

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20426

OFFICE OF ENERGY PROJECTS

RE: Hydroelectric Licensing Workshop on Integrating State Processes, June 4-5, Salt Lake City, Utah

To the Parties Addressed :

Thank you for your interest in attending our Hydroelectric Licensing Workshop on Integrating State Processes on June 4 and 5, in Salt Lake City, Utah. The goals of the workshop are to: 1) familiarize Commission Staff with the various states' Water Quality Certification (WQC) processes and Coastal Zone Management (CZM) programs; 2) familiarize state WQC and CZM agencies with the hydroelectric licensing process; 3) identify common attributes among the various processes; and 4) develop potential ways to integrate the state processes with the licensing process. We look forward to working with you to achieve these goals. Your participation in this workshop will assist us in our efforts to streamline the hydroelectric licensing process. A more detailed agenda is attached.

The outcome of the workshop will be a report issued jointly by FERC staff and your individual state resource agencies. If our efforts are fruitful, the report will include recommended solutions for more efficient integration of the licensing process with the water quality certifying processes and the CZM programs.

The Utah Department of Environmental Quality has offered to host the meeting at their headquarters, located within ten minutes of the airport, at the address below:

Utah Dept. of Environmental Quality, Headquarters
Building No. 2, Room 201
168 North, 1950 West
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114

For your convenience, enclosed is a list of hotels and their addresses, in close proximity to the workshop.

We request that each invited agency prepare a presentation, for approximately 40 people, describing their process as it relates to the issuance of a WQC or CZM consistency certification and the hydroelectric licensing process. If your agency needs any special

accommodations, such as audio or visual equipment, for your presentation, please contact Mr. Bill Moellmer, of the Utah Dept. of Environmental Quality at (801) 538-6329 or e-mail at: wmoellme@deq.state.ut.us. Questions regarding the workshop should be directed to Mark Pawlowski at (202) 219-2795 or Steve Hocking at (202) 219-2656.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

Hydroelectric Licensing Workshop on Integrating State Processes
Northwest Region Agenda
June 4 - 5, 2002
Salt Lake City, Utah

Day One

- 9:00 Introductions
- 9:30 FERC Licensing Process (ALP & Traditional) - FERC Staff
- 10:30 Break
- 10:45 WQC/CZM Process Presentation (est. 30 minutes per state) - State Staff
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 States' Presentations Continue
- 2:30 Break
- 2:45 States' Presentations Continue
- 4:15 Discussion
- 5:00 End of Day 1

Day Two

- 9:00 Recap Day 1
- 9:30 Ways to integrate states' WQC/CZM process and the FERC licensing process
- 12:30 Lunch
- 1:30 Continue discussion
- 3:00 Break
- 3:15 Conclusion/Wrap up
- 4:00 End of Workshop

Recommended Hotels

Days Inn - Airport*
1900 West North Temple
Salt Lake City, UT
1-800-539-8538

Holiday Inn - Airport
1659 West North Temple
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* Closest hotel to workshop, within walking distance.

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