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Mr. Gary Spackman, Interim Director
State of Idaho Department of Water Resources
322 East Front Street
PO Box 83720
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Subject: Petition for Reconsideration – Issuance of Licenses 98-7771 and 98-7829

Dear Mr. Spackman:

Enclosed, please find information in support of the petition for reconsideration the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) filed in this matter. The enclosures include the following:

- 1) "Information In Support of Petition for Reconsideration", a document describing water use from the Kootenai River and recommending changes to the proposed licenses,
- 2) "Kootenai River Pump Data", a print of a spreadsheet which computes rates and volumes pumped from the Kootenai River from 8/1/2000 to 11/19/2004,
- 3) "Affidavit of Wayne Wilkerson", a statement from an Kootenai National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge) employee,
- 4) Copy of portion of fax of 3/29/2001 from Refuge to the Service Region 1 Office,
- 5) Copy of letter of 1/16/2003 modifying the storage volume of Application 78-7829,
- 6) Copy of cover letter of 10/8/2002 accompanying Application 78-7829, and
- 7) Copy of portion of "Licensing Review Memo" dated 11/1/2010 from IDWR files.

Sincerely,

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Hydrologist

c: Barbara Scott-Brier, Special Attorney, Office of the Solicitor