NOAA Fisheries Service's (NMFS) Comment: Re: Applicant's filing for Lassen Lodge/P-12496.

Applicant's Attachment 1: [Filed with FERC December 3, 2014]

Summary of Agency Consultation Record.

Water Temperature Modeling Plan and Sediment Transport Modeling Plan.

We would like to correct the Applicant's statement below regarding the summary of consultation on the above study plans.

Applicant's Statement in Summary:

December 1, 2014 – Final comments from NMFS on Draft Temperature Modeling Plan and draft Sediment Transport Plan, "no further comments" (see attached email). [emphasis added].

NMFS' Reply:

The Applicant's statement seems to imply a degree of concurrence, which is not our position. We did not specifically state that we had "no further comments" nor did we state any concurrence with the above study plans as implied by the Applicant's statement above.

We reiterate that we <u>may have additional comments on these Final Study Plans</u>. In addition, we may have comments after we have reviewed the associated Final Reports that the Applicant has also just filed with FERC on December 3, 2014.

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date: Mon, Dec 1, 2014 at 3:12 PM

subject: Re: FW: Lassen Lodge Hydroelectric Project - DRAFT Interactive Operational Model and example runs

Philip:

Thank you providing all the responses and documents requested. At this time <u>I do not have any</u> additional questions regarding your study plans; NMFS looks forward to your filing of the plans with FERC and may provide additional comment during the FERC comment period. Due to other Project commitments and filing deadlines, I am largely unavailable through Thursday this week, so if you have immediate questions to NMFS please contact Bill Foster.

-John

[Emphasis added above as bold text].

Sincerely,

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