

EXHIBIT A

SCOPE OF WORK

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The Project includes the following tasks that are to be performed in conformance with Chapter 16 – Part 12D Program of FERC’s Engineering Guidelines for the Evaluation of Hydropower Projects, and other pertinent references noted herein:

- Project Management and Meetings – The Consultant will be responsible for leading, directing and monitoring the Project engineering team, and ensuring all work products and deliverables are reviewed in accordance with the Consultant’s quality assurance policies. All deliverables will go through internal Quality Control prior to submittal to Utica. The Consultant will be responsible for monitoring Project schedule and budget, and shall provide monthly progress reports with invoices. Assume 4 - one-hour coordination meetings between IC(s) and Utica conducted by teleconference in addition to those required to meet Part 12D requirements.
 1. Inspection Plan and Schedule - Draft Part 12D Inspection Plan and Proposed Schedule as applicable for the Utica Development (FERC Project No. 2019).

2. Second Coordination Call - Participate in Second Coordination Call with FERC and Utica representatives pertaining to the PI for the Utica Development.
3. Review PI Pertinent Documents - Review Pertinent Documents to prepare for the Periodic Inspections of the Utica Development including those pertaining to Hunters, Murphys Forebay, and Murphys Afterbay Dams STID's, most recent DSSMR's, and Utica Development Public Safety Plan, design basis, construction, and analyses of record.
4. Prepare PI-PIPR - Prepare Periodic Inspection Pre-Inspection Preparation Report (PI-PIPR) for the Utica Development.
5. Part 12D Periodic Inspection - Conduct Part 12D Periodic Inspections
6. Inspection Report - Prepare Part 12D PI inspection report in conformance with FERC's guidelines in both draft and final form.
7. STIDs - Update each of the three STIDs in draft and final form according to Chapter 15 of FERC's Engineering Guidelines including creation of the Digital Project Archive (DPA) covering all new/revised documents and addressing all FERC and Division of Safety of Dams (DSOD) correspondence since 2022. The last STID updates were performed in 2022. *(Assume 40 hours for IC, 160 hours for Junior or mid-level Engineer, and 40 hours for Administrative support)*
8. PI Review Meeting - Prepare for and Conduct Periodic Inspection Review Meeting with FERC and Utica to be attended by IC(s) and SMEs.
9. Response to FERC Comments - Support Utica with responding to FERC's review comments *(Assume 40 hours for IC(s))*

Please Note: Scope of Utica Development Requiring Inspection

FERC indicated in their May 21, 2026 letter the scope of the Utica Development Periodic Inspection would be a combined inspection requiring inspection of Hunters, Murphys Forebay, and Murphys Afterbay Dams. During the Initial Coordination Call, FERC advised they will also want to inspect and include in the PI the Mill Creek Tap, 13-mile-long Utica Canal, Murphys Penstock and Powerhouse.

FERC refers to the following regarding the potential scope of the Part 12D development inspection based on project developments as defined in 18 CFR 12.3(b)(7): Development means that part of a project comprising an impoundment and its associated dams, forebays, water conveyance facilities, power plants, and other appurtenant facilities. A project may comprise one or more developments.

DOCUMENTS TO BE PROVIDED BY UTICA

Utica will provide documents, reports, and surveys that have been developed for the Project, which contain information that may be pertinent to the work to be performed under this RFP. Documents which Utica classifies as confidential information, will be conveyed to a proposer upon execution of the Non-Disclosure Agreement (“NDA”). Documents will include and Confidential Documents will be marked in accordance with the NDA:

- 2022 FERC Part 12D inspection reports
- Standard Technical Information Documents
- Dam Safety Surveillance Monitoring Plans (DSSMP)
- 2024 Dam Safety Surveillance Monitoring Reports (DSSMRs) (2025 DSSMRs will be provided in April 2026)
- Utica’s Owner’s Dam Safety Program
- FERC, DSOD, and Utica correspondence
- DSOD annual inspection reports
- Public Safety Plan
- Emergency Action Plan
- Hunters Standard Operating Procedures
- Murphys Forebay Standard Operating Procedures
- Murphys Afterbay Standard Operating Procedures
- 2027 Monument Surveys (Should be Available in June 2027)

QUALIFICATIONS

At a minimum and subject to the prior approval of the FERC Director of the Division of Dam Safety and Inspections, the Consultant team must include an Independent Consultant with the following qualifications:

- The IC shall meet the requirements of 18 CFR Section 12.31(a) and be a professional engineer registered in California possessing extensive experience in dam design, construction, and operation. Specific experience shall be in dam safety engineering and inspection of California Sierra-Nevadan dams constructed in the early 1920’s of dam types including: earthen, concrete gravity and arch, and composite. At a minimum, the IC shall meet the following requirements:
 - Previously or recently certified by the FERC to conduct Part 12 Inspections
 - 10 years experience in dam safety engineering
 - Able to hike up to 10 miles above 3,000 feet elevation in one day (Utica Canal Inspection)
 - It is imperative that the Consultant be: responsive to Utica’s needs during the project; dedicated to efficiently coordinate with Utica staff; and complete all of the deliverables in a timely fashion with the highest quality.

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE

The following is a preliminary schedule for this Project:

Event	Date
RFP issued	June 15, 2026
Questions due	July 15, 2026
Proposals due	July 22, 2026
Request Utica Board approval of IC Team contract	July 28, 2026
Utica anticipates issuing Notice to Proceed to IC Team	July 29, 2026
IC Team Draft Inspection Plan & Schedule	August 2026
Utica reviews IC Team Plan & Schedule	September 2026
Utica submits & FERC reviews Inspection Plan, Schedule & IC Team (at least 6 months in advance of IC Inspection; FERC to respond within 30 days of UWPA's submittal)	October 2026
Participate in 2 nd Coordination Call with FERC & UWPA (within 6 weeks of FERC acceptance of Inspection Plan)	April – May, 2027
Review Pertinent Documents (following FERC acceptance of IC Team)	November – December 2026
Prepare Draft & Final PI Pre-Inspection Preparation Report (PI-PIPR) for the Utica Development & Transmit to FERC (at least 30 days before first IC Team activity)	April 2027
UWPA submits PI-PIPR to FERC (at least 30 days prior to PI Inspection) and FERC responds to PI-PIPR (within 2 weeks of UWPA's submittal)	May 2027
Conduct Periodic Inspections of the Utica Development	May - June 2027

Submit to Utica the final PI Inspection Reports	October 1 – 15, 2027
Utica files final PI Inspection Reports to FERC (prior to December 1, 2027 deadline)	November 15, 2027
Conduct Periodic Inspection Review Meeting (within 60 days after submitting Periodic Inspection)	December 2027 – January 2028
Submit Draft STID updates to Utica	December 2027 – February 2028
Utica reviews Draft STID updates	March – April 2028
Submit Final STID Updates to Utica and Utica files STIDs with FERC	May 2028
Respond to FERC comments on Inspection Reports	Within 30 days of FERC review letters (likely in mid- to late-2028)