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Ms. Kimberley D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE
Washington, D.C. 20426

RE: Lake Elsinore Advanced Pumped Storage Project - Project Number 14227
Comments to The Nevada Hydro Company's May 31, 2017 Notification of Intent to File License Application

Dear Secretary Bose:

This letter is being written to provide comments to The Nevada Hydro Company's May 31, 2017 Notification of Intent to File License Application (NOI) for the Lake Elsinore Advanced Pumped Storage Project (LEAPS) Project Number 14227, since the Company has not provided the Commission with a fresh view of the Temescal Valley development activities, public safety issues, and community information that would be sufficient to warrant the Commission's ability to accelerate the licensing of this hydroelectric project. Therefore, the Nevada Hydro request that the Commission's pre-filing licensing requirements be waived to allow it to proceed directly to filing a final license application should not be allowed.

The Nevada Hydro Company did not publish its NOI, send a copy of its NOI to any Temescal Valley Community agency, nor has the Company conducted any public outreach meetings that would identify the following issues that would have a significant negative impact on the Temescal Valley Community.


- Since the dismissing of the prior LEAPS application by the Commission on July 12, 2011, the Temescal Valley has had a significant increase in residential and commercial development in the area identified for placement of the 500 kV Transmission lines. Therefore, it is essential that the resurrected LEAPS project at the least undergo a new scoping and environmental review process.
- The area surrounding the Lee (Corona) Lake which was identified as the proposed site for Lake Switchyard is undergoing residential development. It is the expected site of approximately 369 residential units.
- In the case of an earthquake, fire or weather event in which the above ground 500 kV Transmission lines fall to the ground, the residents would be blocked from evacuating their community via the Temescal Canyon Road, De Palma Road and/or the Interstate 15 Freeway
- The LEAPS project would impede the development of the Temescal Valley since many of the businesses and residential developers would avoid placing a development in close proximity to 500 kV Transmission lines. This would have a significant negative economic impact on the Temescal Valley and Riverside County.
- The LEAPS project 500 kV would be located on or in close proximity to high fire areas. In case of fire, the above ground power lines would impede the effective fire fighting activities of fixed wing aircraft and helicopters. Thus it would take longer to fight the fire and result in the surrounding community and business structures/property being damaged or destroyed until the fire is brought under control. This would also increase the potential for loss of life.

- **Given the California drought condition and the history of Lake Elsinore going dry in most of the 1950's and being refilled in the early 1960's it doesn't appear that Lake Elsinore is an ideal location for a sustainable hydro electric generating plant**
- **Placement of the 500 kV Transmission lines would negatively impact the residential communities of Sycamore Creek, Sycamore Hills, Serrano Ridge, Glen Eden, Terramor, Horsethief Canyon Ranch aesthetics, property values, health and quality of life**

Thank you for considering these comments and positions on the important issues facing the Temescal Valley Community. The Nevada Hydro Company's LEAPS project: 1) will have a significant negative impact on the Temescal Valley' existing and planned residential and commercial development projects; 2) impede future planned development; 3) cause a decline in property values. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission is urged not to allow The Nevada Hydro Company to move forward with the LEAPS project.

Sincerely,


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A Temescal Valley Community**



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