

June 29, 2020

Diane Davis
Oregon Public Utility Commission, Administrative Hearings Division
550 Capitol St NE, #215
Salem, OR 97310

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**Re: Goldendale Energy Storage Project, FERC Project No. 14861;
Submission of Final License Application and Request for Expedited Licensing Process**

Dear Diane Davis,

On June 23, 2020 FFP Project 101, LLC (Applicant) filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) the enclosed Final License Application (FLA) for an original license for the Goldendale Energy Storage Project (FERC No. 14861) (Goldendale Project or Project. The Goldendale Project is an off-stream, closed-loop pumped storage project.

As comprehensively described in the FLA, the Project will be primarily located in Klickitat County, Washington, offering 1,200 MW capacity of clean, renewable, carbon-free energy storage. In 2019, Washington State passed legislation joining three other states mandating that all its electricity come from carbon-free sources by midcentury. Intermittent renewables on the grid already have the potential to create gigawatts of overgeneration and are being curtailed due to the existing system's limited flexibility and storage. Without utility-scale storage to solve the operational challenges of integration, Washington, Oregon, and California cannot achieve carbon reduction and environmental policy goals reliably and cost-effectively. Of the viable, least-cost energy storage options available, pumped storage is the best-proven, least-cost energy storage technology at scale. The proposed Goldendale Project will store energy by letting water purchased from Klickitat Public Utility District (KPUD) flow downhill through the turbines, producing electricity at peak times, and then pump it back uphill, refilling the reservoir and renewing the energy source during low-use times. The Project would be effectively "recharged" and the same water used to generate and store new energy. The process would not consume water to recharge and has no carbon emissions, making it an environmentally responsible source of energy storage.

A copy of the final license application can be downloaded at:
<https://www.ryedevelopment.com/projectstor/goldendale-washington/>.

Should you have any questions regarding the FLA itself, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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