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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: FERC Operation Inspection Reports for Project 2079

Dear Mr. Jones:

Per your email request to Mr. John Onderdonk of my staff on November 24, 2004, we are transmitting copies of our 2000 through 2004 operation inspection reports for the Middle Fork American River Project, FERC Project No. 2079. Copies of the reports are provided for your inclusion in Supporting Technical Information Document (STID) as part of the Fourth Part 12 Report. Enclosed are hard copies of the reports and a CD with the reports in Word format.

This information previously was available in the Commission's public files. These are not normal times, however. This information is now treated as critical energy infrastructure information (CEII) in accordance with Commission Order No. 630, 102 FERC ¶ 61,190 (2003). Accordingly, the public may only seek access to these documents through the Freedom of Information Act procedures found in 18 C.F.R. § 388.108 or the new CEII procedures found in 18 C.F.R. § 388.113.

Placer County Water Agency is a unique member of the public with special interest in this information. Placer County Water Agency is the owner and operator of the referenced project. As a company whose facilities are intended to be protected from terrorist attacks by Order No. 630, one can fairly assume that Placer County Water Agency will treat any sensitive information contained in the document in the same way that the Commission would. Therefore, Placer County Water Agency may receive the

document outside the FOIA and CEII processes. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. John Onderdonk at (415) 369-3339 or at john.underdonk@ferc.gov.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures: (CD and 5 reports)