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Time Extension

Mr. Edward Anton  
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State Water Resources Control Board  
State of California  
PO Box 2000  
Sacramento CA 95812-2000

Subject: Petition for Time Extension - Stampede Dam and Reservoir - Permit  
11605 Issued Pursuant to Application 15673 - Washoe Project (Water  
Rights)

Dear Mr. Anton:

By this letter, Reclamation is petitioning for an extension of time for development under the referenced water right. Reclamation previously submitted a petition for an extension of time which was approved by the State Board on July 7, 1982. At that time, the time for complete application of the water to the proposed use under the permit was changed to December 1, 1992.

Since 1982, two events have occurred that have significantly affected our ability to apply fully the supply of water under this right to beneficial use. These are the enactment of Public Law 101-618 (copy enclosed) and the enclosed Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals Opinion.

Public Law 101-618 was signed into law in 1990 and includes provisions for negotiations of an operating agreement to govern the operations of Federal reservoirs in the Truckee River Basin and use of water from the Truckee River. It also has provisions relating to the dismissals of pending lawsuits.

The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals Opinion in U.S. v. Alpine Land and Reservoir Co., Civ. No. D-184 BRT (D. Nv.) Ninth Court No. 90-16460, revises and remands to the U.S. District Court its affirmance of the Nevada State Engineer's determination that the Newlands Project water rights underlying 25 of the transfer applications approved in Newlands Project water right proceedings No. 1, 2, and 3 had been perfected and had not been abandoned or forfeited. That opinion may have a significant impact on the number and identification of the acreage to which Newlands Project water rights are appurtenant.

In that these actions may significantly affect the manner in which Stampede Reservoir is operated, and the quantities of water placed to use under this right, we are requesting an extension of an additional 10 years to the current expiration date of December 1, 1992, of the subject permit 11605.

Sincerely,

ACTING *Robert H. Thomas*

Susan E. Hoffman  
Chief, Division of Planning  
and Technical Services

Enclosures