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Via Electronic Submittal (eFile)

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

Subject: Yuba River Development Project
FERC Project No. 2246-042
Transmittal of Plan for Study 7.11a, *Radio Telemetry Study of Spring- and Fall-run Chinook Salmon Migratory Behavior Downstream of Narrows 2 Powerhouse*

Dear Secretary Bose:

In its March 29, 2013, *Determination on Requests for Modifications to the Yuba River Hydroelectric Project Study Plan* (Determination), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) directed YCWA:

...we recommend YCWA conduct a radio-telemetry study. YCWA should develop the radio-telemetry study after consultation with NMFS, FWS, and California Fish and Wildlife.

FERC's Determination did not require that YCWA file a radio-telemetry study plan with FERC. However, during the April 5, 2013 call with FERC staff, YCWA agreed to provide a draft study plan to United States Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), United States Department of Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), and California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) for review and written comment, and to provide a final study plan, with evidence of consultation to FERC for approval.

YCWA developed a draft *Radio Telemetry Study of Spring- and Fall-run Chinook Salmon Migratory Behavior Downstream of Narrows 2 Powerhouse* (Study 7.11a) in consultation with NMFS, USFWS and CDFW, and provided the draft study plan to the agencies on July 3, 2013 for review and written comment by close of business July 31, 2013.

YCWA received written comments from NMFS and USFWS.

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Attached for FERC's consideration is a plan for Study 7.11a, *Radio Telemetry Study of Spring- and Fall-run Chinook Salmon Migratory Behavior Downstream of Narrows 2 Powerhouse*. Attachment 7.11aA to this filing includes a copy of the e-mail which transmitted the draft study plan to the listed agencies for their review and comment. Attachment 7.11aB includes the written comments received from NMFS and USFWS. Attachment 7.11aC includes YCWA's response to NMFS' and USFWS' comments.

YCWA will implement the study as approved by the Commission.

If you have any questions regarding the attached study plan, please contact me.

Sincerely,



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Attachment: Study 7.11a, *Radio Telemetry Study of Spring- and Fall-run Chinook Salmon Migratory Behavior Downstream of Narrows 2 Powerhouse*

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