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To: Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs*
Director, Fish and Wildlife Service
Director, National Park Service
Director, Geological Survey
Director, Bureau of Land Management
Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation

From: Team Leader, Natural Resources Management
Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance

Subject: Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement, Notice of Scoping Meetings, and Soliciting Scoping Comments; **Lake Elsinore Advanced Pumped Storage Project**, FERC No. 11858-02, Riverside County, California
(ER 04/663)(Agency deadline: October 11, 2004)

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission has provided the Department with the subject notice. The document was issued on August 9, 2004, and can be viewed on the Commission's website at: <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "eLibrary" Link.

This notice gives you an early opportunity to provide technical assistance and/or to participate from your areas of special expertise or jurisdiction.

If your bureau has serious concerns with this project, you should review/participate in the licensing process, as discussed in the notice. This is our opportunity to express our concerns and influence the licensing process.

Written comments should be made directly to the person listed in the notice no later than **October 11, 2004**. Please provide a copy of any comments you make to this Office.

/s/ 9/2/04

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