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**Upper North Fork Feather River Project (FERC 2105)
Follow-up to Operations Inspection**

Dear Mr. Yamashita

This letter is in response to your December 29, 2003 letter concerning follow-up actions on Canyon Dam, Butt Valley Dam and Belden Forebay Dam and requesting a schedule for completion of the items.

Canyon Dam:

- The tree trunk below the flip bucket will be sawn into pieces and moved downstream away from the spillway area by June 1, 2004.
- Suitable access already exists and the Pacific Gas and Electric Company (the Company) believes further action is not necessary to construct additional facilities to access to the weirs at the toe of the dam.
- The small trees on the downstream slope of the dam have been removed.
- The Company will consider development of a photo file for monitoring spalling cracking, erosion etc. at the dam.

Butt Valley Dam: Winter conditions will preclude the completion of any items on Butt Valley Dam until spring. The following items will be completed by June 1, 2004.

- Remove small trees that are within ten feet of the edge of the dam.
- Remove the small trees and brush on the lower face and along the left groin below the road level.
- Remove the small trees and brush along the construction joints and at and below the toe of the spill channel, and seal as needed.
- In addition to the above work, the Company will continue to monitor the erosion below the access road on the left side of the dam and the two small holes in the embankment fill at the lower right groin.



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Belden Forebay Dam:

- The vegetation has been removed along both ends of the upstream face of the dam.
- The vegetation in the spillway channel will be removed, to the extent it can be accomplished safely, by June 1, 2004.
- The Company will continue to monitor the vegetation growth, staining, spalling, cracking, etc. of concrete structures and walkways.
- The gate operation certificate was submitted to the FERC by letter dated December 31, 2003.

Your letter also provided suggestions for a more comprehensive evaluation and monitoring program for inspections and deferred maintenance needs. The Company's believes that its monitoring, inspection and evaluation program is adequate and fulfills all FERC requirements. Specific known concerns are monitored and evaluated on a routine basis, in addition to the five-year consultants reports. However, as noted above consideration will be given to developing a photo library to record conditions.

If you have any questions, please call me at (415) 973-1646.

Sincerely,



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