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FAXOGRAM: Water Order Change

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Attention: Resource Coordinator, Lance Elias

From: Reservoir and River Operations, Billings, Montana

Subject: **Canyon Ferry Water Release Order - CFR No. 06-20**

CURRENT RESERVOIR CONDITIONS:

Elevation: 3778.73; Storage: 1,323,217 acre-feet; River Release: 6,125 cfs; Inflow: 6,120 cfs;

GENERAL COMMENTS:

Cool temperatures continue to delay the mountain snowmelt runoff into Canyon Ferry. To provide more desirable reservoir levels prior to Memorial Day weekend, the following operation change is required at Canyon Ferry Dam.

CANYON FERRY RELEASES AND OPERATIONS: All times are Mountain Daylight Savings Time (MDST)

At 0100 hour on Thursday, May 18, 2006:

Maintain releases through the river outlet gates at 0 cfs.

Maintain releases through the spillway gates at 0 cfs.

Decrease turbine releases at 4,800 cfs (\approx 1,050 MW-Hrs/day using 109.5 cfs/mw).

Maintain releases for Helena Valley Project at 675 cfs (300 cfs pumped to Helena Valley and 375 cfs discharged to the Missouri River).

Decrease average daily release to the Missouri River to about 5,175 cfs.

Decrease average total release from Canyon Ferry to about 5,475 cfs.

/S/ Tim H. Felchle