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Honorable Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
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Subject: Loup River Hydroelectric Project
FERC Project No. 1256
Draft License Application

Dear Secretary Bose:

In accordance with 18 CFR §5.16(c) of the Commission's regulations, Loup River Public Power District (Loup Power District or District) herein electronically files its Draft License Application (DLA) for relicensing the Loup River Hydroelectric Project, FERC Project No. 1256 (Project). The District is the owner, operator, and original licensee of the Project. The existing license was effective on December 1, 1982, for a term ending April 15, 2014. Loup Power District is utilizing the Integrated Licensing Process (ILP) for this relicensing effort.

This DLA was prepared in lieu of a Preliminary Licensing Proposal (PLP) in accordance with 18 CFR §5.16(c). The District filed notice of its intent to file a DLA in lieu of a PLP on August 26, 2011.

The DLA consists of four volumes, the contents of which are described below.

Volume 1 of 4 (Public)

- Executive Summary
- General Information
- Initial Statement
 - Appendix IS-1 – Applications and Approvals
- Exhibit A – Project Description
- Exhibit B – Project Operation and Resource Utilization
 - Appendix B-1 – Monthly Flow Duration Curves, Loup River at Point of Diversion
 - Appendix B-2 – Monthly Flow Duration Curves, Loup River Power Canal at Genoa
- Exhibit C – Construction History and Proposed Construction Schedule
- Exhibit D – Statement of Costs and Financing
- Exhibit F – Design Drawings and Supporting Design Report
- Exhibit G – Project Maps
 - Appendix G-1 – Project Boundary Maps
 - Appendix G-2 – Project Boundary Modifications
- Exhibit H – Plans and Ability of Applicant to Operate Project Efficiently

Volume 2 of 4 (Public)

- Exhibit E – Environmental Report
 - Appendix E-1 – Exhibit E Figures
 - Appendix E-2 – Draft Biological Assessment
 - Appendix E-3 – Water Quality Data
 - Appendix E-4 – Draft Recreation Management Plan
 - Appendix E-5 – Consultation

Volume 3 of 4 (Privileged)

- Exhibit E, Table E-62, Archaeological Sensitivity Areas Subject to Further Consideration
- Exhibit E, Appendix E-5, Consultation, Contact Information of Relicensing Participants

Volume 4 of 4 (Critical Energy Infrastructure Information (CEII))

- Exhibit F Design Drawings

Electronic copies of the public volumes of the DLA are available on the District's relicensing website: www.loup.com/relicense, as well as on the Commission's eLibrary. Notice of the availability of this document is being provided to all relicensing participants, including federal and state resource agencies, local governments, and Native American tribes. A distribution list of those parties is attached. Additionally, copies of the DLA will be available at the District's office in Columbus, Nebraska.

If you have any questions regarding the USR or any information provided by the District, please contact me at (402) 564-3171 ext. 268.

Respectfully submitted,



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