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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. 12-44**

CURRENT RESERVOIR CONDITIONS

Elevation: 3634.63 Storage: 957,581 acre-feet; River Release: 1,750 cfs; Inflow: 1,365 cfs;

GENERAL COMMENTS:

Recent streamflow measurements conducted by the USGS indicate actual flows in the Bighorn River vary from that previously scheduled. To adjust for the variation in flows, the following operation is required at Yellowtail Dam, Powerplant and Afterbay Dam.

YELLOWTAIL TURBINE RELEASE:

At 1600 hour on Thursday, July 5, 2012:

Maintain average daily turbine release at 2,230 cfs ($\approx 1,340$ MW-Hours/day using 39.9 cfs/mw).

AFTERBAY RELEASE AND OPERATION:

At 1600 hour on Thursday, July 5, 2012:

Maintain diversions to the Bighorn Canal at 550 cfs (gage height = 74.09 with shift of +0.65).

Maintain river release at 1,750 cfs (decrease gage height to 59.39 with shift of -0.05).

Maintain total release from the Afterbay at 2,300 cfs.

Special Note: To accomplish ongoing contract work on the Afterbay Dam sluice gates and sluice gate water way, the level of the Afterbay must be maintained between the elevations 3186-3190 at all times.

/S/ Tim H. Felchle