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Honorable Kimberly D Bose, Secretary Federal Energy Regulatory Commission 888 First Street, NE Washington DC 20426

SUBJECT: Don Pedro Project FERC Project No. 2299 Proposed Study Plan

Dear Secretary Bose:

Turlock Irrigation District (TID) and Modesto Irrigation District (MID) (collectively, the Districts), co-licensees of the Don Pedro Project, herewith file their Proposed Study Plan (PSP) in accordance with Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) regulations at 18 CFR § 5.11. The current license for the Project expires on April 30, 2016.

Relicensing participants filed more than 130 study requests contained within 27 letters filed by the required deadline of June 10, 2011. Study requests were submitted by federal and state resource agencies, local governmental authorities, non-governmental organizations, and members of the public. In addition, several relicensing participants had provided comments on and suggestions for studies at voluntary Resource Work Group meetings held on April 1, April 19-20, and May 18-19, 2011. All study requests have been carefully considered by the Districts in the development of the PSP, resulting in this filing containing 30 proposed studies.

As required by FERC's regulations at 18 CFR § 5.11(e), the Districts will hold Initial Study Plan Meetings on the PSP on Tuesday, August 23, 2011, and Wednesday, August 24, 2011. These meetings will be held at Modesto Irrigation District offices in Modesto, California. Additional details about the meetings are included in the enclosed document and are posted on the Project's relicensing web-site <u>www.donpedro-relicensing.com</u>. The purpose of these meetings is to discuss the PSP with relicensing participants in order to attempt to resolve any outstanding issues on studies to be included in the Districts' Revised Study Plan. Secretary Bose July 25, 2011 Page 2 of 2

The Districts look forward to continuing its work with the federal and state resource agencies, Indian tribes, FERC staff, local governmental authorities, non-governmental organizations, and members of the public in finalizing the study plan for the Project's relicensing. In accordance with 18 CFR § 5.12, comments on the PSP must be filed with FERC by October 24, 2011.

If you have any questions about this filing, please contact the undersigned at the address or telephone number listed below.

Sincerely,

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