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**RE: Hydroelectric Licensing Workshop on Integrating State Processes, June 4-5,
Sacramento, California.**

Dear Mr. Canaday:

Thank you for your interest in our Hydroelectric Licensing Workshop on Integrating State Processes on June 4 and 5 in Sacramento, California. The workshop will be held at the Sheraton Grand Sacramento Hotel, located at 1230 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95815.

Goals of the workshop are to: 1) familiarize Commission Staff with California's Water Quality Certification (WQC) process and Coastal Zone Management (CZM) programs; 2) familiarize state WQC and CZM agencies with the hydroelectric licensing processes; 3) identify common attributes among the processes; and 4) develop potential ways to integrate the state processes with the licensing processes. We look forward to working with you to achieve these goals. Your participation in this workshop, will assist us in our efforts to streamline the hydroelectric licensing process. A more detailed agenda is attached.

The outcome of the workshop will be the issuance of a report, issued jointly by FERC staff and the California Water Resources Control Board. If our efforts are fruitful, the report will include recommended solutions for more efficient integration of the licensing process with the water quality certifying process and the CZM programs.

Questions regarding the workshop should be directed to Kenneth Hogan at (202) 208-0434 or Timothy Welch at (202) 219-2666.

Sincerely,

J. Mark Robinson
Director
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Enclosure

Hydroelectric Licensing Workshop on Integrating State Processes
California Agenda
June 4-5, 2002
Sacramento, California

Day One

- 9:00 Introductions
- 9:30 FERC Licensing Process (ALP & Traditional) - FERC Staff
- 10:30 Break
- 10:45 WQC/CZM process (est. 2 hour) - State Staff
- 12:45 Lunch
- 1:30 State Continues if needed
- 2:30 Break
- 2:45 Ways to integrate state's WQC/CZM process and the FERC licensing process
- 4:00 End of Day 1

Day Two

- 9:00 Recap Day 1
- 9:30 Ways to integrate states' WQC/CZM process and the FERC licensing process
- 12:30 Lunch
- 1:30 Continue discussion
- 3:45 Conclusion/Wrap up
- 4:00 End of Workshop