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**Electricity Delivery and
Energy Reliability**

Mr. Brian Mills
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U.S. Department of Energy
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Washington, DC 20585

Delivered via email to Brian.Mills@hq.doe.gov

Dear Mr. Mills:

The Alaska Energy Authority is an independent corporation of the State of Alaska housed within the state Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development. The role of the Authority is to assist with the development of affordable energy in the state for the benefit of consumers and support of economic activity.

On March 18, 2013, Soule Hydro LLC applied for a Presidential Permit pursuant to Executive Order (EO)10485, as amended by EO 12038 for permission to establish a transmission level border crossing between Hyder, Alaska and Stewart, British Columbia. Approval of this permit request will allow possible development of a hydroelectric plant at Soule Lake in Alaska that could supply power to the BC electric grid via a 138 kilovolt HVAC 3-phase submarine cable. Development of this project would produce a reliable source of renewable power for the community of Hyder and support economic development in this cross border region. It is my understanding that actual transmission of power would require further approval of the US Department of Energy under the Federal Power Act, section 202E.

On behalf of the Alaska Energy Authority, I would like to encourage favorable consideration of the Soule Hydro permit request. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions regarding the positions of the Authority.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gene Therriault". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Gene Therriault
Deputy Director
Statewide Energy Policy Development