

**FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION**  
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In reply, refer to:  
Project No. 2079-CA  
NATDAM No. CA00859

Stephen J. Jones, Power System Manager  
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Re: Gate Opening Incident that could have affected Public Safety at Ralston Afterbay  
Dam, FERC Project No. 2079

Dear Mr. Jones:

We have received your report on the August 5, 2004 gate opening incident that could have affected public safety. We will evaluate your report and look forward to receiving the environmental report as well as the PG&E Report in the near future on the subject incident. Your report included all of the items we requested in our August 12, 2004 letter and fulfills your obligation under Section 12.10(a) of the Commission's regulations to prepare a written report.

Before we can allow the gates to be returned to automatic mode, we require that you obtain the services of an independent licensed professional electrical engineer to evaluate the float control and gate control systems and to certify that the electrical system and control logic for the gates is in good working order.

If you have any comments or questions, please contact Mr. John Onderdonk at (415) 369-3339 or at [john.underdonk@ferc.gov](mailto:john.underdonk@ferc.gov). Your continued cooperation on all dam safety issues is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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