

# CUTLER HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT (FERC PROJECT NO. 2420)

~~DRAFT~~ FINAL LICENSE APPLICATION

## VOLUME I

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~~NOVEMBER 2021~~  
MARCH 2022

# INITIAL STATEMENT

**BEFORE THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION**

**CUTLER HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT  
FERC PROJECT NO. 2420**

**FINAL APPLICATION FOR NEW LICENSE  
FOR MAJOR PROJECT – EXISTING DAM**

**INITIAL STATEMENT**  
*(Pursuant to 18 CFR § 4.51)*

1. PacifiCorp (“Licensee” or PacifiCorp) applies to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) for a new license for the Cutler Hydroelectric Project (Project), as described in the attached exhibits. The Project is currently licensed to PacifiCorp as FERC Project No. 2420, by Order dated April 29, 1994 (67 FERC ¶ 62,082). PacifiCorp is the only entity that has, or intends to obtain and maintain, and will maintain, any proprietary rights or interest to construct, operate, or maintain the Project.

2. The location of the Project is:

|                                |                     |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| State:                         | Utah                |
| Counties:                      | Box Elder and Cache |
| City or Town:                  | Collinston; Logan   |
| Stream or other body of water: | Bear River          |

3. The exact name and business address of the applicant are:

PacifiCorp  
825 NE Multnomah Street, Suite 1800  
Portland, OR 97232  
Telephone: (503) 813-6657

The exact name and business address of each person authorized to act as agent for the applicant in this application are:

PacifiCorp  
Eve Davies, Cutler Relicensing Project Manager  
1407 West North Temple, Room Suite 210  
Salt Lake City, Utah UT 84116  
Phone: (801) 220-2245  
E-mail: [Eve.Davies@pacificorp.com](mailto:Eve.Davies@pacificorp.com)

PacifiCorp  
 Todd Olson, Director of Compliance  
 825 NE Multnomah Street, Suite 1800  
 Portland, OR 97232  
 Phone: (503) 813-6657  
 E-mail: [Todd.Olson@pacificorp.com](mailto:Todd.Olson@pacificorp.com)

It is requested that all copies of all correspondence pertaining to this application be provided to:

Eve Davies, Cutler Relicensing Project Manager  
 PacifiCorp  
 1407 West North Temple, ~~Room~~[Suite](#) 210  
 Salt Lake City, ~~Utah~~[UT](#) 84116  
 (801) 220-2245

4. PacifiCorp is a public utility corporation incorporated in the State of Oregon and doing business in Utah, Idaho, Wyoming, Oregon, Washington, California, and Montana and is not claiming preference under Section 7(a) of the Federal Power Act, 16 U.S. Code § 800.
5. The statutory or regulatory requirements of the State of Utah, the state in which the Project is located, which would, assuming jurisdiction and applicability, affect the Project with respect to bed and banks, and to the appropriation, diversion, and use of water for power purposes, and with respect to the right to engage in the business of developing, transmitting, and distributing power, and in any other business necessary to accomplish the purposes of the license under the Federal Power Act are:
  - a. 401 Water Quality Certification from the Utah Department of Environmental Quality to assure compliance with Section 401 of the Federal Clean Water Act.
  - b. State of Utah Division of Water Rights for regulation of the water rights [required](#) to operate the Project.
6. The steps the applicant has taken, or plans to take, to comply with each of the laws cited above are:
  - a. The applicant will apply for 401 Water Quality Certification per 18 CFR § 5.23(b).
  - b. PacifiCorp will maintain its water rights as shown below for 1,460 cubic feet per second (cfs) to operate the Project and to be used for power generation.

| <u>WATER RIGHT NUMBER</u>  | <u>FLOW (CFS)</u>   | <u>PRIORITY</u>           | <u>TYPE OF RIGHT</u>    |
|----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| <a href="#">29-1855 UT</a> | <a href="#">270</a> | <a href="#">12/1/1903</a> | <a href="#">Decreed</a> |
| <a href="#">29-2146 UT</a> | <a href="#">135</a> | <a href="#">12/1/1906</a> | <a href="#">Decreed</a> |

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|---|---------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <a href="#">29-2147 UT</a>                    | 135                 | <a href="#">12/1/1908</a> | <a href="#">Decreed</a>     |
| <a href="#">29-2148 UT</a>                    | 500                 | <a href="#">12/1/1912</a> | <a href="#">Decreed</a>     |
| <a href="#">29-4364 UT</a>                    | 420                 | <a href="#">4/3/2008</a>  | <a href="#">Certificate</a> |
| <del>WATER RIGHT</del>                        | <del>PRIORITY</del> | <del>FLOW/VOLUME</del>    |                             |
| <del>13-976 ID</del><br><del>29-1855 UT</del> | 1903                | 270-cfs                   |                             |
| <del>13-977 ID</del><br><del>29-2146 UT</del> | 1906                | 135-cfs                   |                             |
| <del>13-978 ID</del><br><del>29-2147 UT</del> | 1908                | 135-cfs                   |                             |
| <del>13-979 ID</del><br><del>29-2148 UT</del> | 1912                | 500-cfs                   |                             |
| <del>29-4364</del>                            | 2007                | 420-cfs                   |                             |

