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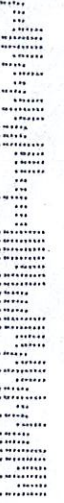


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Subject: Part 12D Inspection Plan and IC Team Proposal, 2024 Periodic Inspection for the Hennepin Development of the St. Anthony Falls Hydroelectric Project

Dear Mr. Crotty:

Mr. Donald Hartinger filed a January 3, 2024 letter transmitting the 2024 Periodic Inspection (PI) Part 12D Inspection Plan (Inspection Plan) for the Hennepin Development of the St. Anthony Falls Hydropower Project, FERC No. 2056. We have reviewed the information provided and have the following comments:

- The resume provided for Mr. Warren Hayden demonstrates that he fulfills the requirements of 18 CFR § 12.31(a), has the appropriate experience and expertise to serve in the proposed role as IC, and he is accepted for that role.
- The proposed schedule included in the Inspection Plan does not provide a specific date for the PI field inspection. By the date of the second coordination call, which will include representatives from the licensee, IC Team, and D2SI-Chicago Regional Office, you should have a specific date proposed for the field inspection.

Per 18 CFR § 12.34(a), you are required to obtain the approval of the IC Team from the Director, Division of Dam Safety and Inspections, prior to the performance of this Periodic Inspection. This letter constitutes approval of the proposed IC Team, which consists solely of Mr. Hayden, and the Inspection Plan by the Director, Division of Dam Safety and Inspections.

