



March 4, 2022

Maryalice Fischer
Certification Program Director
Low Impact Hydropower Institute

SUBJECT: ISLAND PARK HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT RECERTIFICATION (LIHI #2)

Dear Ms. Fischer,

Fall River Rural Electric Cooperative (FRREC) has applied for Low Impact Hydropower Institute (LIHI) recertification for its hydroelectric facility at Island Park (FERC 2973). In response to encouragement from the independent reviewer, Pat McIlvaine, for additional stakeholder insight, this memo serves to document our satisfaction with the steps FRREC has taken throughout the recently expired certification period (2016-2021).

The Henry's Fork Foundation is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization based in Ashton, Idaho with a membership of 2,500 individuals. Founded in 1984, the HFF is the only organization whose sole mission is to conserve, restore, and protect the unique fishery, wildlife, and aesthetic qualities of the Henry's Fork of the Snake River watershed. As you know, the Henry's Fork supports a world-class wild trout fishery throughout its entirety and is one of the most popular angling destinations in the country. Any proposed activities that have the potential to affect fish populations, the angling experience, or access are of great importance to us and our constituency.

In 2017, we submitted comments in support of LIHI certification given the upgrades and improvements FRREC committed to and implemented in regards to operations and monitoring that would satisfy continued FERC compliance for water quality. In 2019, after straining to balance power generation and dissolved oxygen requirements, FRREC reached out to stakeholders and an agreement was made to trial a modification to dissolved oxygen that would benefit both power generation and the fishery during a critical period of their life history. The efforts made by FRREC to remedy concerns raised throughout the recently expired license period is admirable. Furthermore, we are confident that if future concerns emerge at the Island Park facility obtainable solutions can be met at the local level.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this application.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brandon Hoffner". The signature is stylized and includes a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Brandon Hoffner
Executive Director