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Thanks for the opportunity to provide comment on the Low Impact Hydropower certification process regarding The Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District's (Central) project. After reviewing the material provided regarding Central's project and operations, and knowing and working alongside of Central (and others) in the Platte River Recovery Implementation Program, compared against the Criteria and Standards set by the Institute, it is my opinion that Central meets or exceeds the Institute's Criteria and Standards. Fortunately fish passage either upstream or downstream have not been an issues on the Platte River and in my opinion do not apply in this case. The Environmental Account set aside in Lake McConaughy along with base flows through Central's project (which are returned to the Platte River) provide significantly to base flows in the Platte River for T&E and other species. Central maintains rigorous programs to protect cultural resources, watershed and shoreline management, recreational resources, etc. in part through their FERC license, but mostly as a public entity with the charge of protecting such resources.

If you have any questions regarding these comments or need further detail feel free to contact me.