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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
Status Report on Consultation with US Forest Service

Dear Secretary Bose,

The Nevada Hydro Company (the “**Company**”) filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (the “**Commission**”) an application for an original license for the Lake Elsinore Advanced Pumped Storage facility, FERC Project No. 14227 on October 2, 2017. The Commission accepted the Application for filing on July 26, 2019. On November 22, 2019, the Commission published a letter to the Company describing the One Federal Decision process, and information needs of the US Forest Service (“**Forest Service**”) as a cooperating agency (“**Commission’s Letter**”), referencing an October 8, 2019 letter to the Commission in which the Forest Service identified additional information needs. The Commission’s Letter requested that the Company and Forest Service develop a plan and schedule for providing the requested information and file monthly reports with the Commission on the status of the consultation and development of the additional information.

These communication efforts are summarized below:

Date	Communication Contents
November 21	Email sent to Darrell Vance requesting a meeting with the Forest Service to address issues raised in their October 8 th Letter to the Commission.
November 22	<i>The Commission’s Letter published.</i>
December 5	“Second Request” email to Darrell Vance regarding scheduling a meeting.
December 9	Received email from Mr. Vance addressing our request for a meeting.
December 20	Response sent to Mr. Vance accepting his suggestion for a meeting in mid January.

In his December 9th email, Mr. Vance suggested the need for “a structured agenda, so as to maximize everyone’s time and effort.” Mr. Vance also requested that the Company “identify the location of the information responsive to the needs identified in the 10/9/19 letter, and

identify a list of where clarification is needed” Mr. Vance further noted at once “we have received and reviewed that documentation, we can firm up a meeting date.”

The Company is presently working on preparing the requested information index of information available in the Commission’s record and information submitted directly to the Forest Service. The Company will also propose an agenda for the meeting.

Finally, Mr. Vance suggested that the Forest Service has a “preference to establish chartered ground rules for documenting decision points and/or progress. We would request that you contract with a 3rd party independent facilitator/mediator to take notes and provide documentation and facilitation of our discussions – specifically, to keep track of progress, and note agreements and disagreements, in a form that can be submitted to FERC for updates.” Although this request is atypical, in order to facilitate smooth communication and expedient clarification of USFS questions, the Company will arrange for a 3rd party contractor to take notes at the meeting for distribution to the Forest Service and then to the Commission, in accordance with normal Commission practice.

Please let me know if you have questions.

Sincerely,

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for The Nevada Hydro Company