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MEMORANDUM

TO: Power Committee

FROM: Pat Smith, Montana Council Member

SUBJECT: Brian Lipscomb, CEO of Energy Keepers will give the Power Committee an update on their activities.

Energy Keepers, Inc., is the tribally owned corporation of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes tasked with managing the operation and marketing of the Séliš Ksanka Qlispé (formerly Kerr) Hydroelectric Project on the Flathead Indian Reservation.

The Séliš Ksanka Qlispé Project, located about five miles southwest of Polson, encompasses a three-unit hydroelectric plant with the capacity to generate 194 megawatts of electricity. The annual generation of the plant averages 1,100,000 MWH of electricity or enough to supply 100,000 to 110,000 homes annually.

The Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes exercised its right to acquire the Séliš Ksanka Qlispé Project in 2015 under provisions in the current Federal Energy Regulatory Commission license. When the Tribes exercised their right to acquire the dam, they became the first tribes in the nation to own and operate a major hydropower facility.