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OFFICE OF ENERGY PROJECTS

Project No. 14432-000 – California  
DaGuerre Point Dam Project  
Archon Energy 1, Inc

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**Subject: Extensions of Time for Filing Comments and Study Requests for the Proposed DaGuerre Point Dam Hydroelectric Project.**

Dear Messrs. Welsh, Wantuck, and Thaler:

Pursuant to section 4.38(b)(5) of the Commission's regulations, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Marine Fisheries Service, and the California State Water Resources Control Board, (Agencies) on November 28, November 30, and December 3, 2012, respectively, requested a 60-day extension of time (until February 19, 2013) to submit comments and study requests for the proposed DaGuerre Point Dam Hydroelectric Project.

In general, the Agencies state that the extension of time is needed because of the complex resource issues associated with the Yuba River, including several

federally listed anadromous fish species and their habitats, and because of uncertainties associated with the proposed project's design, siting, and technology.<sup>1</sup>

In our August 21, 2012 letter approving Archon Energy 1, Inc.'s (Archon) use of the Traditional Licensing Process (TLP), we acknowledged that the resource issues associated with the Yuba River, particularly those associated with federally-listed salmonids, are complex. However, we also found that with Archon's willingness to work cooperatively with stakeholders, the TLP would be an acceptable licensing process to use.

Granting the Agencies' requests for a 60-day extension of time to provide comments and study requests would allow Archon and stakeholders the opportunity to work cooperatively to address complex resource issues and to discuss the stakeholders' uncertainties with the proposed project. For these reasons, I am granting the Agencies' requests for an extension of time and changing the due date for all stakeholder comments and study requests to February 19, 2013.

If you have any questions, please contact Kenneth Hogan at (202) 502-8434.

Sincerely,

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<sup>1</sup> Archon Energy 1, Inc., proposes to utilize a new Archimedean hydroelectric screw turbine technology for the project.

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