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BEFORE THE PRESIDING OFFICER

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In the Matter of)

HYDRO RESOURCES, INC.)

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Albuquerque, New Mexico 87120)

Docket No. 40-8968-ML

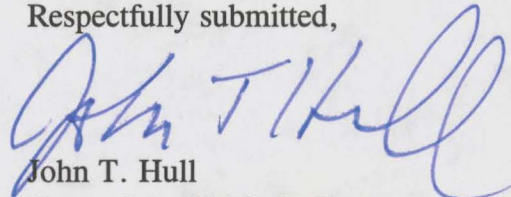
NRC STAFF'S STATUS REPORT
EXPECTED ISSUANCE DATE OF SAFETY EVALUATION REPORT

In accordance with the Presiding Officer's "Memorandum and Order (Admission of Staff and Scheduling)," dated September 19, 1997 (unpublished), slip op. at 6, the NRC Staff filed status reports dated October 6, 1997, October 29, 1997, and November 12, 1997, concerning preparation of the Safety Evaluation Report (SER) and an errata sheet to the February 1997 Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) regarding the above-captioned matter.

The FEIS errata sheet was issued on November 13, 1997. *See* 62 Fed. Reg. 61556 (November 18, 1997). Staff review of the draft SER has identified areas requiring further evaluation. This is not expected to involve a further significant delay before the SER is issued. The expected issuance date currently is December 15, 1997.

The Presiding Officer and those on the service list will be notified if there is a change to this date.

Respectfully submitted,



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Dated at Rockville, Maryland
this 25th day of November 1997

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I hereby certify that copies of the "NRC STAFF'S STATUS REPORT EXPECTED ISSUANCE DATE OF SAFETY EVALUATION REPORT" in the above-captioned proceeding has been served on the following by deposit in the United States mail, first class, or as indicated by a single asterisk through deposit in the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's internal mail system this 25th day of November 1997:

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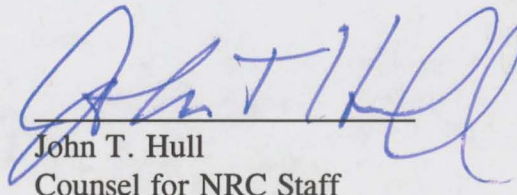
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