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Ms. Lois Cashell  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street NE  
Washington, DC 20426

Subject: Kern River No. 3 Hydroelectric Project, FERC No. 2290 — 021  
Fish Population Monitoring

Dear Ms. Cashell:

The Commission issued a New License (License) to Southern California Edison (Edison) for the subject project on December 24, 1996. Pursuant to Article 411 of the License, Edison filed a plan with the Commission on June 23, 1997 to monitor fish populations in the North Fork Kern River at the subject project. The Commission issued an Order approving and modifying the plan on October 7, 1997. Item (B) of the Order requires Edison to file a report by March 1, 1998 following completion of the fish population monitoring.

At this time of the year the water temperatures in the North Fork Kern River decline to a point where estimates of fish populations may be adversely affected. Edison requests that the Commission grant an extension of 1 year for initiating the fish population monitoring including extending filing the first report to March 1, 1999. This time extension will allow for the collection of meaningful data. Telephone consultations (copies enclosed) have been held with the California Department of Fish and Game, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Park Service. All of these agencies agree with this request.

Should you have any questions or comments concerning this matter, please contact Mr. Daryl Fryer at (626) 302-8937 or Ms. Candace Irelan at (626) 302-8923.

Sincerely,

*C E Miller*

cc: John Novak, FERC, Washington, DC  
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**TELEPHONE/VISIT REPORT**

Project No.: 306602\_\_\_\_\_ Date: October 16, 1997\_\_\_\_\_

Contact: Dale Mitchell\_\_\_\_\_ By: Wayne Lifton\_\_\_\_\_

Company: California Department of Fish and Game Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Subject: Kern River No. 3 Fish Monitoring Plan\_\_\_\_\_

Summary:

I called Mr. Mitchell to discuss our concerns regarding field conditions for fish sampling. The FERC order for the fish monitoring plan was received on October 15, 1997, and results in the need to conduct population sampling this year and file a report in March 1998. Water temperatures in the North Fork Kern River have declined to a point where estimates of fish populations may be adversely affected. Water temperatures in the reach to be sampled have been characterized by field personnel at 10°-12°C. We discussed postponing sampling until the beginning of October, 1998. Mr. Mitchell agreed that this would result in the collection of better data and avoid furtive behavior displayed by smaller trout at cool water temperatures. He said that he would be willing to call the FERC to support this change, if needed.

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**TELEPHONE/VISIT REPORT**

Project No.: 306602 \_\_\_\_\_ Date: October 17, 1997. \_\_\_\_\_

Contact: Ms. Holly Edinger \_\_\_\_\_ By: Wayne Lifton \_\_\_\_\_

Company: U.S. Forest Service - Sequoia National Forest Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Subject: Kern River No. 3 Fish Monitoring Plan \_\_\_\_\_

Summary:

After leaving a message for Mr. Eric Ostley, who is out of the office for the next week, I called Ms. Edinger to discuss our concerns regarding field conditions for fish sampling. The FERC order for the fish monitoring plan was received on October 15, 1997, and results in the need to conduct population sampling this year and file a report in March 1998. Water temperatures in the North Fork Kern River have declined to a point where estimates of fish populations may be adversely affected. Water temperatures in the reach to be sampled have been characterized by field personnel at 10°-12°C. Ms. Edinger agreed that this was a problem, and that it was one she had to deal with in her own work for the Forest Service. We discussed postponing sampling until the beginning of October, 1998. She agreed that this would result in the collection of better data and thought that it would be appropriate to ask the FERC for an extension.

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**TELEPHONE/VISIT REPORT**

Project No.: 306602 \_\_\_\_\_ Date: October 17, 1997. \_\_\_\_\_

Contact: Gary Taylor \_\_\_\_\_ By: Wayne Lifton \_\_\_\_\_

Company: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Subject: Kern River No. 3 Fish Monitoring Plan \_\_\_\_\_

Summary:

I called Mr. Taylor to discuss our concerns regarding field conditions for fish sampling. The FERC order for the fish monitoring plan was received on October 15, 1997, and results in the need to conduct population sampling this year and file a report in March 1998. Water temperatures in the North Fork Kern River have declined to a point where estimates of fish populations may be adversely affected. Water temperatures in the reach to be sampled have been characterized by field personnel at 10°-12°C. We discussed postponing sampling until the beginning of October, 1998. I discussed the effect of cool temperatures on fish behavior and the likely effect on population estimates taken at those conditions with estimates taken at warmer conditions. Mr. Taylor agreed that it made more sense to defer the study until next year to obtain better data. Mr. Taylor stated that he would be willing to provide a letter to document his agreement, if needed.

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**Telephone/Visit Report**

Project No.: 306602 Date: 10/20/97  
 Contact: Mr. Harold Werner By: Wayne Lifton  
 Company: National Park Service Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Subject: Kern River No. 3 Fish Monitoring Program

Summary:

I called Mr. Werner to discuss our concerns regarding field conditions for fish sampling. The FERC order for the fish monitoring plan was received on October 15, 1997, and results in the need to conduct population sampling this year and file a report in March 1998. Water temperatures in the North Fork Kern River have declined to a point where estimates of fish populations may be adversely affected. Water temperatures in the reach to be sampled have been characterized by field personnel at 10°-12°C. We discussed postponing sampling until the beginning of October, 1998. I discussed the effect of cool temperatures on fish behavior and the likely effect on population estimates taken at those conditions with estimates taken at warmer conditions. Mr. Werner indicated that if CDEG and USES were satisfied that a delay until next year was appropriate, he was satisfied, as well.

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