- c. PacifiCorp will maintain its 1923 water right (29-1506; [Certificate](#)) for 2,500 cubic feet per second (cfs) for storage.
7. All existing Project facilities are owned by:
- PacifiCorp  
 825 NE Multnomah Street, Suite 1800  
 Portland, OR 97232
8. PacifiCorp possesses all proprietary rights necessary to construct, operate, or maintain the Project.
9. The name and mailing addresses of the counties in which any part of the Project and any Federal facilities that would be used by the Project are located as outlined in 18 CFR § 4.32(a)(2)(i):
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|---|--|
| Box Elder County<br>1 South Main Street<br>Brigham City, <a href="#">UtahUT</a> 84302 | Cache County<br>179 N Main Street & 199 N Main Street<br>Logan, <a href="#">UtahUT</a> 84321 |
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- There are no Federal facilities that would be used by the Project.*
10. The name and mailing address of every city, town, or similar local political subdivision in which any part of the Project and any Federal facilities that would be used by the Project are located as outlined in 18 CFR § 4.32(a)(2)(ii)(A):
- There are no cities or towns in which any part of the Project is located, and ~~there are no federal~~[which contain any Federal](#) facilities used by the Project- ~~(there are no Federal facilities at the Project)~~. There are, however, several smaller unincorporated communities located either adjacent to, or within, the Project.

These include: Wheelon, Cache Junction, Petersboro, Newton, Benson, Mendon, and College Ward. Direct contact information for these places is not publicly available. As of the 2020 Census, Newton, Petersboro, and Mendon were classified as census designated places (CDP).

11. The name and mailing address of every city, town, or similar local political subdivision that has a population of 5,000 or more people and is located within 15 miles of the Project dam as outlined in 18 CFR § 4.32(a)(2)(ii)(B):

Hyde Park City  
113 East Center  
Hyde Park, [UtahUT](#) 84318  
(435) 563-6507  
[cityoffice@hydeparkcity.org](mailto:cityoffice@hydeparkcity.org)

City of Tremonton  
102 S. Tremont Street  
Tremonton, [UtahUT](#) 84337  
(435) 527-9500  
[tremonton@tremontoncity.com](mailto:tremonton@tremontoncity.com)

City of Providence  
164 North Gateway Drive  
Providence, [UtahUT](#) 84332  
(435) 752-9441  
[providencecityutah@gmail.com](mailto:providencecityutah@gmail.com)

City of Logan  
290 North 100 West  
Logan, [UtahUT](#) 84321  
(435) 716-9002  
[Holly.daines@loganutah.org](mailto:Holly.daines@loganutah.org)

City of North Logan  
2076 N 1200 E  
North Logan, [UtahUT](#) 84341  
(435) 752-1310  
[receptionist@northlogancity.org](mailto:receptionist@northlogancity.org)

Smithfield City  
96 South Main  
Smithfield, [UtahUT](#) 84335  
(435) 563-6226  
[info@smithfieldcity.org](mailto:info@smithfieldcity.org)

12. The name and mailing address of each irrigation district, drainage district, or similar special purpose political subdivisions in which any part of the Project is located or affected as outlined in 18 CFR § 4.32(a)(2)(iii)(A) and (B):

Bear River Water Conservancy District  
~~Voneene Jorgenson~~, [Carl Mackley, P.E.](#),  
General Manager  
102 W Forrest Street  
Brigham City, [UtahUT](#) 84302  
[voneenej@brwcd.com](mailto:voneenej@brwcd.com)  
[carlm@brwcd.com](mailto:carlm@brwcd.com)

Cache Water Conservancy District  
Nathan Daus, Executive Director  
199 Main Street  
Logan, [UtahUT](#) 84321  
(435) 999-0051  
[ndaugs@cachewaterdistrict.com](mailto:ndaugs@cachewaterdistrict.com)

West Cache Irrigation  
Edward Cottle, Secretary  
1207 S 400 E  
Trenton, [UtahUT](#) 84338

Logan Cow Pasture Water Co.  
Katy Fuller, Registered Agent  
4132 W 2600 N  
Benson, [UtahUT](#) 84335  
[logancowpasturewaterco@gmail.com](mailto:logancowpasturewaterco@gmail.com)

Bear River Canal Company  
Trevor Nielson, General Manager  
275 N 1600 E  
Tremonton, [Utah](#) [UT](#) 84337  
[trevor@brcanal.com](mailto:trevor@brcanal.com)

Benson Bear Lake Irrigation  
Company  
4705 West 3800 North  
Benson, [Utah](#) [UT](#) 84301

13. There are no other political subdivisions in the general area of the project that the Applicant has reason to believe would likely be interested in or affected by the Application as outlined in 18 CFR § 4.32(a)(2)(iv).

