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Mr. David P. Boergers  
Secretary  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
88 First Street, NE  
Washington, DC 20426

Dear Mr. Boergers:

The Department of the Interior has evaluated the Review of Notice of Alternative Administration Procedure on four existing Hydroelectric Projects: Big Creek No. 2A, 8, and Eastwood (FERC No. 67); Big Creek No.3 (FERC No. 120); Mammoth Pool (FERC No. 2085); and Big Creek No. 1 and 2 (FERC No. 2175) and offers the following comments. Please disregard the letter of no comment dated January 27, 2000.

We concur with the consensus developed as to the appropriateness of the alternative procedures proposed to be used for this particular application including the combining of the pre-filing consultation and environmental processes.

We concur with the proposed consolidating of the four inter-related Big Creek relicensings.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this document.

Sincerely,

Patricia Sanderson Port  
Regional Environmental Officer

cc: Director, OEPC (w/orig. incoming)  
Regional Director, NPS, PWR  
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