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**Joseph T. Kelliher  
Chairman  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street, NE  
Washington, DC 20426**

Dear Chairman Kelliher,

Brookfield Renewable Power is writing in support of the hydrokinetic project in the City of Hasting, MN (License Amendment Application for Commission Project 4306).

Brookfield Renewable Power has over 100 years of experience as an owner, operator and developer of hydroelectric power facilities in North America and Brazil. Our portfolio includes 160 generating facilities with over 3,900 megawatts of capacity, of which 95% is sourced from renewable energy. We also have a 6,500 megawatt hydroelectric and wind project pipeline.

As a company, we are very interested in the emerging hydrokinetic power market. The City of Hasting's project will offer a unique and important opportunity to understand the technical and environmental performance of this emerging technology. We are supportive of all efforts that will advance the knowledge-base for hydrokinetics in order to reach the ultimate goal of creating an economically- and environmentally-viable technology that can be commercially deployed.

The Electric Power Research Institute recently estimated that 23,000 MW of additional capacity using new hydropower technologies can be brought online by 2025. It is only through channeling R&D funding and supporting pilot projects, like this one, that the U.S. can hope to realize this potential.

We appreciate the opportunity to share our views with you.

Sincerely,



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