14. The name and mailing addresses of each Federally recognized Native American tribe potentially affected by the Project as outlined in 18 CFR § 4.32(a)(2)(v):

Confederated Tribes of Goshute  
~~Chairperson~~ Rupert Steele, Chairperson  
 HC 61 Box 6104  
 195 Tribal Center Road  
 Ibapah, Utah UT 84043  
 (435) 234-1138  
[rupert.steele@ctgr.us](mailto:rupert.steele@ctgr.us)

Navajo Nation  
 President Jonathan Nez  
 100 Parkway  
~~P.O.~~ PO Box 7440  
 Window Rock, Arizona AZ 86515  
 (928) 871-7000  
[jonathannez@navajo-nsn.gov](mailto:jonathannez@navajo-nsn.gov)  
[jonathannez@navajo-nsn.gov](mailto:jonathannez@navajo-nsn.gov)

Northwestern Band of Shoshone Nation  
 Chairperson ~~Darren Parry~~ Dennis Alex  
~~Brigham~~ Ogden Tribal Office  
2575 Commerce Way  
Ogden, UT 84401  
~~707 North Main Street~~  
~~Brigham City, Utah 84302~~  
 (435) 734-2286  
[dparry@arrowpoint.us](mailto:dparry@arrowpoint.us)  
[Banner02@gmail.com](mailto:Banner02@gmail.com)

Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah  
 Chairperson Corrina Bow  
 440 N. Paiute Drive  
 Cedar City, Utah UT 84270  
 (435) 586-1112  
[corrina\\_bow@yahoo.com](mailto:corrina_bow@yahoo.com)

Skull Valley Band of Goshute Indians  
 Chairperson Candace Bear  
 407 Skull Valley Road  
 Skull Valley, Utah UT 84029  
 (435) 831-4079  
[candanceb@svgoshutes.com](mailto:candanceb@svgoshutes.com)

San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe  
 Vice President Candelora Lehi  
~~P.O.~~ PO Box 2950  
 Tuba City, Arizona AZ 86045  
 (928) 283-4762  
[c.lehi@sanjuanpaiute-nsn.gov](mailto:c.lehi@sanjuanpaiute-nsn.gov)  
[c.lehi@sanjuanpaiute-nsn.gov](mailto:c.lehi@sanjuanpaiute-nsn.gov)

Shoshone-Bannock Tribe  
 Chairman ~~Nathan Small~~ Devon Boyer  
~~P.O.~~ PO Box 306  
 Fort Hall, Idaho ID 83203  
 208-478-3700  
[publicaffairs@sbtribes.com](mailto:publicaffairs@sbtribes.com)  
[dboyer@sbtribes.com](mailto:dboyer@sbtribes.com)

Ute Indian Tribe  
~~Chairman Luke Duncan~~  
Betsy Chapoose  
 Uintah and Ouray Reservation  
~~P.O.~~ PO Box 190  
 Fort Duchesne, Utah UT 84026  
 (435) 722-5141  
[luked@utetribe.com](mailto:luked@utetribe.com)  
[betsyc@utetribe.com](mailto:betsyc@utetribe.com)



White Mesa Band of the Ute Mountain Ute  
Council Representative ~~Elayne Cantsee~~  
[Malcolm Lehi](#)  
Administration Division  
~~P.O.~~[PO](#) Box 7096  
White Mesa, ~~Utah~~[UT](#) 84511  
~~(970) 564-5602~~  
~~[ecantsee@utemountain.org](mailto:ecantsee@utemountain.org)~~  
~~(435) 678-3397~~  
~~[malcolm.lehi@utemountain.org](mailto:malcolm.lehi@utemountain.org)~~

15. PacifiCorp will not seek benefits under Section 210 of PURPA as outlined in 18 CFR § 4.32(c)(1) and 18 CFR § 4.38(b)(2)(vi).

**SUBSCRIPTION**

*~~[To be executed for Final License Application]~~*

This Final License Application ~~for New License~~ for the Cutler Hydroelectric Project, FERC Project No. 2420, is executed in the State of ~~Oregon~~Utah, County of ~~Multnomah~~Salt Lake, by ~~Beth Bendickson~~Eve Davies of PacifiCorp, ~~825 Multnomah Street~~1407 West North Temple, Suite ~~1800, Portland, Oregon, 97232~~210, Salt Lake City, Utah 84116, who, being duly sworn, deposes and says that the contents of this application are true to the best of ~~their~~ knowledge or belief and that ~~they are~~she is authorized to execute this application on behalf of PacifiCorp. The undersigned has signed this application ~~on~~ this 28th day of March 2022.

