



Information Tracking, Management and Analysis for Hydro Licensing

By virtue of our many years in the hydro licensing arena, Long View's expertise includes tracking and managing information from across the industry — and strategic application of this information to benefit our clients. Our research expertise and ongoing information management efforts help us provide our services with maximum responsiveness and efficiency.

Staying abreast of current developments relevant to the hydro industry, Long View staff routinely review regulatory files and other sources for pertinent information. On many occasions, we have delved more deeply to research particular issues of interest to our clients. These research endeavors have led to our expert familiarity with the types, sources, and content of available information — ensuring that we continue to offer our clients the most informed consulting advice available.

Because we recognized the broad potential value of a clearinghouse of industry-wide data, we have steadily input key information gleaned from our review of regulatory and licensing documents into database format. Having this wealth of information available through a simple database search greatly facilitates our assessment of a wide range of issues related to hydropower licensing, on a project-level, regional, or process-type basis, for example. In addition to this ongoing information management, we maintain an archive of source documents, so they are readily available to us and our clients whenever more detailed information is needed.

We have employed our accumulated research in a number of contexts, ranging from strategic long-range planning, to participation in settlement negotiations and drafting of proposed license articles, to design of shoreline management plans. Data review and analysis, benchmarking studies, and case studies we have conducted over the years have addressed a spectrum of hydro-licensing related topics, including:

- Industry best practices related to hydropower licensing
- Outcomes for different relicensing process alternatives
- Mitigation land requirements in FERC licenses
- Recent licensing outcomes (energy and cost)
- Shoreline management plans/guidelines
- Competitive licenses
- Length of license term with and without settlement
- FERC treatment of transmission line issues
- Ramping rate requirements in new licenses
- Sediment transport mitigation measures in new licenses
- NOAA fish passage performance standards
- FERC treatment of trust funds in settlement agreements
- License/settlement language regarding drought contingency plans

Specific Services

Regulatory/documents research and data analysis for:

- Benchmarking studies
- Assessment of industry trends
- Strategic planning
- Settlement negotiations
- Communications with management
- Management plan development

