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

Re: Susitna-Watana Hydroelectric Project, FERC Project No. 14241-000; Submission of Final 2013 Project Operational Plan for Fish Genetic Baseline Study (Study 9.14)

Dear Ms. Bose:

On February 1, 2013, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) issued its Study Plan Determination (February 1 SPD) for 44 of the 58 proposed individual studies in the Alaska Energy Authority's (AEA) Revised Study Plan (RSP) for the Susitna-Watana Hydroelectric Project, FERC Project No. 14241 (Project).¹ With regard to the Fish Genetic Baseline Study (Study 9.14), AEA proposed to develop and circulate to Technical Workgroup (TWG) members by April 30 of 2013 and 2014 detailed annual project operational plans. These operational plans are to establish additional details for field sampling efforts, including specific temporal and spatial sampling locations, to enhance the general locations for target sample collection presented in the RSP.

When approving the Fish Genetic Baseline Study, the Commission's February 1 SPD recommended that AEA consult with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service (collectively, Services); develop a draft project operational plan for a 15-day review and comment period by the Services; and file a final plan with the Commission by April 30.² The February 1 SPD provided that AEA include in its submission of the final plan "documentation of agency consultation, a description of how agency comments are incorporated into the final plans, and an explanation for why any agency comments are not incorporated into the final plans."³

AEA has completed this process, and the final 2013 project operational plan for Study 9.14 appears in Attachment A. Documentation of AEA's consultation with the Services, including the Services' written comments on the draft 2013 project operational

¹ Study Plan Determination for the Susitna-Watana Hydroelectric Project, Project No. 14241-000 (issued Feb. 1, 2013) [hereinafter, "SPD"].

² *Id.*, Appendix B, at B-43.

³ *Id.*, Appendix B, at B-43 to B-44.

plan, appears in Attachment B. AEA's response to the Services' written comments appears in Attachment C.

AEA appreciates the Services' involvement in developing the final 2013 project operational plan and looks forward to their continuing involvement during the implementation of Study 9.14. Should you have questions concerning this submission, please contact me at wdyok@aidea.org or (907) 771-3955.

Sincerely,

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Attachments

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