PACIFICORP ~~OF OREGON~~



By:

~~Beth Bendickson~~ Eve Davies, Cutler Relicensing Senior Project Coordinator~~Manager~~  
PacifiCorp

**VERIFICATION**

~~Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public Of the State of Oregon, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.~~

\_\_\_\_\_  
~~(Notary Public)~~

~~My Commission expires \_\_\_\_\_.~~

~~SEAL~~

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of March 2022, I have served PacifiCorp's *Final License Application (Transmittal Letter only)* for the Cutler Hydroelectric Project (FERC Project No. 2420) via email or U.S. postal mail if no email address was available, upon each person designated on the official service list compiled by the Secretary in this proceeding.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Beth S. Bendickson  
Sr. Business Administrator  
PacifiCorp  
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**EXPLANATION OF TERMS**

| <b>TERM</b>                         | <b>EXPLANATION</b>   |
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| <b>A</b>                            |  |
| Acre                                | A measure of land area equal to 43,560 square feet.  |
| Acre-feet                           | The amount of water it takes to cover one acre to a depth of one foot; equal to 43,560 cubic feet or 1,233.5 cubic meters.   |
| Appurtenant Facilities              | Any buildings, structures or other property which are clearly incidental to, and customarily found in connection with major facilities of public utilities and are operated and maintained for the benefit or convenience of the occupants, employees, customers, or visitors of such major facilities.  |
| Aquatic Life                        | Any plants or animals that live at least part of their life cycle in water.  |
| <b>B</b>                            |  |
| Baseline                            | A set of existing environmental conditions upon which comparisons are made during the NEPA process.  |
| Bear Lake                           | A natural lake and storage reservoir. Water released from Bear Lake into the Bear River is used for power generation as it passes downstream through PacifiCorp's five hydroelectric plants in Idaho and Utah.   |
| Benthic                             | Associated with lake or river bottom or substrate.   |
| Benthic Macroinvertebrates          | Animals without backbones that are visible and live on, under, and around rocks and sediment on the bottoms of lakes, rivers, and streams.   |
| Bud Phelps Wildlife Management Area | The Bud Phelps WMA, located adjacent to the Project Boundary at the south end of Cutler Reservoir, includes 150 acres of wetland, marsh, and associated habitats just south of Cutler Reservoir, managed by the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources.   |
| Bypass Reach                        | A bypass reach is an area in a waterway between the initial point where water has been diverted, and the point at which water is released back into the waterway downstream of the turbines. In the case of the Cutler Project, this reach extends from approximately the flowline intake structure at the dam to discharge at the Powerhouse.   |
| <b>C</b>                            |  |
| Clean Water Act                     | The Federal Water Pollution Control Act of 1972 and subsequent amendments in 1977, 1981, and 1987 (commonly referred to as the Clean Water Act [CWA]). The CWA established a regulatory system for navigable waters in the United States, whether on public or private land. The CWA set national policy to eliminate discharge of water pollutants into navigable waters, to regulate discharge of toxic pollutants, and to prohibit discharge of pollutants from point source without permits. Most importantly, it authorized the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to set water quality criteria for states to use to establish water quality standards. |
| Commission                          | Federal Energy Regulatory Commission also referenced as FERC.  |

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| Critical Energy Infrastructure Information | Project-related documents related to the design and safety of dams and appurtenant facilities that are restricted from public viewing in accordance with FERC regulations (18 CFR 388.113) to protect national security and public safety.   |
| Cubic Feet                                 | The volume of a cube with equal sides one foot in length.  |
| Cubic Feet per Second                      | A measurement of water flow representing one cubic foot of water moving past a given point in one second; equal to 0.0283 cubic meters per second and 0.646 million gallons per day (mgd).   |
| Cultural Resources                         | Includes items, structures, etc. of historical, archaeological, or architectural significance.   |
| Cutler Dam                                 | Refers to the Cutler Dam structure; includes the dam, flowline, penstocks, surge tank, and powerhouse.   |
| Cutler Hydroelectric Project               | Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Project No. 2420, located on the Bear River in Box Elder and Cache counties, Utah includes all the lands, waters and structures enclosed within the FERC Project Boundary.   |
| Cutler Reservoir                           | Cutler Reservoir spreads out from the canyon, Cutler Dam, upstream into flat land consisting of pasture, meadows, meandering river channels, marshes, wetland, agricultural land, and forest. It is formed by the confluences of the Bear, Logan, Spring Creek, and Little Bear Rivers.  |
| <b>D</b>                                   |  |
| Dam  | A structure constructed across a water body typically used to increase the hydraulic head at hydroelectric generating units. A dam typically reduces the velocity of water in a particular river segment and increases the depth of water by forming an impoundment behind the dam. It also generally serves as a water control structure. |
| Differential Surge Tank                    | A vertical standpipe installed on large pipelines to relieve excess pressure caused by water hammer and to provide a supply of water to reduce negative pressure if a valve is suddenly opened.  |
| Dissolved Oxygen                           | Perhaps the most employed measure of water quality. Low DO levels adversely affect fish and other aquatic life. The total absence of DO leads to the development of an anaerobic condition and the eventual development of odor, loss of aquatic organisms, and aesthetic problems.  |
| Drainage Area                              | The land area where precipitation falls off into creeks, streams, rivers, lakes, and reservoirs. It is a land feature that can be identified by tracing a line along the highest elevation between two areas on a map, often a ridge.  |
| Drawdown                                   | The distance the water surface of a reservoir is lowered from a given elevation as the result of releasing water. Also the reduction in flow downstream of a dam.  |
| <b>E</b>                                   |  |
| Eutrophic                                  | Waters with a high concentration of nutrients, greatly fluctuating DO, and a high level of primary production.   |

