

February 25, 2002

David P. Boergers, Secretary  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First St., NE, Room 1-A, East  
Washington, DC 20426

**Re: Cooper Lake Hydroelectric Project, FERC Project No. 2170;  
Notice of Intent to Relicense Project Works**

To the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission:

Pursuant to 18 C.F.R. § 16.6(b), and Section 15 of the Federal Power Act, Chugach Electric Association, Inc. ("Chugach") hereby notifies the Commission of its unequivocal intent to file an application to relicense its Cooper Lake Hydroelectric Project on the Kenai Peninsula in Alaska. Chugach will be the licensee; Chugach's address is 5601 Minnesota Drive, P.O. Box 196300, Anchorage, Alaska 99519-6300. Chugach's current license for Project FERC No. 2170 was issued May 27, 1957 and will expire on May 1, 2007.

The principal project works to be licensed include:

- Cooper Lake Dam, a rock-and-fill structure across Cooper Creek at the outlet of Cooper Lake;
- Cooper Lake, a natural lake that has been increased in area to 3,100 acres by the dam;
- A tunnel, conduit, and penstock extending 10,300 feet east from Cooper Lake to the Cooper Lake Powerhouse on Kenai Lake;
- Cooper Lake Powerhouse, containing two turbine/generator units, each rated at 9.69 MW (upgraded from 7.5 MW in 2000);
- A 6.3-mile-long 69-kV transmission line from the Cooper Lake Powerhouse to the Quartz Creek substation; and
- An 86-mile-long 115-kV transmission line from the Quartz Creek substation to the Anchorage substation.

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The project is located near Cooper Landing on the Kenai Peninsula in south-central Alaska – roughly 100 road miles south-by-southwest of Anchorage. Chugach will seek another power license for the Project No. 2170, the installed capacity of which is 19.4 megawatts. Information required to be available to the public pursuant to 18 C.F.R. § 16.16 is located in the Planning Department Library at the following address:

Chugach Electric Association, Inc.  
5601 Minnesota Drive  
Anchorage, Alaska 99518

The following are the names and mailing addresses Chugach is required to provide, pursuant to 18 C.F.R. § 16.6(b)(10):

1. Cooper Landing Community (Cooper Landing is an unincorporated community)  
P.O. Box 508  
Cooper Landing, AK 99572  
Mona Painter, President
2. Kenai Peninsula Borough  
144 N. Binkley Street  
Soldotna, AK 99669

There is no other political subdivision (county, city, borough, etc.) in which any aspect of the project is located or that has a population > 5,000 and is within 15 miles of the facility.

Chugach requests that the following people be added to any service list that relates to the relicensing of this project:

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If you have any questions regarding any of the above information, please do not hesitate to contact Tom Lovas, Manager, System Development & Corporate Planning, at (907) 762-4770.

Very truly yours,



Eugene N. Bjornstad  
General Manager

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
BEFORE THE  
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Chugach Electric Association, Inc.;  
Cooper Lake Hydroelectric Project;  
Notice of Intent to Relicense

DOCKET NO. 2170-\_\_\_\_\_

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, May Clark, an Admin. Secretary, hereby certify

that on February 25, 2002, I caused to be served by first class mail, upon Cooper Landing Community and Kenai Peninsula Borough, the following document:

1. Notice of Intent to Relicense Project Works; and
2. Certificate of Service

Signed at Anchorage this 25<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2002.



May Clark  
Relicensing Secretary  
Chugach Electric Association, Inc.