

Via eMail and FEDEX

July 2, 2012

Mr. Charlie Hoppin, Chair  
State Water Resources Control Board  
1001 I Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Abeyance of PacifiCorp Energy's Section 401 Clean Water Act Water Quality Certification, Klamath Hydroelectric Project, FERC No. 2082

Dear Chairman Hoppin:

On behalf of PacifiCorp, I wish to thank you for placing the matter of the abeyance of PacifiCorp Energy's Section 401 Clean Water Act Water Quality Certification, Klamath Hydroelectric Project ("Project"), FERC No. 2082 on the agenda for the State Water Resources Control Board ("SWRCB") meeting on July 17, 2012. PacifiCorp urges the SWRCB to continue the abeyance of the water quality certification process to allow parties to the Klamath Hydroelectric Settlement Agreement ("KHSa") to focus on continued implementation of the KHSa and fulfillment of the conditions precedent to a Secretarial Determination, which, if affirmative, would provide for the removal of PacifiCorp's Klamath dams in 2020.

Ahead of the July 17 meeting, PacifiCorp submits the attached *KHSa Implementation Report, June 2012*, which describes in detail the significant accomplishments under the KHSa in the past year and since the settlement was executed. Please see also the attached progress updates for the six water quality improvement studies and projects that are currently underway pursuant to Interim Measure 11 of the KHSa. As you may be aware, Interim Measure 11 provides for studies and pilot projects intended to develop and inform nutrient reduction projects for the Klamath River while also addressing water quality conditions in Project reservoirs during the interim period prior to potential dam removal. Interim Measure 11 is complemented by other water quality-related interim measures, including the water quality workshop under Interim Measure 10, which is intended to identify potential solutions to Klamath River nutrient impairment from Upper Klamath Lake, and ongoing basin-wide water quality monitoring under Interim Measure 15. Finally, please find attached PacifiCorp's *Interim Operations Habitat Conservation Plan for Coho Salmon*, which describes measures that PacifiCorp is undertaking to provide benefits to listed coho salmon in the Klamath basin. These documents illustrate the significant water quality and fisheries improvements that are now being accomplished through implementation of the KHSa.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you, other members of the SWRCB or SWRCB staff have any questions regarding PacifiCorp's ongoing efforts related to KHSA implementation or desire any additional information.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

Klamath Hydroelectric Settlement Agreement Implementation Report, June 2012  
Interim Measure 11 Water Quality Study Status Reports  
Interim Operations Habitat Conservation Plan for Coho Salmon

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