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Ms. Magalie R. Salas
Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First St, NE – Room 1A
Washington, DC 20426

Subject: Klamath Hydroelectric Project, No. 2082. Department of the Interior's Filing of Comments, Preliminary Terms, Conditions, Prescriptions, and Recommendations.

Dear Ms. Salas:

In response to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) December 28, 2005, Notice of Application Ready for Environmental Analysis, the Department of the Interior (Department) herewith files its preliminary terms, conditions, prescriptions, and recommendations for the Klamath Hydroelectric Project. The Department's filing includes introductory comments, and the following sections:

- Section A: Preliminary conditions for the protection and utilization of the Bureau of Land Management reservations pursuant to Section 4(e) of the Federal Power Act.
- Section B: Preliminary conditions for the protection and utilization of federal lands and facilities of the Bureau of Reclamation pursuant to Section 4(e) of the Federal Power Act.
- Section C: Preliminary fishway prescriptions of the Fish and Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service pursuant to Section 18 of the Federal Power Act.
- Section D: Fish and Wildlife Service recommendations to protect, mitigate damages to, and enhance fish and wildlife pursuant to Section 10(j) of the Federal Power Act.
- Section E: Recommendations submitted pursuant to Section 10(a) of the Federal Power Act.

The Department's preliminary terms, conditions, prescriptions, and recommendations are submitted for inclusion in the Commission's forthcoming analysis conducted under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The Department may modify these preliminary submissions in response to the Commission's NEPA process and appropriate proceedings arising from the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

If Commission staff believe that any of the fish and wildlife recommendations in Section D should not be included in a new license, then Mr. Phil Detrich, Field Supervisor, Yreka Fish and Wildlife Office should be contacted to resolve such issues prior to issuance of the license.

The Department recommends that the Commission initiate informal consultation discussions with the Department directly to jointly determine information needs to comply with section 7 of the ESA on this licensing action.

Specific questions or requests for clarification regarding any the comments contained herein may be directed to:

- Bureau of Indian Affairs:
 - Tom Dang, Regional Irrigation, Power, Safety of Dams, and FERC Program Manager, Pacific Regional Office, 2800 Cottage Way Sacramento, California 95825, (916) 978-6164.
- Bureau of Land Management:
 - Jon Raby, Klamath Falls Area Office, 2795 Anderson Avenue, Bldg #25, Klamath Falls, OR, 97603, jraby@or.blm.gov, (541) 883-6916.
- Bureau of Reclamation:
 - Cecil Lesley, Klamath Basin Area Office, 6600 Washburn Way, Klamath Falls, OR 97603, clesley@mp.usbr.gov, (541) 883-6935.
- Fish and Wildlife Service:
 - Phil Detrich, Yreka Fish and Wildlife Office, 1829 South Oregon Street, Yreka, CA, 96097, Phillip_Detrich@fws.gov, (530) 842-5763.
- National Park Service:
 - Susan Rosebrough, 909 First Ave, Fifth Floor, Seattle, WA 98104, susan_rosebrough@nps.gov, (206) 220-4121.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide these comments, recommendations, conditions, and prescriptions. Thank you for your assistance in filing these documents.

Sincerely,



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For the Department of the Interior
Pursuant to Delegation Memorandum of August 3, 2005