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FAXOGRAM: Water Order Change

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From: Reservoir and River Operations, Billings, Montana

Subject: **Yellowtail Water Release Order - BHR No. 11-55**

CURRENT RESERVOIR CONDITIONS (June 9, 2011; 2:00 p.m.)

Elevation: 3631.82 Storage: 928,563 acre-feet; River Release: 15,000 cfs; Inflow: 16,400 cfs;

GENERAL COMMENTS:

Western Area Power Administration called and requested the reduction in power generation to comply with transmission restrictions on the Yellowtail South transmission system to begin earlier than previously scheduled on Friday, June 10 at 6:00am. In response, the following operation change is required at Yellowtail Dam and Powerplant to control reservoir storage and continue preparing for the anticipated snowmelt runoff.

YELLOWTAIL TURBINE RELEASE:

At 1900 hour on Thursday, June 9, 2011:

Decrease average daily turbine release to 3,140 cfs (\approx 2,400 MW-Hrs/day using 31.4 cfs/mw).

At 2000 hour on Friday, June 10, 2011:

Increase average daily turbine release to 5,750 cfs (\approx 4,395 MW-Hrs/day using 31.4 cfs/mw).

YELLOWTAIL BYPASS RELEASE:

At 1900 hour on Thursday, June 9, 2011:

Increase releases through the spillway gates to 11,790 cfs.

At 2000 hour on Friday, June 10, 2011:

Decrease releases through the spillway gates to 9,180 cfs.

AFTERBAY RELEASE AND OPERATION:

At 1900 hour on Thursday, June 9, 2011:

Maintain diversions to the bighorn Canal at 0 cfs.

Maintain river release at 15,000 cfs (gage height = 65.39 with 0.0 shift).

Maintain total release from the Afterbay at 15,000 cfs.

At 2000 hour on Friday, June 10, 2011:

Maintain diversions to the bighorn Canal at 0 cfs.

Maintain river release at 15,000 cfs (gage height = 65.39 with 0.0 shift).

Maintain total release from the Afterbay at 15,000 cfs.

SPECIAL AFTERBAY OPERATION REQUIREMENT:

Maintain the level of the Afterbay at or above elevation 3187.4 until further notice.

/S/ Tim H. Felchle