BEFORE THE FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

APPLICATION FOR MAJOR UNCONSTRUCTED PROJECT

1.0 **INITIAL STATEMENT (18 CFR 4.41)**

1.1 INTRODUCTION

The Nevada Hydro Company, Inc. (Nevada Hydro) applies to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for an amended license for the Bluewater Renewable Energy Storage Project, as described in the attached exhibits. The Applicant has applied for a preliminary permit (FERC Project No. 15261).

1.2 **LOCATION OF THE PROJECT**

The location of the proposed project is:

State or territory: California

County: Riverside/Orange

Township or nearby town: Lake Elsinore

Stream or other body of water: Lake Elsinore/San Juan Creek

1.3 APPLICANT'S NAME, BUSINESS ADDRESS, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER

The exact name, business address, and telephone number of the Applicant is:

The Nevada Hydro Company, Inc. 538 Monte Vista Avenue Glendale, California 91202

T: (951) 585 3277

Attention: Paul Anderson

1.4 **APPLICANT'S AUTHORIZED AGENTS**

The following persons are designated as authorized representatives of the Applicant:

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1.5 APPLICANT'S ORGANIZATIONAL STATUS

The Applicant is a corporation and is not claiming preference under section 7(a) of the Federal Power Act.

1.6 PERTINENT STATUTORY AND REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

The statutory or regulatory requirements of the state in which the project would be located and that affect the project as proposed with respect to bed and banks and to the appropriation, diversion, and use of water for power purposes, and with respect to the right to engage in the business of developing, transmitting, and distributing power and any other business necessary to accomplish the purposes of the license under the Federal Power Act, are:

- a. With respect to bed and banks: Sections 1601-1603 of the California Fish and Game Code impose permit requirements for those actions that: (1) divert, obstruct, or change the natural flow or the bed, channel, or bank of any river, stream, or lake designated by the California Department of Fish and Game in which there is at any time an existing fish or wildlife resource or from which these resources derive benefit; (2) use material from the streambeds designated by the department; or (3) result in the disposal or deposition of debris, waste, or other material containing crumbled, flaked, or ground pavement where it can pass into any river, stream, or lake designated by the department.
- b. With respect to the appropriation, diversion, and use of water: Statement of Water Diversion and Use and Permit to Appropriate Water. The applicant will apply for an Authorization from the State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Rights to divert, use, and appropriate water pursuant to Division 2, Part 2, of the California Water Code.

The steps which the Applicant has taken, or plans to take, to comply with each of the laws cited above are:

- a. Applicant will submit a section 1602 notification to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife for any work required in a streambed that is not proposed in this Application.
- b. Applicant will submit an application to obtain any water rights necessary to operate the Proposed Project, to the extent necessary to comply with the requirement in Standard Article 5 that the Applicant obtain all necessary rights to operate and maintain the Proposed Project within five years of license issuance.

c. Applicant will file an application for water quality certification with the State Water Resources Control Board within 60 days of FERC's issuance of a notice that the Application has been accepted and is ready for environmental analysis.

1.7 COUNTIES, CITIES, OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS, AND INDIAN TRIBES AFFECTED BY THE PROJECT

The name and mailing address of the counties in which the Project is located are:

Riverside County Administrative Officer

4040 Lemon Street

Riverside, CA 92501

County of Orange

333 W Santa Ana Boulevard

Santa Ana, CA 92701

The name and mailing address of the city, irrigation district, drainage district, or similar special purpose political subdivision in which a portion of the Project is located, and in which any Federal facility that is used or to be used by the project is located are:

City of Lake Elsinore 130 South Main Street Lake Elsinore, CA 92530 Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District 31315 Chaney Street Lake Elsinore, CA 92530

US Forest Service Cleveland National Forest 1147 East Sixth Street Corona, CA 92879

The Project is located within 15 miles of the following city(s) and town(s) that have a population of 5,000 or more:

City of Canyon Lake

31516 Railroad Canyon Road

Canyon Lake, CA 92587

City of Menifee

29714 Haun Road Menifee, CA 92586

City of Murrieta

24601 Jefferson Avenue

Murrieta, CA 92562

City of Perris

101 N. D Street

Perris, CA 92570

City of Rancho Santa Margarita

22112 El Paseo

Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688

City of San Juan Capistrano

32400 Paseo Adelanto

San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675

City of Temecula 41000 Main Street Temecula, CA 92589 Nevada Hydro has reason to believe the following cities, counties, irrigation districts, water districts, and local agencies would likely be interested in, or affected by, this new license:

Eastern Municipal Water District P.O. Box 8300 San Jacinto, CA 92581-8300

Western Municipal Water District 14205 Meridian Parkway Riverside, CA 92518

The name and mailing address of the affected Indian Tribes are:

Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians 5401 Dinah Shore Drive Palm Springs, CA 92264

Pala Band of Mission Indians 35008 Pala Temecula Road, PMB50 Pala, CA 92059

Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians P.O. Box 1477 Temecula, CA 92592

Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians P.O. Box 487 San Jacinto, CA 92581 La Jolla Band of Luiseno Indians 22000 Highway 76 Pauma Valley, CA 92061

Pauma Band of Luiseno Mission Indians P.O. Box 369 Pauma Valley, CA 92061

Rincon Band of Luiseno Mission Indians One Government Center Lane Valley Center, CA 92082 This Application is executed in the

Province of British Columbia, Canada

City of Vancouver

by:

David Pfeiffer

538 Monte Vista Ave, Glendale, CA 91202

being duly sworn, depose(s) and say(s) that the contents of this (application, etc.) are true to the best of (his or her) knowledge or belief. The undersigned applicant(s) has (have) signed the (application, etc.) this 21st day of October, 2022.

(Applicant(s))

By: Mojdeh Africi Notary Public

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a [Notary Public, or title of other official authorized by the state to notarize documents, as appropriate] of the Province of British Columbia this 21st day of October, 2022.

/SEAL/ [if any]

Mojdeh Afifi
A Notary Public in and for the Province or British Columbia

(Notary Public, or other authorized official)



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