

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD  
RESOLUTION NO. 75-90

CONCURRENCE WITH EXCEPTION TO  
THE THERMAL PLAN FOR THE  
PACIFIC POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY

WHEREAS:

1. On May 18, 1972, the State Water Resources Control Board adopted a "Water Quality Plan for Control of Temperature in the Coastal and Interstate Waters and Enclosed Bays and Estuaries of California", hereinafter called the Thermal Plan.
2. Pacific Power and Light Company of Portland, Oregon, hereinafter the discharger, owns and operates four hydroelectric generating plants in Siskiyou County, California, which discharges turbine bearing, generator bearing, and transformer cooling water into the Klamath River and Fall Creek, both cold interstate waters.
3. By letter dated December 17, 1974, the discharger has requested from Regional Board an exception to Specific Water Quality Objective 1.A. of the Thermal Plan as quoted below:

"Elevated temperature waste discharges into cold interstate water are prohibited."

4. The Pacific Power and Light Company has requested the Regional Board to grant the exceptions using as authority Section 4D of the General Water Quality Provisions of the Thermal Plan quoted below:

"4. An exception to the specific water quality objective of this Plan may be authorized by a Regional Board for a specific discharge upon a finding following public hearing that:

D. Compliance by existing discharge with specific water quality objectives would require modification of operation or facilities not commensurate with benefit to the aquatic environment."

5. After review of all pertinent data and testimony received at a public hearing, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board by Resolution No. 75-4 found that the existing discharge assures full protection of the aquatic environment, and that compliance with no discharge limitation would require modification of operations or facilities not commensurate with benefit to the environment.

6. The North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board also found, in Resolution No. 75-4, that continuation of the discharges in exception to the Thermal Plan would not compromise the protection and propagation of a balanced, indigenous population of shellfish, fish and wildlife within the meaning of Public Law 92-500.
7. The State Board finds that the exception granted in Regional Board Order No. 75-4 will assure the protection and propagation of a balanced indigenous population of shellfish, fish and wildlife within the meaning of Section 316(a) of P.L. 92-500.

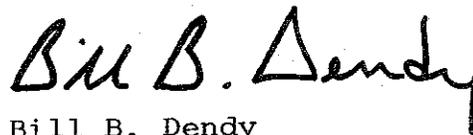
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the State Water Resources Control Board concurs with Resolution No. 75-4 of the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board and finds that the exception to the Thermal Plan recommended for Pacific Power and Light Company will assure the protection and propagation of a balanced indigenous population of shellfish, fish, and wildlife within the meaning of Section 316(a) of P.L. 92-500.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, Executive Officer of the State Water Resources Control Board, does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the State Water Resources Control Board held on

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Bill B. Dendy  
Executive Officer