| <b>F</b>                             |   |
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| Fahrenheit                           | Fahrenheit is a temperature scale that uses the degree symbol °F.   |
| Federal Energy Regulatory Commission | The governing federal agency responsible for overseeing the licensing, relicensing, and operation of non-federal hydroelectric projects in the United States.   |
| Flow                                 | The volume of water passing a given point over a given amount of time.  |
| <b>G</b>                             |   |
| Gravity Arch Dam                     | A specific type of dam that curves upstream in a narrowing curve and directs most of the water pressure against the canyon rock walls, providing force to compress the dam.   |
| Gross Storage Capacity               | The maximum possible volume of water impounded by a dam with zero spill; that is, with the discharge of water over the dam or spillway.   |
| <b>H</b>                             |   |
| Habitat                              | The locality or external environment in which a plant or animal normally lives and grows.   |
| <b>I</b>                             |   |
| Impoundment                          | The body of water created by a dam.   |
| Integrated Licensing Process         | The ILP is the default process by which a hydroelectric project obtains a new license to operate from the FERC.   |
| Interested Parties                   | Individuals who have expressed an interest in the relicensing proceeding; similar to a stakeholder.   |
| <b>L</b>                             |   |
| Lessee                               | An individual or entity leasing property from another individual or entity.   |
| License                              | FERC authorization to construct a new hydroelectric project or continue operating an existing project. A license contains the operating conditions for a typical term of 40 years.  |
| License Application                  | Application for a new license that is submitted to FERC no less than two years in advance of expiration of an existing license.   |
| Licensee                             | Holder of FERC project license. In the case of the Cutler Project, PacifiCorp, a subsidiary of Berkshire Hathaway Energy.   |
| <b>M</b>                             |   |
| Megawatt                             | A unit of electrical power equal to one million watts or 1,000 kW.  |
| Megawatt-hour                        | A unit of electrical energy equal to 1 MW of power used for one hour.   |
| Model Boundary                       | The study area for the hydraulic modeling effort included all facilities within the PacifiCorp Project Boundary, as well as 1.5 miles of the Bear River downstream of the PacifiCorp Project Boundary near the Cutler powerhouse. |
| <b>N</b>                             |   |
| National Environmental Policy Act    | A law passed by the U.S. Congress in 1969 to establish methods and standards for the review of development projects requiring federal action such as permitting or licensing.   |

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| Non-Governmental Organization | Local, regional, and national organizations such as conservation, sportsman's, or commerce groups.   |
| <b>P</b>                      |  |
| Power Factor                  | The ratio of actual power to apparent power. Power factor is the cosine of the phase angle difference between the current and voltage of a given phase. Unity power factor exists when voltage and current are in phase.   |
| Powerhouse                    | The building that typically houses electric generating equipment.  |
| Pre-Application Document      | A document required by FERC when relicensing a project that brings together all existing, relevant, and reasonably available information about the project and its effects on resources; includes a well-defined process plan that sets the schedule for developing the license application and a list of preliminary studies and issues.  |
| Project                       | All the components of a hydropower development (i.e., dam, powerhouse, transmission junctions, reservoir, rights-of-way, lands). Project: the impoundment and any associated dam, powerhouse, reservoir, intake, water conveyance facility, and any other structures, rights, lands, and waters (the complete unit of development), as well as property rights in lands and waters as necessary for construction, operation, and maintenance of a project. For the purposes of this document, Project is defined as the Cutler Hydroelectric Project (FERC Project No. 2420), located on the Bear River in Box Elder and Cache counties, Utah.   |
| Project Area                  | The geographic area comprised of the lands and waters within the Project Boundary and those lands immediately adjacent to the Project Boundary. For the purposes of this document, the Project Area is the area which contains all Project features (encompassing the Project Boundary as defined below), and which extends out for the purposes of characterization and analysis from the edge of the Project Boundary plus a 0.5-mile buffer. The <del>P</del> project <del>A</del> area includes <del>9,191 acres of some</del> open water, wetlands, uplands surrounding Cutler Reservoir including areas of confluence with its major tributaries.  |
| Project Boundary              | The boundary defined in the project's license issued by FERC outlining the geographic area needed for project operations and maintenance. Project Boundary: includes all structures (e.g., dams, powerplants or other structure used for generation of electricity), lands and waters included in a license or exemption. The Project Boundary must enclose only those lands necessary for operation and maintenance of the project and for other project purposes, such as recreation, shoreline control, or protection of environmental resources, as designated in the project license. Project boundaries are used to designate the geographic extent of the hydropower project that FERC determines a licensee must own or control on behalf of its licensed hydropower project. For the purposes of this document, the <u>9,277 acre</u> Project Boundary is defined as all lands and waters within the existing FERC Project Boundary for the Cutler Hydroelectric Project No. 2420, as denoted on the Project's Exhibit G. |

