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

Regarding:

- **City of Loveland, Colorado, Project Number P-2829, (Minor),
a.k.a. Idylwilde Hydropower Project, (P-2829)**
- **Transmittal of Notification of Intent (NOI) and Pre-Application Document (PAD)**
- **Notification of Request for Designation as non-Federal Representative**
- **Notification of Request for License Renewal and Request to use the Traditional
License Process (TLP)**

Dear Secretary Bose:

This letter is in reference to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC's or Commission's) September 18, 2009 guidance letter on the preparation of a license application for the City of Loveland Idylwilde Hydropower Project (FERC Project Number P-2829). It hereby conveys notification of the intention of the City of Loveland to file an application for a subsequent license for the City of Loveland, Colorado Project, FERC Number P-2829.

Notification of Intent (NOI) and Pre-Application Document (PAD)

Pursuant to 18CFR§5.5 and 5.6 of the Commission's regulations, the City of Loveland is transmitting herewith its Notification of Intent (NOI) and Pre-Application Document (PAD). Copies of the NOI are also being sent to resource agencies, Indian tribes, municipalities, counties, and interested parties.

Project Description

The Idylwilde Hydropower Project (P-2829) is small, with a total nameplate capacity of 900 kW. It has been in operation on the Big Thompson River about 14 miles west of the City of Loveland, providing power for the community since February, 1925 except for five years rebuilding destroyed project components following the Big Thompson Canyon Flood on July 31, 1976. The city's records indicate that activities leading to the financing, design and construction of the project began as early as 1912. Facilities include a concrete gravity diversion dam 239' in overall length with a 110' concrete ogee overflow spillway section with crest elevation 6,017' msl, and a 12" diameter outlet providing minimum bypass flows of 7.0 cfs. The diversion dam forms an impoundment with a surface area of 3.67 acres, a maximum storage capacity of approximately 45 acre-feet, and a maximum depth of 24' at spillway crest elevation. A 36" diameter penstock, 9,534 in length, crosses U.S. Forest Service, private, and municipal properties to deliver water to two 450 kW turbine-generator units located in a small powerhouse located in Viestenz-Smith Park, which belongs to the licensee, City of Loveland.



Request for Designation as non-Federal Representative

The City of Loveland hereby requests that it be designated as the Commission's non-Federal representative for purposes of consultation under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and the joint agency regulations thereunder at 50 CFR Part 402. The City also requests authorization to initiate consultation under section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and the implementing regulations at 36 CFS § 800.2(c)(4).

Request for Traditional License Process (TLP)

Because of the relatively small size of the project and its generation capacity, the long history of successful operation and service, and because no changes to the configuration or operation of the project are proposed, impacts on the natural resources and environment from continued operation are considered to be minimal. The project has historically provided pleasant recreational opportunities and remains an amenity enjoyed by many in the surrounding area. In addition to the benefit for the city from the power produced, the site provides opportunities for lake fishing, stream fishing, hiking, picnicking, historical and environmental education, family gatherings and weddings.

Pursuant to Section 5.3 of the Commission's regulations, 18CFR§5.3, the City of Loveland believes the Traditional Licensing Process (TLP) offers an efficient and effective option for accomplishing this process in a timely manner, and hereby requests use of the TLP for the licensing of the City of Loveland, Colorado Project, a.k.a. Idylwilde Hydroelectric Project, FERC Project No. P-2829.

The TLP provides ample opportunities for public involvement and comment, but by design is less comprehensive in scope than the Integrated License Process. As discussed previously in this letter, this project is small at a total 900 kW nameplate output. Its history spans many decades of operation and community benefit from the power produced and from the recreation provided in association with the facilities, and the anticipated level of controversy is expected to be minimal. Over the last several months the city's staff has initiated contact with local, state and federal entities and potentially interested parties in anticipation of initiating the process to relicense this project. These contacts have resulted in meetings and opportunities to share information, to explain the City's intention to relicense the project and the process it will use, and to gather informal input. Obviously much work lies ahead as formal comments are gathered, but controversy concerning the continued operation of this small community project has not been encountered and is not anticipated. The TLP offers an efficient and effective path to the successful relicensing of the project.

Recent studies associated with development of the Pre-Application Document were conducted documenting the existing environment and identifying preliminary issues and recommended studies. The recent studies encompassed geology and soils, water resources and water quality, fisheries, wildlife, vegetation, wetlands, threatened and endangered species, cultural resources, recreation and land use. Some additional data collection is recommended to refine information on water resources, water quality and fisheries for the application. As a result, no disputes over the need for resource studies are anticipated. Any unanticipated disputes can be addressed in the Traditional License Process. No impacts on tribal resources have been identified. The complexity of the issues associated with project relicensing is low.

Publication of Notice

As required by 18 CFR § 5.3(d)(2), the City of Loveland is publishing notice of this request simultaneously with the publication of notice of availability of the NOI and PAD in the *Loveland Reporter-Herald* newspaper, of general circulation in Larimer County, Colorado, where the Project is located and in the *Denver Post*, of general statewide circulation. As required by 18 CFR § 5.3(d)(1), the City is also concurrently providing copies of this request to all affected resource agencies, Indian tribes, and potentially interested parties.

Comments on using Traditional License Process (TLP)

By copy of this letter, the City of Loveland is notifying the resource agencies, Indian tribes, and potentially interested parties that comments on this application for using the Temporary License Process (TLP) must be provided to the Commission no later than March 9, 2011. All comments should reference FERC Project No. P-2829—City of Loveland Project, a.k.a. Idylwilde Hydroelectric Project, and they should address, as appropriate to the circumstances of the request, the following topics:

- Likelihood of timely license issuance;
- Complexity of the resource issues;
- Level of anticipated controversy;
- Relative cost of the TLP compared to the ILP;
- The amount of available information and potential for significant disputes over studies; and
- Other factors believed by the commenter to be pertinent.

Comments should be submitted to the Commission electronically in accordance with procedures posted on the Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov>, pursuant to 18 CFR § 385.2003(c), or by sending an original and eight copies to:

Office of the Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE
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If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Larry Howard, Senior Civil Engineer for Water Resources at (970) 962-3703 or via email at howarl@ci.loveland.co.us.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosures:

- List of agency, tribal, governmental, private, and special interest groups copied (w/o Pre-Application Document).
- Notification of Intention
- Pre-Application Document

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