

April 8, 2008

Via PDF

Dear Governor Huntsman:

I am writing on behalf of the Richard H. (deceased) and Ann S. Nebeker family and the Stephen B. and June W. Nebeker family to express our opposition to the Hook Canyon Pump Storage Project (FERC P-12707).

Our families own property at North Eden, Utah, which is about a mile and a half north of the proposed project. We are opposed to this project for the following reasons:

1. By pumping water out of the lake in the daytime and discharging water back into the lake at night to generate electricity there is a risk this may stir up the bottom of the lake (marl) resulting in altering the azure blue color of the lake.
2. There is a risk this activity could threaten the habitat of Bear Lake Whitefish, Bonneville Whitefish, Bonneville Cisco and Bear Lake Sculpin.
3. There is a risk this recycling of the lake water would create currants which would prevent the lake from freezing over. This would result in the valley being blanketed in fog during the winter months.
4. The proposed project puts the Bear Lake eco system at risk. That would significantly decrease the attraction of the area for the residents of Bear Lake Valley and tourists who visit the lake.
5. The proposed project diminishes property values in the Bear Lake Valley.
6. The proposed project appears to consume more electricity than it would generate resulting in more hydrocarbons being produced in the atmosphere.
7. The proposed project is using a public resource for private profit.
8. The risks to the Bear Lake Valley do not justify the benefits to a few private investors.

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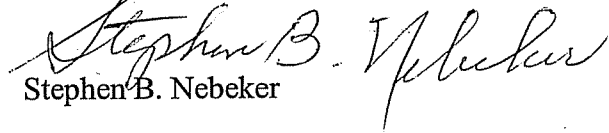
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As families that have lived on the east side of the lake for five generations, we deeply appreciate your thoughtful consideration of our objections to this proposed project.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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cc: Senator Orin Hatch  
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