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Project No. 14227– 003– California
Lake Elsinore Advance Storage Project
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Reference: Tribal Consultation for the LEAPS Project

TO THE PARTIES ADDRESSED:

On October 2, 2017, the Nevada Hydro Company, Inc. filed an application with the Commission for an original license for its proposed 500-megawatt (MW) Lake Elsinore Advance Pumped Storage (LEAPS) Project, FERC No. 14227, which would be located principally on Lake Elsinore and San Juan Creek, in the town of Lake Elsinore, Riverside County, California. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) invites your participation in the licensing process for the project.

The proposed project would consist of the following: (1) a new upper reservoir (Decker Canyon) having a 200-foot-high main dam and a gross storage volume of 5,750 acre-feet, at a normal reservoir surface elevation of 2,792 feet above mean sea level (msl); (2) a powerhouse with two reversible pump-turbine units with a total installed capacity of 500 megawatts; (3) the existing Lake Elsinore to be used as a lower reservoir; (4) about 32 miles of 500-kV transmission line connecting the project to an existing transmission

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line owned by Southern California Edison located north of the proposed project and to an existing San Diego Gas & Electric Company transmission line located to the south.

To ensure that issues of concern to you are being addressed, Commission staff invites you to meet with them at this time. Any such meeting can be limited to members of our respective staff, or it can include other tribes, Nevada Hydro Company, or any other stakeholder(s) you wish.

If at all possible, we would appreciate your response by December 2018. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file your response using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, please send a paper copy to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-14227-003.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Jim Fargo (202) 502-6095 or james.fargo@ferc.gov. Commission staff will contact your office shortly to follow-up on this letter.

Sincerely,

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