



June 16, 2014

VIA E-FILING

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

Kingsley Dam Hydropower Project (FERC No. 1417)
Filing of Non-Capacity License Amendment

Dear Secretary Bose:

The Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District (Central or Applicant) is the licensee for the Kingsley Dam Hydropower Project (FERC No. 1417), located on the Platte River in central Nebraska. On behalf of our client, Central, Kleinschmidt Associates (Kleinschmidt) herein electronically files with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) its Initial Consultation Document (ICD) for the proposed J-2 Regulating Reservoirs Project, located on the Platte River, in Gosper and Phelps Counties, Nebraska. The ICD summarizes relevant and available information regarding the facilities and operation of the proposed J-2 Regulating Reservoirs Project, to be included in the existing Kingsley Dam Project. This document is being filed pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and is being simultaneously distributed to agencies and stakeholders listed in the attached Distribution List.

We are also utilizing this cover letter to notify the Commission that Central will host a Joint Agency and Public Meeting and site visit on Tuesday, July 1, 2014, to discuss the proposed J-2 Regulating Reservoirs Project and ICD.

Document Distribution

In accordance with FERC regulations, we are transmitting this letter and the referenced attachments simultaneously to relevant and known resource agencies, Tribes, non-governmental organizations and stakeholders that we believe may have an interest in the J-2 Regulating Reservoirs Project (see attached Distribution List). All materials related to the current license as well as other materials related to this ICD are available for inspection during regular business hours at the Central office at 415 Lincoln Street, P.O. Box 740, Holdrege, NE 68949. A copy of the ICD is also available for inspection at the Gosper and Phelps County Clerks Offices, as indicated in the attached public notice.

We are providing a courtesy copy (in hardcopy and CD) of the ICD, this cover letter and the proof of electronic filing of these documents to the FERC Office of Energy Projects (Room 61-02) and the FERC Office of General Counsel - Energy Projects (Room 101-56). We are also providing a courtesy copy of these documents in hardcopy and CD to the FERC Chicago Regional Office.

Joint Agency Meeting

Central will host a Joint Agency and Public Meeting on Tuesday, July 1, 2014 at 10:30 am at the Headwater Corporation located at 4111 4th Avenue, Suite 6, Kearney, NE. A site visit will precede the full meeting at approximately 11:30 am. The proposed meeting agenda is:

- a) Introduction to Reservoirs Project License Amendment Team Members
- b) Reservoirs Project Description
- c) Site visit
- d) Overview of the License Amendment Process
- e) Overview of ICD
- f) Discussion of Identified Issues
- g) Comments and Questions

By copy of this letter and the attached public notice, we are notifying the resource agencies and interested parties listed in the attached Distribution List of the Joint Agency and Public Meeting, in accordance with FERC regulations.

We have also published the attached notice of this filing and the Joint Agency and Public Meeting in the Kearney Hub, a newspaper in general circulation of the J-2 Regulating Reservoirs Project to run on June 14, 2014 and June 21, 2014.

If there are any questions or comments related to the ICD, Joint Agency and Public Meeting, or any of the other information presented above, please contact me at (207) 416-1623 or by email at Kelly.Larimer@KleinschmidtGroup.com.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: Certificate of Service
Distribution List
Initial Consultation Document
Public Meeting Notice

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ATTACHMENT A
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

1.0 CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Kelly Larimer, Senior Regulatory Coordinator, Kleinschmidt Associates, hereby certify that I have this day served upon each person designated on the attached Distribution List a copy of the notification of filing of the Kingsley Dam Hydroelectric Project, FERC No. 1417, Initial Consultation Document. Dated this 16th day of June 2014.

By: 

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ATTACHMENT C

**INITIAL CONSULTATION DOCUMENT FOR THE KINGSLEY DAM HYDROPOWER
PROJECT (FERC No. 1417)**

FILED SEPARATELY

ATTACHMENT D

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF FILING OF THE INITIAL CONSULTATION DOCUMENT AND
JOINT AGENCY AND PUBLIC MEETING**

**NOTICE OF FILING WITH THE FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
THE CENTRAL NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER AND IRRIGATION DISTRICT
KINGSLEY DAM PROJECT
FERC No. 1417**

The Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District (Central or Applicant) pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) hereby gives notice of its intent to seek a non-capacity license amendment for the Kingsley Dam Project, FERC No. 1417, to include the proposed J-2 Regulating Reservoirs (Reservoirs Project). The Kingsley Dam Project is a hydroelectric generating facility, located on the North Platte River in Keith County, Nebraska. The proposed Reservoirs Project will be located south of the Platte River, in Gosper and Phelps Counties, Nebraska. The Applicant's address is 415 Lincoln Street, P.O. Box 740, Holdrege, NE 68949; phone number is 308-995-8601.

On June 13, 2014, Central filed with the FERC its Initial Consultation Document (ICD). The ICD summarizes relevant and available information regarding the proposed facilities and operation of the Reservoirs Project along with discussions of the potential operational effects on environmental and cultural resources. The ICD is available for inspection and reproduction online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filings/elibrary.asp>. It is also available for inspection during regular business hours at the Central office at 415 Lincoln Street, P.O. Box 740, Holdrege, NE 68949. A copy of the ICD is also available for inspection at the Gosper County Clerk's Office at 507 Smith Ave, Elwood, NE 68937.

Central will host a Joint Agency and Public Meeting and site visit on Tuesday, July 1, 2014, to discuss the ICD. The purpose of the meeting is to: 1) provide information about the Reservoirs Project and the license amendment process; and 2) obtain agency and stakeholder opinions regarding the Reservoirs Project and its potential effect on existing resources.

The meeting will begin at 10:30 am at Headwater Corporation located at 4111 4th Avenue, Suite 6, Kearney, NE. This meeting is open to the public, but is primarily focused on issues and concerns of the state and federal resource agencies. The visit to the site of the proposed Reservoirs Project will occur in the late morning beginning at approximately 11:30 am, followed by the meeting in the afternoon.

The proposed meeting agenda is:

- a) Introduction to Reservoirs Project License Amendment Team Members
- b) Reservoirs Project Description
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Central invites resource agencies, Indian tribes, and members of the public likely to be interested in the proceedings to participate in the license amendment process and to comment on this notice and related matters. Comments on the ICD and study requests are due to the Commission no later than 60 days following the meeting or not later than August 30, 2014. All responses must reference the Kingsley Dam FERC project number (FERC No. 1917). Commenters must submit an electronic filing via FERC's website (<http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ferconline.asp>) pursuant to 18 CFR§ 385.2003(c) or an original and eight copies of their comments to the Office of the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

For additional information, questions regarding this meeting, or inquiries related to the Kingsley Dam license amendment process, please contact:

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