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In the Matter of  
HYDRO RESOURCES, INC.  
Docket No. 40-8968-ML

Dear Judges Bloch and Murphy:

During the September 17 scheduling conference, you requested from the Staff information regarding the proposed relocation of Crownpoint drinking water wells. Specifically, you questioned where in the environmental impact statement (EIS) the proposal is discussed.

This proposal is discussed in EIS section 4.3, and forms part of the Staff's evaluation of potential impacts on groundwater that could occur if in situ leach (ISL) mining takes place in Crownpoint. Groundwater impact analysis specific to ISL mining at Crownpoint begins at page 4-40 (subsection 4.3.1.1), and the basis for relocating the Crownpoint wells is set forth at pages 4-45 to 4-49. Note that groundwater impact analyses specific to ISL mining at the Unit 1 and Church Rock sites are set forth separately in EIS subsections 4.3.1.2 and 4.3.1.3, respectively. See EIS pages 4-50 to 4-58.

Additionally, transport calculations relied on as a basis for the well relocation proposal may be found in the Hearing File under accession number 9703140124. See memorandum from William Ford to Robert Carlson dated March 11, 1997, with the "Documentation of Calculations by NRC Staff in Support of the Crownpoint New Mexico Uranium Solution Mining Final Environmental Impact Statement," attached thereto as Appendix A.

Sincerely,

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