



## Integrated Licensing Process

Long View Associates has extensive experience in all aspects of Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) licensing, including experience with the Alternative Licensing Process (ALP), the Traditional Licensing Process (TLP), enhanced TLPs and the Integrated Licensing Process (ILP). Long View participated in the development of the ILP regulations and this familiarity with the process and its requirements has enabled Long View to assist our clients with effectively utilizing this licensing process.

The ILP became the default licensing process for all FERC-regulated hydro projects in July 2005. In the short time since the ILP became the default process, Long View has worked with multiple licensees to relicense their projects using the ILP. Long View is currently working with Seattle City Light as a process consultant to relicense the Boundary Project (FERC No. 2144) using the ILP. Previously, Long View developed the Pre-Application Document (PAD) for the Claytor Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2144) and worked with Appalachian Power Company to prepare for and initiate the ILP for that project.

Long View's experience with the ILP process includes the following:

- Identification, collection, and synthesis of all information potentially relevant to a project;
- Extensive stakeholder outreach and research, including stakeholder meeting facilitation and development of a stakeholder questionnaire to identify issues and solicit available information;
- Drafting and compiling PADs;
- Extensive stakeholder consultation during the development of the Proposed Study Plan (PSP) and the Revised Study Plan (RSP);
- Managing the development of the PSP and RSP;

- Assistance with selection, oversight, and management of technical consultants performing studies; and
- Assistance with budget and overall project management.

Based on Long View's experience with the three available licensing processes, we believe there are benefits associated with the ILP that would make this process an appropriate choice for many hydropower projects. Some of the benefits include:

- Allows the licensee to determine how early to initiate relicensing,
- Mandatory deadlines and schedule,
- Early FERC involvement and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) scoping, and
- Increased predictability with study plans and budgets

In April 2005, Long View co-published an article titled *Implementing the ILP: What Can We Learn from the Pioneers?* in *Hydro Review*, an industry periodical. The article offered ILP planning insights from the first six licensees to use the ILP. LVA is currently interviewing applicants using the ILP and those who have requested the use of the TLP or ALP since the ILP became the default FERC-licensing process. The information collected will be used to provide further insight into licensing process selection and the ILP.

## Specific Services

- Outreach
- Meeting facilitation
- Strategic planning
- Consultation support
- Regulatory and technical assistance for specific resource areas
- Technical and non-technical writing
- Project/budget management
- Licensing document preparation and document management