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**RE: Pre-Application Document and Notice of Intent for Ludington Pumped Storage Project (P-2680)**

Dear Ms. Bose:

Consumers Energy Company and DTE Electric Company (collectively, "Licensees") file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") the enclosed Pre-Application Document ("PAD") and Notification of Intent ("NOI") under 18 CFR Part 5 for the relicensing of the Ludington Pumped Storage Project ("Project"). FERC issued the Project's license on July 30, 1969 for an effective period of July 1, 1969 to June 30, 2019.

The Project is located on the east shore of Lake Michigan in Mason and Ottawa Counties, Michigan. The Project's powerhouse and impoundment are located in Pere Marquette and Summit Townships (Mason County). A small satellite recreation area is located in Port Sheldon (Ottawa County), 70 miles south of the powerhouse and impoundment. The Project currently has six generating units with an authorized installed capacity of 1,657.5 MW.<sup>1</sup>

Pursuant to 18 CFR § 5.5(c), Licensees are also providing a copy of the PAD and NOI to relevant resource agencies, tribes, non-governmental organizations, and other potential interested parties listed on Appendix A of the PAD. Hard copies of the filing are available at the Consumers Energy Company, Cadillac Service Center, 330 Chestnut Street, Cadillac, Michigan 49601.

Enclosed with this letter are the NOI, PAD, and four appendices to the PAD:

- Appendix A: Ludington Pumped Storage Project Distribution List
- Appendix B: Summary of Contacts and Consultation

<sup>1</sup> By an Order Amending License dated May 7, 2012, 139 FERC ¶ 62,101, FERC approved Licensees' request to upgrade and overhaul all six pump-turbine/motor generating units at the Project. This upgrade will increase the authorized installed capacity of the Project from 1,657.5 MW to 1,785 MW.

Appendix C: Current License Requirements  
Appendix D: Public Safety Plan

Please contact me at (517) 788-1661 if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of Licensees,

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