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

**Subject: NOTICE OF INTERVENTION
Lake Elsinore Advanced Pump Storage Project, FERC No. P-14227**

Dear Ms. Bose:

In response to the Commission's July 26, 2019 Notice and pursuant to Commission Rules 214 (18 C.F.R. 385.214), the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Forest Service (Forest Service), notifies you of its intervention in regards to the Application sought by The Nevada Hydro Company, Inc. (TNHC) to license the Lake Elsinore Advanced Pump Storage (LEAPS) Project, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission No. 14227.

The Final License Application filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission seeks to license, construct, and operate LEAPS with a majority of the proposed project to be located on National Forest System Lands managed by the Cleveland National Forest.

The Forest Service has significant concerns related the LEAPS Project, which has the potential to significantly affect sensitive, threatened, and endangered species; heritage resources; water quality; fire risk and public safety of the surrounding communities; scenic integrity; land use objectives; and other resources on, or influencing National Forest System lands. A more detailed series of comments on the current License Application and proposed study plans will be filed shortly.

The Forest Service wishes to become a party to this proceeding to ensure that the interests of the Forest Service and the public in the protection and management of the Cleveland National Forest, in accordance with statutory authority, are adequately represented.

Please include the following persons on the official service list for any matter relating to these proceedings:

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