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FERC Determines Jurisdiction Over Lake Powell Pipeline Hydropower Facilities

Today, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) determined that “the hydro system proposed for licensing in this proceeding is defined to include only the hydroelectric developments located in and along the pipeline (i.e. the generating facilities, primary transmission lines, and any necessary appurtenant structures, such as dams) and does not include the water delivery pipeline that connects those developments.”

“We’re grateful to have a decision from FERC,” said John Fredell, LPP program director. “The decision clarifies the scope of authority with all the involved federal and state agencies and will allow us to expeditiously move this critical project through the environmental review.”

Under this decision, FERC remains the lead for the development of the Environmental Impact Statement and other agencies continue as cooperating agencies.

“These agencies have been involved in the project since day one so the process will move forward seamlessly,” said Fredell.

About the Lake Powell Pipeline

The Lake Powell Pipeline is a water delivery project that will provide water to 13 communities in southern Utah. The project consists of approximately 140 miles of underground pipeline, five pump stations and six hydroelectric generation facilities. The LPP is part of a comprehensive, long-term water supply plan for southern Utah that includes new resource development and increased water conservation. Visit LPPUtah.org for additional information.

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