ENERGY KEEPERS, INC.

A CORPORATION OF THE CONFEDERATED SALISH & KOOTENAI TRIBES

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Please direct the following information for immediate release to your news desk and affiliates.

POLSON, MT -- The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued an "Order Denying Rehearing" sending a resounding message to those who formally opposed the transfer of Sélíš Ksanka Qĺispé FERC Project No. 5. (SKQ Dam).

On November 19, the FERC delivered the order denying the motion for a rehearing of the partial transfer of SKQ Dam to the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT) and Sx^{w}nqeʔels L Suwečm / Ksukɬiɬmumaɬ ʾA·ḱaɬmukwaʾits, Incorporated, which does business as Energy Keepers Inc. The petitioners interested in a recall of the partial transfer were the Montana Land and Water Alliance, Senators Verdell Jackson and Bob Keenan, and the Montana Public Service Commission, each party respectively filing on September 30 and October 1, 2015.

According to EKI legal counsel, "The order finds that the issues raised on rehearing largely relate to a self-executing conveyance established in the final 1985 license for the project, and are not germane to the partial transfer order, and the order affirms that the partial transfer to Energy Keepers, Incorporated is in the public interest."

"The Order is simple, but comprehensive and emphatic," says Joe Hovenkotter, EKI General Counsel. "It adopts the arguments presented by CSKT and Energy Keepers Incorporated (EKI). It absolutely rejects all arguments by the Petitioners."

This is the final agency action by the FERC with regard to CSKTs' and EKI's application for co-licensee status, closing a chapter in the ongoing story of the historic acquisition by the CSKT and EKI.

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