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Honorable Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20426

SUBJECT: Yuba River Development Project
FERC Project No. 2246-058 - California
Study 7.2, Narrows 2 Powerhouse Intake Extension
Additional Information

Dear Secretary Bose:

This letter provides to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) additional information regarding Study 7.2, *Narrows 2 Powerhouse Intake Extension* (Study). The Study was included in FERC's September 30, 2011 Study Plan Determination for the Yuba County Water Agency's (YCWA) relicensing of its Yuba River Development Project, Project Number 2246.

The Study requires, in part, that YCWA collaborate with Relicensing Participants regarding the need for Step 2 – develop alternative conceptual designs for the intake if Step 1 determines that a reconfiguration of the Narrow 2 Power Tunnel Intake would be necessary to achieve target water temperatures. The Study Plan Determination stated that “*in the event a consensus to proceed to Step 2 cannot be reached, YCWA must file its proposal with regard to Step 2 with the Commission for review and approval.*”

The collaboration meeting occurred on March 11, 2013. At the meeting, YCWA and meeting participants agreed to delay the discussion of water temperature alternatives until Relicensing Participants had an opportunity to: 1) review final and interim technical memoranda; 2) consider the need for and details of water temperature alternatives; and 3) discuss with YCWA potential flow measures downstream of Narrows 2 Powerhouse. As a result, it appears to be premature for YCWA to develop and file for Commission approval a proposal with regard to Step 2 until such time that water temperature alternatives and potential flow measures downstream of Narrows 2 Powerhouse have been discussed with the Relicensing Participants.

The delay should not affect the Study schedule, which is due for completion by the end of September 2013.

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If you have any questions about this additional information, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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