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Mr. David R. Tuthill, Jr., P.E. Manager, Western Regional Office Department of Water Resources 1301 North Orchard, Statehouse Mail Boise, Idaho 83720-9000

Dear Mr. Tuthill:

We received your letter dated February 5, 1996, describing our discussions on December 13, 1995. We would like to clarify part of the agreement you described.

In the last paragraph on the first page, you described a study to be conducted if Cascade Reservoir is not forecast to refill in 1996. You state, "The study will track reservoir contents and releases through February 29, 1996. If on, or prior to, that date the observed contents in the reservoir are less than the contents as projected in the study on that date, it is agreed the 145,000 acre-feet has been released to Idaho Power Company." We do not concur that this was agreed to during the meeting.

We agreed to the study of what would have happened if the water had been released earlier. We agreed to meet to discuss the study and to decide on the allocation of the last to fill space. We did not agree to accept less water so that the system will fill.

We hope this clarification will alleviate future questions and concerns.

Sincerely,

Timothy & Brewer

Timothy J. Brewer, P.E.

Hydrologist

c: Rick Wells, Bureau of Reclamation Mark Limbaugh, Water District 65 Sheryl Howe, State Office