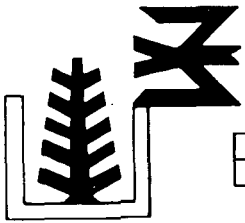


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Re: Hydro Resources, Inc.
Docket No. 40-8968-ML
ASLBP No. 95-706-01-ML

Dear Mr. Phillips:

We write to follow up on Judge Bloch's letter of July 21st concerning your request for a postponement of the site visit, public meeting, and scheduling conference scheduled for August 25-27 in Crownpoint ("the Crownpoint events"). It is our understanding that you propose that those events be conducted on September 8-10 or September 15-17.

As a preliminary matter, we object to your request for a postponement because the schedule for the Crownpoint events was agreed to by the parties in the telephone conference call that the parties had with Judge Bloch on July 10th. It is our position that any objections to the proposed schedule, which was affirmed in the Judge's order of July 13th, should have been raised in that call so that we and the other parties would not have made arrangements on the basis of that schedule.

On the other hand, it does appear that we will be able to reschedule the arrangements that we made for the Crownpoint events for the third week in September. Because the Navajo Nation Fair will be held from September 9th to September 13th, it would not be appropriate to reschedule the Crownpoint events for that week, but we are willing to postpone those events until September 15-17, provided that one condition is met. Our Washington, D.C., counsel, Diane Curran, will have to change the travel arrangements that she made in reliance on the schedule that was agreed to earlier, and it will cost her \$75 to change her plane ticket. We are willing to agree to a postponement only if HRI reimburses her for that cost.

Finally, if the postponement is granted, it would be appropriate to postpone the deadline for the briefs and other documents to be filed before the Crownpoint events. We therefore suggest the following schedule for those documents: the parties' summaries of positions on the matters in LBP 98-9 will be filed so that people on the Service List receive those summaries on or before September 1st; brief responses of no more than five pages double-spaced may be filed

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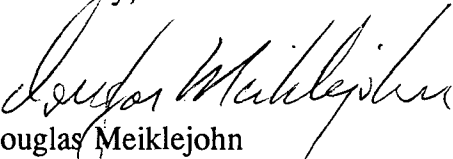
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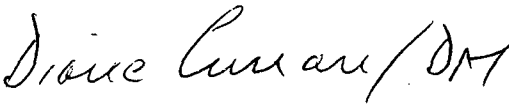
so that on or before September 10, all members of the Service List shall receive these responses; and nominations of legal issues shall be received by all members of the Service List on or before September 4th.

We are sending copies of this letter to counsel for the Staff and counsel for the other parties involved in this matter and we request that you and they inform us whether these arrangements are agreeable. We look forward to hearing from you and them.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours truly,


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**JULY 24, 1998 LETTER TO FREDERICK PHILLIPS
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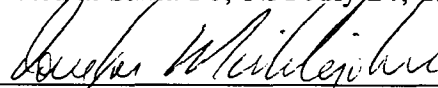
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