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To Whom This May Concern,

You may have heard that the Nevada Hydro Company has re-activated the Lake Elsinore Advanced Pump Storage (LEAPS) Project and has submitted a Final License Application to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

As you may know, we have been working to develop a pumped storage generation project for about 15 years. The proposed LEAPS project can play a key role in meeting California's renewable energy targets. It will act as both an electricity generator during peak demand and an energy storage facility that can provide instant electricity when required. This is crucial, as both wind and solar generation are variable and need reliable back-up when the wind does not blow or the sun does not shine.

Nevada Hydro believes it can construct and operate a project that will provide 500 megawatts of clean electricity, improve Lake Elsinore water quality, provide well-paying construction and operation jobs, and help in wildfire suppression without unduly impacting the lives of local residents. This project is a pure renewable energy source that will significantly contribute to California's electricity supply without the negative aspects of coal, oil, gas, or nuclear powered energy. It will also provide almost 600 well-paying construction and operation jobs and local economic benefits, and help in wildfire suppression without unduly impacting the lives of local residents.

Through the years, we may not have listened enough, and we have not communicated well. As a result, there is a lot of misunderstanding, misconception and speculation about LEAPS that is not reflected in the updated project application. We hope to begin to set the record straight, in terms of both the project facts and our relationship with residents. We want LEAPS and Nevada Hydro to become valued assets in the community.

We are committed to an honest and straightforward discussion of the facts. The FERC application is the definitive source of information related to both the FERC process and the



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proposed project. It will be posted and easily accessible on the FERC and Nevada Hydro websites. Going forward, we will be meeting with interested parties, municipal and state governments, Indian Tribes, and agencies to discuss the project and answer the questions we can right now. We will also be holding a well-advertised open house for residents. There will be time for us to provide additional information and for you to provide input.

We look forward to talking with you, hearing your concerns, and listening to your suggestions.

Yours truly,

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