulation in the project region. AEA will shortly file a copy of said notices with the Commission.

AEA looks forward to working with the Commission, other federal and state agencies, Alaska Native entities, local governments, and members of the public to timely develop a license application and supporting record that fully serves the needs of all agencies with

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permitting authority for the Project. If you have any questions, please contact Wayne Dyok, Project Manager, at (916) 719-7022 or wdyok@aidea.org.

Sincerely,

ALASKA ENERGY AUTHORITY

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