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In reply, refer to:
Project No. 2079-CA
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RE: Review of the Plan and Schedule to Evaluate Impact of Overtopping of the Hell Hole, Interbay and Ralston Afterbay Dams, FERC Project 2079-CA

Dear Mr. Jones:

We received your letter dated November 8, 2005. Your letter submitted a plan and schedule to evaluate the impact of the overtopping of the Hell Hole, Interbay and Ralston Afterbay Dams under PMF conditions. We accept your plan and schedule to address the impact of the PMF on the Hell Hole Dam in the next Part 12-D report due by November 1, 2006. We accept your plan and schedule to perform an IDF analysis on the Interbay Dam and submit the report to our office before December 31, 2006.

Your letter requested that a plan and schedule on Ralston Afterbay Dam for responding to the independent consultant's recommendations Nos. 2 and 4 be put on hold until an IDF study has been completed and evaluated by FERC. Recommendation No. 2 was that overtopping of the Ralston Afterbay Dam by the general storm PMF requires comprehensive investigations of the stability of the dam and the radial gates be initiated within one year and completed within four years. Recommendation No. 4 stated that an updated stress analysis of the radial gates under PMF conditions be initiated within one year and completed within four years.

In our letter dated November 22, 2005, we sent your office our review comments on the Fourth Independent Consultant's Safety Inspection Report for Ralston Afterbay Dam. Our review comments requested that independent consultant's recommendations Nos. 2 and 4 be completed by October 31, 2009. In response to your request to put the plan and schedule on hold until the IDF has been completed, the present schedule of submitting the IDF by the end of 2006 should give your office adequate time to meet our October 31, 2009 deadline to complete the above two independent consultant's recommendations.

Thank you for your continued cooperation in our dam safety program. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. John Onderdonk at (415) 369-3339.

Sincerely,

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