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Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE
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Re: Rocky Mountain Pumped Storage Hydroelectric Project, FERC No. 2725 – Georgia
Notification of Intent to File Application for New License, Pre-Application Document,
Request to Use Traditional Licensing Process, Request for Designation or
Authorization under Section 7 of Endangered Species Act and Section 106 of
National Historic Preservation Act

Dear Secretary Bose:

Oglethorpe Power Corporation (An Electric Membership Corporation) (OPC), co-licensee for the existing Rocky Mountain Pumped Storage Hydroelectric Project, FERC No. 2725 (Rocky Mountain Project, Project), hereby notifies the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC, Commission) on behalf of itself and co-licensees Georgia Power Company, Rocky Mountain Leasing Corporation, and U.S. Bank National Association of its intent to relicense the Project. Along with this cover letter, this filing consists of the following components:

1. Notification of Intent (NOI), including a request to use the Traditional Licensing Process (TLP) (Public)
2. Pre-Application Document (PAD) (Public)
3. Pre-Application Document – Appendix D (CEII)
4. Pre-Application Document – Appendix F (Privileged)

OPC requests to use the TLP in accordance with the Commission's regulations at 18 CFR § 16.8. The NOI includes OPC's detailed justification for requesting to use the TLP pursuant to 18 CFR § 5.3(c)(1)(ii). OPC believes using the TLP will be in the best interest of the Commission and all participants based on its flexible timeframes, a low likelihood for complex resource issues or controversy at the Rocky Mountain Project, lower relative

cost compared to the Integrated Licensing Process, OPC's early consultation efforts, which already have advanced development of preliminary study plans in the PAD and will reduce the potential for significant disputes over studies, and OPC's existing partnership with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources in managing the recreation, fisheries, and wildlife resources of the Project.

OPC also requests to be designated as the Commission's non-federal representative for purposes of consultation under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and to be authorized to initiate consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

Attachment A provides the stakeholder distribution list.

Please contact me at (770) 270-7348 or Craig.Jones@opc.com with any questions about this filing or if you need additional information.

Best regards,



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