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Debbie-Anne Reese, Acting Secretary  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street, N.E.  
Washington, DC 20426

Re: Newhalem Creek Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2705- 037)

Dear Acting Secretary Reese:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Environmental Assessment (EA) of the proposed decommissioning of the Newhalem Creek Hydroelectric dated March 29, 2024. The 30-day comment period ends on April 29, 2024.

The Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe requests an extension of 14 days or until May 13, 2024. This extension is requested to provide adequate time to consult with our Natural Resources Department staff and our Cultural Resources Department. This will allow us to conduct a more thorough review of the EA before providing comments.

We thank you for considering our current circumstances and the importance of the Newhalem Creek Hydroelectric Project to the nearby Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe when evaluating this request.

Yours truly,

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