

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION  
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OFFICE OF ENERGY PROJECTS

Project No. 2829-005--Colorado  
Loveland Hydroelectric Project  
City of Loveland

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**July 21, 2015**

Subject: Designation of non-federal representative for consultation under the  
Endangered Species Act

Dear Ms. Linner:

By letter dated July 14, 2015, the City of Loveland, Colorado, licensee for the Loveland Hydroelectric Project, requested designation as our non-federal representative for the purpose of informal consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) pursuant to section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA).<sup>1</sup> The licensee proposes to surrender its license due to damages sustained during severe flooding in 2013.<sup>2</sup> The Loveland Project is located on the Big Thompson River in Larimer County, Colorado.

The licensee proposes to surrender the project, remove the powerhouse and sections of penstocks, revegetate and make refinements to the river channel, and rebuild a parking lot and recreational use area on U.S. Forest Service land. The licensee requests non-federal representative status so it can work with your office to ensure timely completion of informal consultation regarding federally-listed species in the project area.

By this letter, we designate the licensee as our non-federal representative for the purpose of conducting informal consultation with the FWS pursuant to the regulations at 50 C.F.R. §402.08 implementing section 7 of the ESA. The role of the non-federal

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<sup>1</sup> The licensee's designation request can be accessed by following this link:  
[http://elibrary.FERC.gov/idmws/file\\_list.asp?accession\\_num=20150714-5122](http://elibrary.FERC.gov/idmws/file_list.asp?accession_num=20150714-5122)

<sup>2</sup> The licensee's surrender application can be accessed by following this link:  
[http://elibrary.FERC.gov/idmws/file\\_list.asp?accession\\_num=20141112-5119](http://elibrary.FERC.gov/idmws/file_list.asp?accession_num=20141112-5119)

representative may include conducting studies, developing and supplying information, attending meetings, ensuring that pertinent endangered species information is maintained in a project file, participating in informal consultation with your agency, developing a draft biological assessment, and keeping the Commission apprised of its actions. However, the Commission remains ultimately responsible for all findings and determinations regarding the effects of the project on any federally-listed species and/or critical habitat.

We appreciate your assistance with the section 7 consultation regarding the license surrender proceeding at the Loveland Project. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (202) 502-8586.

Sincerely,

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