PUBLIC NOTICE

Nevada Hydro Company, Inc. (Nevada Hydro) has re-activated the proposed 500 megawatt Lake Elsinore Advanced Pump Storage (LEAPS) Project. LEAPS can play a key role in meeting California's renewable energy targets and 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. This project will also provide almost 600 well-paying construction and operation jobs and local economic benefits without unduly impacting the lives of local residents.

On October 2, 2017, Nevada Hydro filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) a Final License Application (Application) for an original license for the Lake Elsinore Advanced Pumped Storage Project (FERC Project No. 14227-003). The project is located on Lake Elsinore and San Juan Creek, near the town of Lake Elsinore, in Orange, Riverside, and San Diego Counties. The project would occupy approximately 845 acres of federal land.

The proposed project would consist of the following: (1) a new upper reservoir (Decker Canyon) formed by a 240-foot high dam with a gross storage volume of 5,500 feet and a normal surface elevation of 2,830 feet above mean sea level (msl); (2) an underground powerhouse with two reversible pump-turbine units with a total installed capacity of 500 megawatts; (3) the existing Lake Elsinore, which will be used as a lower reservoir; (4) approximately 32 miles of 500 kV transmission lines that will connect the project to an existing transmission line owned by Southern California Edison Company located north of the proposed project and to an existing San Diego Gas & Electric Company transmission line located to the south; and (5) appurtenant facilities.

The Application describes the proposed project, its environmental setting, and proposed operations. Nevada Hydro requested that FERC process the Application under Part 4 of its regulations. Pursuant to 18 C.F.R. § 4.32(b)(7), if any resource agency, Indian tribe, or person believes that an additional scientific study should be conducted in order to form an adequate factual basis for a complete analysis of the Application on its merits, the resource agency, Indian tribe, or person must file a request for the study with FERC not later than 60 days after the Application is filed, and serve a copy of the request on Nevada Hydro. FERC will publish subsequent notices soliciting public participation if the Application is found acceptable for filing.

A digital copy of the Application is available for public inspection and reproduction at Lake Elsinore Branch Library, 600 W. Graham Ave., Lake Elsinore, CA 92530; San Juan Capistrano Library, 31495 El Camino Real, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675; and Oceanside Public Library, 330 N. Coast Hwy, Oceanside, CA 92054. The Application also can be viewed online at <u>www.nevadahydro.com</u>.

Nevada Hydro's full address is: 2416 Cades Way, Vista, CA 92081. Questions about the Application can be directed to Mr. Rexford Wait, (760) 599-1813 or <u>rex@leapshydro.com</u>. 10/16, 10/23