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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
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Kimberly D. Bose
Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE
Washington, D.C. 20426

Re: Technical Assistance and Recommendations regarding the Oroville Dam Spillway Activities under the Endangered Species Act, Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, and Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act for Oroville Facilities Hydroelectric Project, Butte County California (**FERC Project No. 2100**)

Dear Secretary Bose:

Last Friday, February 24, 2017, we submitted a letter to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) regarding the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Marine Fisheries Service's (NMFS) concerns about the effects of operations at the California's Department of Water Resources' (DWR) Oroville Facilities on fish resources in the Feather River associated with the Oroville Dam spillway emergency.

I am writing today to thank you for your consideration and adoption of a number of these measures during your emergency response operations. We recognize and agree that public safety and the protection of life and property are of utmost importance during this challenging set of operations and emergency repairs at Oroville Dam. We have consistently offered our support and technical assistance to your agency and to DWR. In keeping with standard practices during emergency consultations, our letter provided you with a suite of recommendations to minimize effects to salmon, steelhead and sturgeon in a timeframe to meet your immediate decision-making needs. The intention of these measures, and of the emergency consultation procedures generally, is to allow emergency actions to proceed in an expeditious manner, with the technical advice of NMFS.

NMFS values our working relationship with FERC, and we look forward to continued timely communications with FERC and DWR regarding the activities in response to the Oroville Dam spillway collapse.



Please contact Howard Brown, NMFS, Central Valley Office, 650 Capitol Mall, Suite 5-100, Sacramento, California, (916) 930-3608, Howard.Brown@NOAA.gov, if you have any questions or if we can be of any further help.

Sincerely,



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