

June 7, 2002

The Honorable Magalie R. Salas
Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Avenue NE
Washington, DC 20426

Via US Express Mail
EL 826316389 US

**Re: Cooper Lake Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2170):
Initial Consultation Package**

Enclosed is the Initial Consultation Package (ICP) for the Cooper Lake Project relicensing. Issuance of this document is the first official consultation step in the relicensing process for the Cooper Lake Project. The ICP summarizes existing information regarding the Project, including facilities, operations, and resource utilization, as well as information on the environment in the Project area. The purpose of the ICP is to provide information to serve as a basis for resource agencies and other participants to identify information needs that should be addressed through studies conducted as part of the relicensing.

In accordance with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) relicensing requirements, there will be two official opportunities to provide comments on the ICP. The first will be at a joint agency/public meeting and site visit that will be held July 9–10 in Cooper Landing. (Please see attached itinerary and agenda.) Those attending the meeting will be able to offer verbal comments for the relicensing consultation record. Following the joint meeting, there will be an official 60-day review and comment period. *Written comments on the ICP, including formal requests for studies to be conducted as part of the relicensing, must be submitted to Chugach by the end of the 60-day comment period (i.e., by **Monday, September 9**).*

Chugach is planning to meet with relicensing participants later in the fall (after September 9) to review and discuss comments received on the ICP, to review preliminary results from 2002 data-collection efforts, and to continue discussions toward planning of relicensing studies to be conducted in 2003.

This ICP is being distributed to all organizations and individuals who have been identified to date as interested in the relicensing process. If you do not plan to participate in the relicensing process and wish to be removed from the mailing list, please contact May Clark at (907) 762-4547 or may_clark@chugachelectric.com.

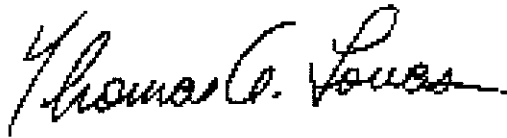
Additional information on the Cooper Lake Project relicensing is available on the relicensing website at www.chugachelectric.com/relicensing. The website contains information on upcoming and past meetings, a schedule for the relicensing process, and relicensing documents that have been issued. The website also provides contact

**Cooper Lake Hydroelectric Project Relicensing
Joint Agency/Public Meeting and Site Visit
July 9-10, 2002
Cooper Landing**

information for Chugach and an online form that can be submitted by those wishing to be added to the mailing list for information on the relicensing.

We look forward to seeing many of you at the July 9-10 meeting and site visit in Cooper Landing. If you plan to attend either or both days of this event, **please RSVP** by June 28 to May Clark at (907) 762-4547 or May_Clark@chugachelectric.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas A. Lovas". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line at the end.

Thomas A. Lovas
Manager, System Development and Corporate Planning
Cooper Lake Relicensing Project Manager

Enclosures