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Kathryn Friedle
Lands Department
Haines Borough, Alaska
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Re: Walker Lake Hydroelectric Project Public Hearing of February 11, 2016

Dear Ms. Friedle,

After speaking with Division of Mining, Land, and Water (DMLW) staff involved in the State's interest in this project regarding the Walker Lake Hydroelectric Project Public Hearing to be held on February 11, 2016, it has been determined that the hearing is to take place at a time that is unavailable for DMLW staff participation. In lieu of our attendance and comments during the public hearing, please accept the following comments regarding the proposed project, to be added to your records for the February 11, 2016 Public Hearing proceedings:

The Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mining, Land, and Water (DMLW) has been in contact with a representative of Southern Energy, Inc. regarding the proposed Walker Lake Hydroelectric Project. Southern Energy, Inc. is working with the Water Resources Section and the Lands Section of DMLW to obtain State of Alaska required land access authorization and water use authorization for the land and water resources that fall under the resource management jurisdiction of DMLW. There are also other agencies that Southern Energy will need to contact and work with for any other authorizations that may be required (federal, state, or local) that are outside of DMLW jurisdiction.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Clint Gundelfinger".

Clint Gundelfinger
Natural Resource Specialist