

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Placer County Water Agency

Project No. 2079-040

ORDER APPROVING REVISED EXHIBIT L

(May 08, 2000)

On March 10, 2000, Placer County Water Agency (PCWA), licensee for the Middle Fork American River Project, FERC No. 2079, filed a revised exhibit L drawing along with an aperture card showing the installation of new low level outlet guard gate at the Ralston Afterbay Dam development. The Middle Fork American River Project is located on the Middle Fork of American River and Rubicon River and their respective tributaries in Placer and El Dorado Counties, California.

BACKGROUND

In a letter dated March 4, 1998, PCWA requested comments and Commission approval to implement a Sediment Pass Through (SPT) method of operating the Ralston Afterbay Reservoir to reduce the amount of sediment deposited in the project reservoir during high-flow events. To implement the SPT, PCWA concluded installation of a guard gate for the low-level outlet at Afterbay Dam was necessary to provide a means of shutting off water flow in the low level outlet 72-inch sluice pipe, in the event the upstream gate failed to close by debris or malfunction.

REVIEW

Staff reviewed the filing and found the revised exhibit L-37 to be in substantial conformance with the Commission's rules and regulations. This order approves the filed drawing as exhibit L-37, FERC Drawing No. 2079-384 superseding FERC drawing No. 2079-356. PCWA also filed an aperture card for revised exhibit L-37. PCWA should make a note of the new drawing number for exhibit L-37. In lieu of requiring an aperture card with new drawing number, we will make note of the drawing number and the date of the order on the aperture card filed.

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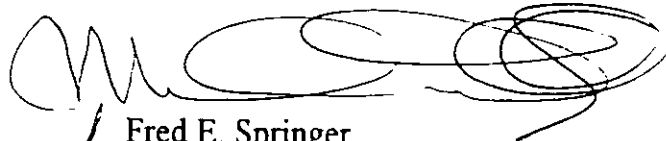
The Director Orders:

(A) The following as-built exhibit for the Ralston After Bay Dam development of the Middle Fork American River Project, filed on March 10, 2000, is approved and made part of the license:

Exhibit	FERC Drawing No.	Title	Superseded Drawing No.
L-37	2079-384	Ralston Afterbay Dam Plan and Sections	2079-356

The superseded Drawing No. 2079-356 is eliminated from the license.

(B) This order constitutes final agency action. Requests for rehearing by the Commission may be filed within 30 days of the date of issuance of this order, pursuant to 18 C.F.R. §385.713.



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