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February 23, 2011

File No. 01030A

**Subject: Middle Fork American River Project (FERC Project No. 2079)  
Transmittal of Volume 5 of Application for New License**

Dear Tribal Representative:

Pursuant to 18 CFR § 5.18, Placer County Water Agency (PCWA), as owner and operator of the Middle Fork American River Project, FERC Project No. 2079, (MFP or Project), filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) an Application for New License (License Application).

Enclosed for your review is one paper copy and one electronic copy of Volume 5 of Exhibit E. Volume 5 contains the Exhibit E and associated Supporting Documents (SD) D and E (Privileged Information) that provides information regarding the location(s) of sensitive cultural resources, and the Draft Historic Properties Management Plan (HPMP). Volume 5 is enclosed in a sealed envelope marked "CONTAINS PRIVILEGED INFORMATION – DO NOT RELEASE". Volume 5 has not been provided to the public. A copy of Volume 5 has also been provided to the FERC's Secretary; FERC's Archaeologist; U.S. Department of Agriculture-Forest Service (Tahoe National Forest and the Eldorado National Forest) cultural resources specialists; and the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO).

The MFP operates under a 50-year license, which was issued on March 13, 1963, by the Federal Power Commission, predecessor of the current FERC. The current license expires on February 28, 2013. Through submittal of this License Application, PCWA is requesting renewal of its license to continue operation and maintenance of the MFP with a license term of 50 years (expiring on February 28, 2063). The new license term is based on the substantial costs associated with relicensing of the MFP; capital improvements; new environmental measures, programs, and facilities; and extensive monitoring and on-going resource agency consultation to ensure continued resource protection over the term of the new license.

The License Application is comprised of five volumes, including public, critical energy infrastructure (CEII), confidential, and privileged information. Enclosed is an outline of the material contained in each volume. Volumes 1 and 3 (public information) of the License Application are being sent to you under separate cover.

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PCWA looks forward to continuing working with you on the relicensing of the MFP. If you have any questions regarding this letter or the License Application, please contact Andrew Fecko, PCWA Resource Planning Administrator, at (530) 823-4889 or by e-mail at [afecko@pcwa.net](mailto:afecko@pcwa.net).

Sincerely,

PLACER COUNTY WATER AGENCY



Andrew Fecko  
Resource Planning Administrator

Enclosures:

Cover Letter to the FERC's Secretary

Cover Letter to the FERC's Archaeologist

License Application Outline

Volume 5: Exhibit E Supporting Documents D and E (Privileged Information)