

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION  
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OFFICE OF ENERGY PROJECTS

Project No. 2230-036  
Blue Lake Project  
City and Borough of Sitka, AK

Mr. Charlie Walls, Director  
City and Borough of Sitka Electric Department  
105 Jarvis Street  
Sitka, AK 99835

SEP 02 2008

**Subject: Authorization to Use the Alternative Licensing Procedures for the Blue Lake Project No. 2230 Amendment Application**

Dear Mr. Walls:

On March 11, 2008, you requested authorization to use the Alternative Licensing Procedures (ALP) in preparing a capacity related license amendment application for the Blue Lake Project, which is located on Sawmill Creek, in City of Sitka, Sitka Division, Alaska.

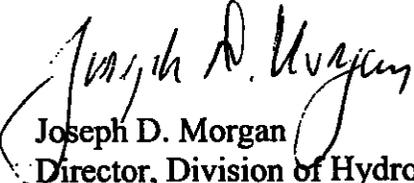
On April 28, 2008, public notice of your request was issued and requested that comments on your request to use the ALP be filed with the Commission within 30 days.

Letters were filed by the Alaska Department of Natural Resources, U.S. Forest Service, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Sitka Tribe of Alaska. These participants all supported your request to use the ALP and the draft communications protocol.

The City and Borough of Sitka Electric Department has demonstrated that it has made an effort to contact resource agencies, citizens groups, and others affected by the project, and that a consensus exists that the use of alternative procedures is appropriate in this case. In light of the support shown, the request to use the ALP is approved.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact William Guey-Lee, at (202) 502-6064.

Sincerely,

  
Joseph D. Morgan  
Director, Division of Hydropower  
Administration and Compliance

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