



Bear Lake Regional Commission

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Hook Canyon Project #12707 Resolution 2008-1

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WHERE AS, the Bear lake Regional Commission (BLRC) was established in 1973 by the States of Idaho and Utah with expressed purpose of protecting the natural resources of Bear Lake by virtue of the special conditions of the natural ecology and recreational opportunities of the region and,

WHERE AS, having secured millions of dollars in grants for the purpose of establishing baseline water quality data and improving the quality of waters entering Bear Lake, having promoted tourism as a sustainable economic development base with the least impact to the delicate aquatic ecosystem of Bear Lake, and,

WHERE AS, the BLRC was given broad policy making powers and mandated to review any such plans, programs, or proposals that are determined to be inconsistent with the plan for the region or in any other way is found to be detrimental to the orderly development of the region (BLRC Articles of Association, Article V section B) and,

WHEREAS, any resolutions adopted by the Commission shall be enforced by the respective states. (BLRC Articles of Association, Article V section E)

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

After review and consideration of the Hook Canyon Pump Hydroelectric Project FERC No 12707, by unanimous vote of the assembled members of the Commission and having a quorum, Bear Lake Regional Commission, hereby goes on the record in opposition to this or any other such invasive use of the bed or the waters of Bear Lake.

It is our judgment that in as much as the special nature of Bear Lake's physical, chemical and biological characteristics are uniquely balanced by the natural processes and that the sustainable economic future of the region is dependent upon Bear Lake retaining this natural balance; there should be no action taken by any entity that might place that balance at risk.

The Commission requests that the State of Utah enforce this resolution by withdrawing from any and all negotiations involving application for power generation on Bear Lake.

Signed,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Norman A. Weston".

Norman A. Weston (Chairman) Rich County Commissioner

Dayle N Rasmussen

Vaughn A Rasmussen (Vice Chairman) Bear Lake County Commissioner

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David Matthews, Mayor of Paris, Id.

Ronald Jensen

Ronald Jensen, Recreation Interest

Lee E Ream

Lee Ream, Irrigation Interest

Kenneth R. Brown

Kenneth R. Brown, Rich County At Large