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August 29, 2019

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

**RE: MOTION TO INTERVENE - Lake Elsinore Advanced Pumped Storage Project
Project Number 14227-003**

Dear Secretary Bose:

Pursuant to 18 C.F.R. section 385.212 (FERC Rule 212), and C.F.R. section 385.214 (FERC Rule 214), I am submitting this "MOTION TO INTERVENE" to the license application proceedings for the Lake Elsinore Advanced Pumped Storage (LEAPS) Project on Lake Elsinore (P-14227-003). The potential effects to water quality and the economic and community impacts are of concern to my constituents and the basis for my intervention in this matter.

Western Riverside County is one of the fastest growing regions in all of California, and since the inception of this project over a decade ago, the landscape has changed significantly. Since then, the population has nearly doubled and there have been a number of new commercial and residential developments in Temescal Valley and Lake Elsinore, not to mention the shifts in land rights over the past 10 years. More recently, this area has become susceptible to wildfires where the installation of new high-voltage transmissions lines would prove dangerous to these new and growing communities.

The LEAPS application for licensure continues to base its development on the past failures of its previous applications with an expectation of different results. When considering the significant changes to the area, it would be irresponsible to use any past documentation assessing the potential impacts of this project on the region from the original application.

I share the concerns raised by many stakeholders in the community including, the County of Riverside, the City of Lake Elsinore and the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians. Until the applicant can clearly show that the impacts of the LEAPS can be mitigated I would strongly urge the denial of any new application for licensure.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Melissa A. Melendez".

Melissa A. Melendez
Assemblywoman, District 67