



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

*National Marine Fisheries Service*

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June 17, 2003

The Honorable Magalie R. Salas, Secretary  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street, N.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20426

RE: Project No. 201-014 (Blind Slough Project)

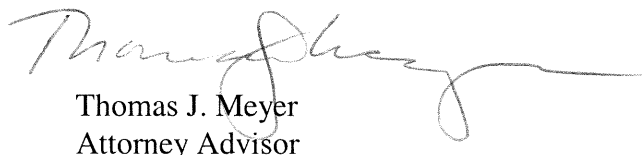
Dear Ms. Salas:

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has reviewed the April 30, 2003 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) response to our December 30, 2002, motion to intervene, and submission of final terms and conditions for the referenced project.

As a point of clarification, NMFS's intent was to recommend a single stream flow gage be installed and monitored, in the bypassed reach, upstream of the emergency pond. NMFS did not recommend a stream flow gage be installed downstream of the emergency storage pond, but did advise that consideration be given to providing flows in the anadromous reaches. Should hatchery operations cease at some time in the future, flow data from the Crystal Creek stream gage, combined with additional hydrologic and historical project operation information should allow the development of an instream flow requirement to enhance natural runs of anadromous fish in Crystal Creek.

We have no additional comment regarding this project, and will not pursue the Section 10(j) recommendation that was not adopted by FERC.

Sincerely,

  
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