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Chairman Dan Lyster
Long Valley Hydrologic Advisory Committee
c/o Director of Energy Management
HCR 79, Box 221
Mammoth Lakes CA, 93514

Dear Chairman Lyster,

On August 12, 2013, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Bishop Field Office issued a Record of Decision (ROD) approving ORNI 50, LLC's application to construct, operate and maintain, and decommission the Casa Diablo IV Geothermal Development Project (CD-IV Project) on BLM-administered federal geothermal leases near Mammoth Lakes in Mono County, California.

As the federal lead agency for the CD-IV project, the BLM is responsible for ensuring compliance with the adopted project design measures, mitigation measures, and other terms and conditions described in the CD-IV ROD.

In order to fulfill this responsibility, I am requesting that the Long Valley Hydrologic Advisory Committee (LVHAC) conduct a technical review of existing monitoring and remedial action programs related to geothermal development and use within the Long Valley Caldera. The objective of this requested review is to assess the adequacy and ability of the existing programs to identify and mitigate potential direct and indirect impacts to other resources that could result from both existing geothermal operations and the newly authorized geothermal development activities associated with the CD-IV Project.

In addition, I am requesting that the U.S. Geological Survey, Mammoth Community Water District, and other interested parties participate in the technical review of the existing hydrologic monitoring plan and the development of recommendations for a cooperative hydrologic monitoring plan that incorporates revised or additional elements directed at ensuring adequate monitoring of other resources as they relate to existing geothermal operations and the newly authorized geothermal development activities associated with the CD-IV Project.

I extend my sincere appreciation for your consideration of this request and look forward to cooperating with the LVHAC and other interested parties to ensure these matters are effectively addressed.

Sincerely,

Steve Nelson
Bishop Field Manager

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US Geological Survey, James Howle
Mammoth Community Water District, Patrick Hayes
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