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

December 30, 2021

Subject: The Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District, Project No. 1417  
License Article 421, Project Boundary Review  
Non-Capacity Amendment Application

Dear Secretary Bose,

The Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District (Central), licensee for the Kingsley Dam Project, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Project No. 1417, herein submits to FERC an application for a non-capacity amendment of its license for the modification of the Exhibit G of the FERC license (project boundary).

Pursuant to Central's license article 421, Central has a FERC-approved plan to manage the lands and shorelines of the project ("Land and Shoreline Management Plan", or "LSMP"), which includes a plan for reviewing the project boundary ("Plan for Reviewing FERC Boundary"). Per the Plan for Reviewing FERC Boundary:

The purposes of this review are (1) to assure that adequate lands are controlled to carry out Project operational functions, including public access to Project lands and waters for recreational purposes; and (2) to determine the extent to which the Project boundary could be changed to exclude lands used for residential or agricultural purposes without compromising Project operational needs. Based on the results of the review, if necessary, Central will propose changes in the Project boundary to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

Central prepared this non-capacity amendment application in accordance with 18 CFR §§ 4.201 and 4.38(a)(7). Included with this amendment application are the initial statement and a final

boundary review report by Central (“Final Boundary Review Report”). The report includes Central’s analyses of the project boundary needs, a record of Central’s consultations with resource agencies and the public, and a set of maps depicting the proposed updated project boundary.

Central’s proposed changes to the project boundary would add 3,400 acres, and remove 900 acres, for a net increase of 2,500, and a grand total of 47,600. Acre calculations are approximate, calculated from Central’s GIS, and rounded to the nearest 100 acres.

Because of the extensive nature of the proposed changes to the project boundary, and the amount of effort that will be involved in creating the official Exhibit G maps, Central has forgone producing actual Exhibit G maps at this time; instead, Central provides detailed maps of the proposed boundary in Appendix A of the boundary report, with the intent that Central would then prepare and file with FERC the official Exhibit G maps following, and consistent with, FERC’s approval of this application.

Central hereby requests FERC approval of this non-capacity license amendment application for the modification of the project boundary to match that shown in Appendix A of the Final Project Boundary Review Report. Upon approval, Central will prepare and file with FERC new Exhibit G maps consistent with this application and FERC’s approval order.

Finally, Central is aware that several members of the public; including in particular tenants and subtenants that lease project lands from Central, and owners of land adjacent to the project; are very interested in this boundary review. Therefore, Central recommends that, in addition to the consultations already conducted by Central, FERC exercise its discretion as described in § 2.7.2.3 of the Compliance Handbook (FERC-OEP-DHAC, 2015) to publicly notice this application; and furthermore, as this is a non-capacity related amendment not requiring three-stage consultation, that it be a 30-day comment period.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael A. Drain".

Michael A. Drain, P.E.

Natural Resources and Compliance Manager

BEFORE THE FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

*Application for Non-Capacity Amendment of License*

1) The Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District (Central) applies to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for an amendment of license for the Kingsley Dam Project (Project No. 1417).

2) The exact name, business address, and telephone number of the applicant are

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3) The applicant is a municipality pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 796 (specifically, a political subdivision of the State of Nebraska), licensee for the water power project designated as Project No. 1417 in the records of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, issued on the 29th day of July, 1998 (84 FERC ¶ 61,079).

4) The amendments of license proposed and the reason(s) why the proposed changes are necessary:

Amend the FERC project boundary (Exhibit G of the FERC license) to be as shown in Appendix A of the “Final Project Boundary Review Report” that is included with this application. Pursuant to Central’s license article 421, Central has a FERC-approved plan to manage the lands and shorelines of the project (“Land and Shoreline Management Plan”, or “LSMP”), which includes a plan for reviewing the project boundary (“Plan for Reviewing FERC Boundary”). Per the Plan for Reviewing FERC Boundary:

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Central has conducted the required review, as described in the enclosed “Final Project Boundary Review Report”, and proposes to amend the project boundary as described therein.

- 5) (i) The statutory or regulatory requirements of the State of Nebraska that affect the project as proposed with respect to bed and banks and to the appropriation, diversion, and use of water for power purposes are:

Not applicable.

- (ii) The steps which the applicant has taken or plans to take to comply with each of the

laws cited above are:

Not applicable.