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OFFICE OF ENERGY PROJECTS

Project No. 2183-035– Oklahoma
Markham Ferry Hydroelectric Project
Grand River Dam Authority

Benjamin Tuggle
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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
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Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103

Reference: Notification of 10(j) Teleconference

Dear Mr. Tuggle:

On February 17, 2006, we issued an Environmental Assessment for the Markham Ferry Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2183). On the same date, by letter, we informed the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service of our determination that one of your agency's recommended fish and wildlife measures, made pursuant to section 10(j) of the Federal Power Act (FPA), may be inconsistent with the substantial evidence standard of sections 313(b) of the FPA.

I believe that a teleconference may help to resolve the remaining issue associated with the Markham Ferry Project relicensing. Consequently, we will hold a section 10(j) teleconference on April 20, 2006. The teleconference is scheduled from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. EST. John Ramer, the project coordinator, will provide a call-in number for the teleconference shortly.

The agenda for the meeting will follow the format outlined in our February 17, 2006, letter. For your convenience, the agenda is also attached to this letter.

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If you have any questions, please contact John Ramer at (202) 502-8969 or by e-mail at John.Ramer@ferc.gov.

Sincerely,

Vince Yearick, Chief
Hydro East Branch 1

Enclosure: Agenda for 10(j) Meeting

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10(j) MEETING AGENDA

A. Introduction

1. Introduction of Participants
2. Meeting Procedures and Objectives
3. Chronology of 10(j) Process

B. Discussion of 10(j) Issues

1. Restore 220 habitat units of wetlands.

C. Other Issues

D. Summary of Meeting

1. Issue Resolution
2. Follow-up Actions