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The Honorable Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street NE
Washington, DC 20426

RE: Lake Elsinore Advanced Pumped Storage Project
FERC Project No. 14227
Filing of Study 9 (Federally Threatened and Endangered Species) Reports
Notice regarding with Study 8 (Aquifer Impact Study for Decker Canyon
South/North Fork)

Dear Secretary Bose,

The Nevada Hydro Company (the “Company”) filed an application for an original license for the Lake Elsinore Advanced Pumped Storage facility, FERC Project No. 14227 (the “Project”) on October 2, 2017. On June 15, 2018, in response to requests for additional information and studies from stakeholders, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“Commission”) issued a letter requiring the Company to develop additional information and to prepare additional study plans by September 13, 2018 (“FERC Letter”). On September 13, 2018, the Company filed the requested study plans.

Regarding Study 9 addressing Surveys for Federally Threatened and Endangered Species, protocol surveys had been underway for coastal California gnatcatcher (a federally listed threatened species) and listed riparian species (least Bell’s Vireo and Southwestern Willow Flycatcher, both are federally listed as Endangered Species). The survey protocol requires that such surveys begin in March for coastal California gnatcatcher, April for least Bell’s vireo, and May for Southwestern Willow Fly Catcher. These surveys had been initiated prior to receipt of the FERC Letter, have now been completed, and final reports are provided herein to the Commission.

Also, in connection with Study 8 (Aquifer Impact Study for Decker Canyon South/North Fork), the Company is including in this filing a letter from its aquifer consultant, who has determined that the appropriate time to conduct this investigation is in spring, after the wet season in California.

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Please let me know if you have questions.

Sincerely,

/s/ David Kates

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On behalf of The Nevada Hydro Company

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Attachments