BEFORE THE FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Application for License for a Major Project—Existing Dam

GENERAL INFORMATION

In accordance with the requirements of 18 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) §5.18, Loup River Public Power District (Loup Power District or the District) hereby provides the general information required as part of its Application for a New License for the Loup River Hydroelectric Project (Project), Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Project No. 1256 (Application).

1. PROPRIETARY RIGHT

The District is the owner and operator of all existing Project facilities. The District either owns or has flowage rights to all Project lands and waters.

2. POTENTIALLY AFFECTED GOVERNMENT ENTITIES AND INDIAN TRIBES

2.1 Counties

Portions of the Project are located in both Nance County and Platte County, Nebraska.

Nance County – Clerk's Office Board of Supervisors P.O. Box 821 209 Esther Street Fullerton, Nebraska 68638

Platte County – Clerk's Office Board of Supervisors 2610 14th Street Columbus, Nebraska 68601

No Federal facilities are used by the Project.

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2.2 Cities, Towns, or Similar Local Political Subdivisions

Portions of the Project are located within the municipal limits of Genoa, Nebraska (population 1,003¹).

City of Genoa – Clerk's Office P.O. Box 279 Genoa, Nebraska 68640

Portions of the Project are located immediately adjacent to the municipal limits of Columbus, Nebraska (population $22,111^{1}$).

City of Columbus Joe Mangiamelli, City Administrator P.O. Box 1677 Columbus, Nebraska 68602-1677

There is no dam associated with the Project.

2.3 Special Purpose Political Subdivisions

Portions of the Project are located within the jurisdiction of the Lower Loup River Natural Resource District.

Lower Loup River Natural Resource District Leon Koehlmoos, General Manager P.O. Box 210 2620 Airport Drive Ord, Nebraska 68862-0210

Portions of the Project are located within the jurisdiction of the Lower Platte North Natural Resource District:

Lower Platte North Natural Resource District John Miyoshi, General Manager P.O. Box 126 511 Commercial Park Wahoo, Nebraska 68066-0126

¹ U.S. Census Bureau. 2010. "2010 Census Interactive Population Map." *2010 Census*. Retrieved on October 5, 2011. http://2010.census.gov/2010census/popmap/.

The Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD), a similar public utility, purchases all power generated by the licensed Project at the powerhouses. Under a joint agreement, NPPD owns portions of the powerhouse substations and all transmission lines located on special easements within the Project Boundary.

> Nebraska Public Power District Jon Sunneberg, Resource Planning and Risk Manager P.O. Box 499 1414 15th Street Columbus, Nebraska 68602-0499

There are no irrigation or drainage districts that own or would use any Project facilities.

2.4 Other Political Subdivisions

There are three other political subdivisions in the general area of the Project, as listed below, that may have an interest in Project relicensing based on proximity to the Project.

> City of Monroe – Clerk's Office P.O. Box 103 122 Gerrard Avenue Monroe, Nebraska 68647

Lower Platte South Natural Resource District Glenn Johnson, General Manager P.O. Box 83581 3125 Portia Street Lincoln, Nebraska 68501-3581

Papio Missouri River Natural Resource District John Winkler, General Manager 8901 South 154th Street Omaha, Nebraska 68138-3621

2.5 Affected Indian Tribes

There are no Tribal lands within, or immediately adjacent to, the Project Boundary. A review of the Native American Consultation Database indicates that both the Omaha Tribe of Nebraska and the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma have formal claims in the general vicinity of the Project.

Omaha Tribe of Nebraska Amen Sheridan, Chairman P.O. Box 368 Macy, Nebraska 68039

Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma George Howell, President P.O. Box 470 Pawnee, Oklahoma 74058

Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Rebecca White, Chairperson P.O. Box 288 Niobrara, Nebraska 68760 Ponca Tribe of Oklahoma Douglas Rhodd, Chairman 20 White Eagle Drive Ponca City, Oklahoma 74601

Santee Sioux Tribal Council Roger Trudell, Chairman 425 Frazier Avenue N, Suite 2 Niobrara, Nebraska 68760

Winnebago Tribal Council John Blackhawk, Chairman P.O. Box 687 100 Bluff Street Winnebago, Nebraska 68071

3. NOTIFICATION OF PROPERTY OWNERS AND OTHER ENTITIES

I, Lisa M. Richardson, Project Manager, HDR Engineering, Inc., on behalf of Loup River Public Power District, hereby certify that I have this day made a good faith effort to give notification by certified mail of the filing of the Application to the entities identified in Section 2, Potentially Affected Government Entities and Indian Tribes, as well as any other Federal, state, municipal, or local government agencies that there is reason to believe would likely be interested in or affected by this Application and to others as shown in the attached Distribution List.

Dated this $\frac{12^{n}}{2}$ day of April, 2012

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Lisa M. Richardson Project Manager HDR Engineering, Inc.

4. STATEMENT OF VERIFICATION

The undersigned, being duly sworn, deposes and says that the contents of the Application are true to the best of his knowledge or belief.

This application is executed in the:

State of Nebraska

County of Platte

By: Loup River Public Power District

Name: Neal Suess President/CEO

Address: P.O. Box 988 2404 15th Street Columbus, NE 68602-0988

Signed this $12^{+1/2}$ day of April, 2012.

LOUP RIVER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT

By

Neal Suess, President/CEO Loup River Public Power District

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public, this $\frac{12+b}{2}$ day of April, 2012.

Notary Public

(My commission expires June 29, 204)