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| Project Vicinity                     | Refers to a larger geographic area near a project, such as a county; used for characterization or analysis of specific resources. For the purposes of this document, Project Vicinity is defined by resource in relevant sections of the document.  |
| Proposed Action                      | For the purposes of this document, Proposed Action refers to the approval process of PacifiCorp's proposal to gain a new license for the Cutler Hydroelectric Project (FERC Project No. 2420), located on the Bear River in Box Elder and Cache counties, Utah.   |
| <b>R</b>                             |   |
| Relicensing                          | The administrative proceeding in which FERC, in consultation with other federal and state agencies, decides whether and on what terms to issue a new license for an existing hydroelectric project at the expiration of the original license.   |
| Relicensing Participants             | Individuals who actively participate in the relicensing proceedings.  |
| Reservoir                            | A man-made water impoundment into which water flows and maybe stored for future use.  |
| Resident Fish                        | Fish that do not migrate out to a larger body of water such as a larger river, lake, or the ocean, but instead remain in the freshwater tributary where they hatched.   |
| Resource Agency                      | A federal, state, or interstate agency with responsibilities in the areas of flood control, navigation, irrigation, recreation, fish or wildlife, water resource management, cultural, or other relevant resources of the state in which a project is or will be located.   |
| Riparian                             | Of, relating to, or situated or dwelling on the bank of a river or other body of water. Frequently refers to the shrub- and tree-dominated habitats that are commonly found adjacent to these bodies of water.  |
| <b>S</b>                             |   |
| Salt Creek Waterfowl Management Area | The management area managed by the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (UDWR) located at the mouth of the Bear River Valley, north of the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge, and approximately 16 miles southwest of Cutler Reservoir.   |
| Scoping Document 1                   | A document prepared by FERC as part of NEPA environmental review that initially identifies issues pertinent to the FERC's review of a project. The FERC circulates the SD1 and holds a public meeting to obtain the public's comment.   |
| Scoping Document 2                   | A revision of the SD1 that considers public comment on that document.   |
| Scoping Process                      | The process of identifying issues, potential impacts, and reasonable alternatives associated with the operation of a hydroelectric project. "Scoping" is a process required when any federal agency is taking an action that might affect the quality of the human environment, pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969. In the case of hydroelectric projects, FERC's issuance of an operating license qualifies as a federal action. |



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| Secchi Depth     | Average depth that a standard sized black and white disk disappears and reappears when viewed from the lake surface as the disk is lowered; an indicator of water clarity.  |
| Spillway         | A passage for releasing surplus water from a reservoir or canal.  |
| Spinning Reserve | The amount of unused capacity in online energy assets which can compensate for power shortages or frequency drops within a given period of time. Traditionally, the spinning reserve is a concept for large synchronous generators.   |
| Stakeholder      | Any individual or organization (government or non-governmental) with an interest in a hydroelectric project; similar to an interested party.  |
| Stratification   | A physical process that results in the formation of distinct layers of water within a lake or reservoir (i.e., epilimnion, metalimnion, and hypolimnion) separated by temperature.  |
| Study Plan       | The aggregate of all study descriptions.  |
| <b>T</b>         |   |
| Tailrace         | The channel located between a hydroelectric powerhouse and the river where discharged water passing through the powerhouse turbines enters the river immediately downstream of the powerhouse.  |
| Tailwater        | The waters immediately downstream of a dam; for hydroelectric dams, also referred to as the tailrace.   |
| Turbidity        | A measure of the extent to which light passing through water is reduced due to suspended materials. Measured as NTU or FTU.   |
| <b>W</b>         |   |
| Watershed        | An entire drainage basin including all living and nonliving components of the basin.  |
| Wetlands         | Lands transitional between terrestrial and aquatic systems where the water table is usually at or near the terrestrial surface or the land is covered by shallow water. Wetlands must have the following three attributes: 1) at least periodically, the land supports predominantly hydrophytes; 2) the substrate is predominantly undrained hydric soil; 3) the substrate is on soil and is saturated with water or covered by shallow water at some time during the growing season of each year. |

**ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS**

|                       |  |
|-----------------------|--|
| µg/l                  | microgram per liter  |
| µm                    | one millionth of a meter (micrometer)                          |
| 1D                    | 1 dimensional  |
| 2D                    | 2 dimensional  |
| <b>A</b>              |  |
| ac                    | acre   |
| ADA                   | Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990                        |
| Advisory Council      | Advisory Council on Historic Preservation                      |
| af                    | acre-feet  |
| AFO                   | Animal Feeding Operation                                       |
| <a href="#">AFUDC</a> | <a href="#">allowances for funds used during construction</a>  |
| AIS                   | <del>A</del> aquatic <del>I</del> nvasive <del>S</del> pecies  |
| Al                    | aluminum   |
| ANOVA                 | analysis of variance   |
| APE                   | Area of Potential Effects                                      |
| ATV                   | all-terrain vehicle  |
| AU                    | assessment unit  |
| AWQMS                 | Ambient Water Quality Monitoring System                        |
| <b>B</b>              |  |
| BAA                   | Balancing Authority Areas                                      |
| BBS                   | Breeding Bird Survey   |
| BHE                   | Berkshire Hathaway Energy                                      |
| BLM                   | Bureau of Land Management                                      |
| BMI                   | Benthic Macroinvertebrate Index                                |
| BMP                   | best management practice                                       |
| BOD                   | Biological Oxygen Demand                                       |
| BRCC                  | Bear River Canal Company                                       |
| BRLC                  | Bear River Land Conservancy                                    |
| BYU                   | Brigham Young University                                       |
| <b>C</b>              |  |
| °C                    | Celsius  |
| CaCO <sub>3</sub>     | calcium carbonate  |
| CAFO                  | Concentrated (or Confined) Animal Feeding Operation            |
| CAISO                 | California Independent System Operator                         |
| CBC                   | Christmas Bird Count   |
| CEC                   | <del>C</del> ation exchange capacity                           |
| CEII                  | Critical Energy Infrastructure Information                     |
| <a href="#">CESCP</a> | <a href="#">Construction Erosion and Sediment Control Plan</a> |
| CDP                   | <del>C</del> ensus designated places                           |
| cf                    | <del>C</del> ubic <del>F</del> feet                            |
| CFR                   | Code of Federal Regulations                                    |

|            |   |
|------------|---|
| cfs        | Cubic Feet per Second   |
| cm         | centimeter  |
| COVID-19   | Coronavirus Disease 2019  |
| CRA        | Cultural Resources Assessment   |
| CRMP       | Cultural Resources Management Plan  |
| CWA        | Clean Water Act   |
| <b>D</b>   |   |
| DDE        | dichlorodiphenyldichloroethylene  |
| DDT        | dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane   |
| DFFSL      | Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands                                     |
| District   | Cutler Hydroelectric Power Plant Historic District                              |
| DLA        | Draft License Application   |
| DO         | Dissolved Oxygen  |
| DSM        | Demand Side Management  |
| DTP        | Dissolved Total Phosphorus  |
| DTPsed     | dissolved total phosphorus from water in the interstitial voids of the sediment |
| <b>E</b>   |   |
| EA         | Environmental Assessment  |
| EAP        | Emergency Action Plan   |
| EC         | Eligible/Contributing   |
| eDNA       | Environmental deoxyribonucleic acid   |
| EFH        | Essential Fish Habitat  |
| EIM        | Energy Imbalance Market   |
| EPT [taxa] | Ephemeroptera, Plecoptera, and Trichoptera                                      |
| ESA        | Endangered Species Act  |
| ERI        | Ecosystems Research Institute   |
| <b>F</b>   |   |
| °F         | Fahrenheit  |
| FAA        | Federal Aviation Administration   |
| Fe         | Iron  |
| FERC       | Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  |
| FLA        | Final License Application   |
| FPA        | Federal Power Act   |
| FOIA       | Freedom of Information Act  |
| ft/s       | foot per second   |
| FTU        | Formazin Turbidity Unit   |
| <b>G</b>   |   |
| GIS        | geographic information system   |
| GLO        | General Land Office   |
| GPS        | global positioning system   |

***H***

|      |                                     |
|------|-------------------------------------|
| HCC  | Hydro Control Center                |
| hp   | horsepower                          |
| HPMP | Historic Properties Management Plan |

***I***

|      |                                       |
|------|---------------------------------------|
| IBA  | Important Bird Area                   |
| ID   | identification                        |
| IF   | isolated features                     |
| ILP  | Integrated Licensing Process          |
| ILS  | intensive-level survey                |
| IO   | isolated occurrences                  |
| IPaC | Information Planning and Conservation |
| IRP  | integrated resource planning          |
| ISR  | Initial Study Report                  |

***J***

|     |                          |
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| JHU | Johns Hopkins University |
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***K***

|      |                  |
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| K    | thousand         |
| kg   | kilogram         |
| kHz  | kilohertz        |
| kv   | kilovolt(s)      |
| kW   | kilowatt(s)      |
| Kwhs | kilowatt-hour(s) |

***L***

|       |                             |
|-------|-----------------------------|
| LBM   | Little Bear Marsh           |
| LiDAR | Light Detection and Ranging |
| LRM   | Logan River Marsh           |

***M***

|       |  |
|-------|--|
| MBTA  | Migratory Bird Treaty Act              |
| mg/kg | milligram per kilogram                 |
| mgd   | million gallons per day                |
| mg/L  | milligrams per liter                   |
| mL    | milliliter                             |
| mm    | millimeter                             |
| msl   | <b>M</b> ean <b>S</b> ea <b>L</b> evel |
| MVA   | <b>M</b> egavolt-ampere                |
| MW    | <b>M</b> egawatt                       |
| MWh   | <b>M</b> egawatt-hour                  |

