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VIA MAIL AND EMAIL

Mr. Eric Cutright IT Director and Project Manager Karuk Tribe Administrative Office 64236 Second Avenue Post Office Box 1016 Happy Camp, CA 96039

Re:

CPUC Review of Proponent's Environmental Assessment for the Karuk Tribe's Klamath River

Rural Broadband Project

Dear Mr. Cutright:

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Energy Division CEQA Unit has conducted a review of the Karuk Tribe's Proponent's Environmental Assessment (PEA) for the Klamath River Rural Broadband Project (Project) relative to the CPUC's PEA Checklist for Transmission Line Projects (October 7, 2008). The Energy Division finds that the PEA contains sufficient information to satisfy the requirements of the Commission's Information and Criteria List and deems the application complete.

The Energy Division will now begin the preparation of an Initial Study for the Project. Please note that the Energy Division may request additional data, as necessary, to prepare a complete and adequate analysis of the potential environmental effects of the Project in accordance with the requirements of CEQA.

Please do not hesitate to call me at (415) 703-5484 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jensen Uchida

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