



Cooper Lake Project (FERC No. 2170) Cooper Creek and Kenai River, Alaska *Chugach Electric Association*

Long View Associates is the Lead Relicensing Consultant for the Cooper Lake Project. This 20-MW project in southcentral Alaska includes a dam at the head of Cooper Creek (at the former natural outflow from Cooper Lake), a tunnel/penstock from Cooper Lake to Kenai Lake, a powerhouse on Kenai Lake, and a 90-mile-long transmission line to Anchorage.

Long View was initially retained to provide strategic planning guidance. In this capacity, Long View conducted preliminary outreach efforts with expected relicensing participants and prepared a Relicensing Recommendations Document. These early recommendations provided the basis for the client's decision making regarding relicensing process, approach to consultation, and strategic planning for the relicensing.

Throughout this enhanced traditional relicensing process, Long View has continued its lead role in providing strategic guidance, and has also provided project management support. Long View assisted with selection of technical contractors for relicensing studies, provided oversight and management of technical consultants, and assisted the client with schedule management and process implementation.

In the consultation arena, Long View managed the preparation of key consultation and licensing documents. Long View drafted the Initial Consultation Package and documents responding to agency study and information requests; assisted with drafting and review of study plans, reports, and other technical documents; prepared and managed content of a relicensing Web site; managed

preparation of materials for public meetings; and drafted and managed production of the License Application.

In addition to its role as lead relicensing consultant, Long View also provided assistance with specific study efforts. Long View conducted a preliminary fish entrainment risk assessment, provided consultation assistance for an instream flow technical workgroup, and managed consultation with Native American organizations and other parties for Section 106 consultation on cultural resources.

Long View was also instrumental in assisting the client in the successful negotiation of a comprehensive relicensing settlement agreement among all major federal and state agencies, non-governmental organizations, and a Native American tribe.



Project Summary

Client / Project / Reference:

- Chugach Electric Association
- Cooper Lake Project
- 20 MW, peaking, seasonal storage
- 2007 license expiration

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Project Elements:

- Enhanced traditional licensing process
- Diversion-reach and analysis of potential flow mitigation alternatives
- Land use issues along 90-mile-long transmission line
- Settlement negotiations

Key Services Provided:

- Strategic planning
- Project management
- Licensing documents preparation
- Consultation management and workgroup support
- Technical study oversight and assistance
- Settlement negotiations support