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The Honorable Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
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RE: Lake Elsinore Advanced Pumped Storage Project
Project Number 14227

Dear Secretary Bose,

It has come to my attention that the Nevada Hydro Company submitted an application with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for the proposed Lake Elsinore Advanced Pumped Storage Project. This project gives me and many of my constituents great concerns over the potential impacts to our community and little due diligence has been taken to mitigate those concerns.

Western Riverside County is one of the fastest growing regions in all of California, and since the inception of this project a decade ago, the landscape has change significantly. In that time, 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. When considering these significant changes to the area, it would be irresponsible to use any document accessing the potential impact of this project on the region from the original application.

These concerns are shared amongst many stakeholders in the community, including Congressman Ken Calvert, the County of Riverside, the City of Lake Elsinore, the Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District, and the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians.

Secretary Bose, I stand firm with the County of Riverside and the rest of the local stakeholders in requesting the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission require Nevada Hydro to conduct a full new environmental study, scoping meetings, and cooperate with local stakeholders as the application moves forward.

I appreciate you taking your time on this matter.

Sincerely,

Melissa A. Melendez
Assemblywoman, 67th District

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