Mya ~~Millions of~~ million years ago

**N**

N/A not applicable  
 NAIP National Agricultural Imagery Program  
 NAS ~~N~~on-indigenous ~~A~~aquatic ~~S~~pecies  
 NC non-contributing  
 NEPA National Environmental Policy Act  
 NERC North American Reliability Council  
 NGO Non-Governmental Organization  
 NGVD29 National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929  
 NH3 ~~A~~ammonia  
 NHPA National Historic Preservation Act  
 NLCD National Land Cover Database  
 NMFS National Marine Fisheries Service  
 NO<sub>2</sub> ~~N~~itrite  
 NO<sub>3</sub> ~~N~~itrate  
 NOAA Fisheries National Marine Fisheries Service (also NMFS)  
 NOI Notice of Intent  
 NPDES National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System  
 NPS National Park Service  
 NRCS Natural Resources Conservation Service  
 NRHP National Register of Historic Places  
 NTS National Trails System Act  
 NTU ~~N~~ephelometric ~~T~~urbidity ~~U~~nit  
 NWI National Wetland Inventory  
 NWPPP Northwest Power and Conservation Council

**O**

~~OCMP — Operations Compliance Management Plan~~  
 OHV off-highway vehicle  
 OHWL Ordinary High-Water Line  
 OPMC Operations Compliance Monitoring Plan  
 OP orthophosphate

**P**

P Phosphorus  
 PACE PacifiCorp East  
 PAD Preliminary Application Document  
 PACW PacifiCorp West  
 PCB polychlorinated biphenyl  
 PM&E Protection, Mitigation, and Enhancement  
 PF Power Factor  
 ppb parts per billion  
 Project Cutler Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2420)

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|-------------|---|
| psi         | pounds per square inch                          |
| PSP         | Proposed Study Plan                             |
| <b>Q</b>    |   |
| QA/QC       | Quality Assurance/Quality Control               |
| QR          | Quick Response Code Scan                        |
| <b>R</b>    |   |
| RCRA        | Resource Conservation and Recovery Act          |
| Reclamation | U.S. Bureau of Reclamation                      |
| RLS         | Reconnaissance-level Survey                     |
| RMP         | Resource Management Plan                        |
| RR          | railroad  |
| RSP         | Revised Study Plan                              |
| RV          | recreational vehicle                            |
| <b>S</b>    |   |
| SCM         | Spring Creek Marsh                              |
| SCORP       | Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan |
| SD1         | Scoping Document 1                              |
| SD2         | Scoping Document 2                              |
| SDM         | Sewage Discharge Marsh                          |
| SHPO        | State Historic Preservation Office              |
| SPD         | Study Plan Determination                        |
| SRP         | soluble reactive phosphorus                     |
| SDR         | Supporting Design Report                        |
| SMS         | Scenery Management System                       |
| STEP        | Sustainable Transportation and Energy Plan      |
| STID        | Supporting Technical Information Document       |
| SWCA        | SWCA Environmental Consultants                  |
| <b>T</b>    |   |
| T&E         | threatened and endangered                       |
| TCPs        | Traditional Cultural Properties                 |
| TDP         | total dissolved phosphorus                      |
| TDS         | Total Dissolved Solids                          |
| TIN         | triangular irregular network                    |
| TIV         | turbine isolation valve                         |
| TKN         | Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen                         |
| TMDL        | Total Maximum Daily Load                        |
| TP          | Total phosphorus                                |
| TPsed       | total phosphorus bound to bed sediments         |
| TSS         | Total Suspended Solids                          |
| <b>U</b>    |   |
| U.P.        | Union Pacific                                   |

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|-------|---|
| UDEQ  | Utah Division of Environmental Quality                  |
| UDOT  | Utah Department of Transportation                       |
| UDSH  | Utah Division of State History                          |
| UDWR  | Utah Division of Wildlife Resources                     |
| UDWRi | Utah Division of Water Rights                           |
| UDWQ  | Utah Division of Water Quality (a division within UDEQ) |
| UHSF  | Utah Historic Site Form                                 |
| UP&L  | Utah Power and Light                                    |
| URN   | Utah Reference Network                                  |
| USEPA | United States Environmental Protection Agency           |
| USFS  | United States Forest Service                            |
| USFWS | United States Fish and Wildlife Service                 |
| USGS  | United States Geological Survey                         |
| USR   | Updated Study Report                                    |
| USU   | Utah State University                                   |
| USUAL | Utah State University Analytical Lab                    |

**V**

|     |                                |
|-----|--------------------------------|
| V   | velocity                       |
| VEP | Vegetation Enhancement Program |

**W**

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|------|--|
| WECC | Western Electricity Coordinating Council |
| WMA  | Wildlife Management Area                 |
| WQC  | Water Quality Certification              |
| WSE  | Water Surface Elevation                  |
| WSoC | Wildlife Species of Concern              |
| WWTP | Wastewater Treatment Plant               |