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Shelly:

I am writing in reply to your e-mail dated October 24, 2005 in which you requested my opinion concerning flow measurement of the proposed Arkoosh Hydropower plant on the Little Wood River.

My main concern is to prevent any water loss in the new feeder canal and tail race. I believe this concern is addressed in condition 10. I also want to prevent any fluctuations in flows caused by the power plant. I believe this is addressed in condition number 11.

As far as measuring the flows addressed in condition number 6, I would prefer to rate the power plant and require Mr. Arkoosh to supply the KW data. There are currently 5 hydropower plants in the system submitting their KW data. To require something different of a new plant would complicate our assessment process. I would rather keep all hydropower plants on the same calculating method.

I hope this helps. If you have any more questions feel free to write or call.

Respectfully

Kevin Lakey