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> Anderson, November 22, 2004 Permits 19164 & 19165

Water Resource Control Board Division of Water Rights P.O. Box 2000 Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

Attn: Katherine Mrowka

Dear Ms. Mrowka:

In response to your November 16, 2004 concerning our Permits 19164 and 19165 and the issue of water availability over the past few years. We did have our meeting on site on March 30, 2004 as I mentioned in my previous letter. At that meeting I received documentation showing our water use for 2003 from Water Master Keith Dick and conformation of excess water that would be available in 2004. This information has been sent down to your office, and I've included a copy that documents with this letter.

I came away from the meeting feeling that progress had been made to resolve the issues brought up by DFG.

It was my understanding that the upstream diversion point seemed to meet their requirements but still needed a little work. The second diversion point is the area that needs to be improved for year around fish passage. We left that meeting with the intention of coming up with several solutions that would meet those requirements. We received a copy of the Shasta River Preliminary Engineering Report for Fish Screening/Passage Improvement prepared by Cascade Earth Sciences from Medford, Oregon, which was completed in April 2002. This was our first look at this report and after seeing the estimated cost of \$216,878 to \$250,628 to replace this existing structure we have been investigating some alternative options.

We hired a surveyor to come out and establish enough elevation points so that we could look at possibly relocating the point of diversion, put the water into a pipe and gravity feed it down into our irrigation system. We are currently trying to see if this will work.

During our meeting in March all the people involved felt that the river was in excellent shape, riparian areas were well developed and maintained so the only issue is juvenile fish passage during the summer months at the lower diversion point.

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We have received no further communications from DFG or your office until your recent letter. We feel we are working towards a solution and from the included water use report are using our excess water for the past two years. If you need further information about the water use, please contact the new Water Master, Joe Scott, at 1-800-700-2128 in the office at Red Bluff.

If you need anything further from me, please call me at (530) 378-8119.

Very truly yours,

SIERRA PACIFIC INDUSTRIES

Jack G. Frost Lands Forester

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EMERSON INVESTMENT INC. 2003 Water Year Shasto River

Stored water from Dwinell RES. was started on Lune 26 @ 6 C.F.S.

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