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In reply refer to: PGA-6

Mr. Terrald Kent, Deputy Regional Director Bureau of Reclamation Pacific Northwest Region 1150 N. Curtis Road, Suite 100 Boise, Idaho 83706-1234

Dear Mr. Kent:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Bonneville Power Administration's (BPA's) interest in developing pumped storage at Anderson Ranch Dam.

We have no interest at this time in pursuing this type of development. However, BPA will likely intervene in the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission process related to Cat Creek Energy, LLC's proposal to insure that the construction and operation of a new development would not negatively impact the existing plant's operations. In addition, for interconnection to the grid, BPA Transmission Services will require Cat Creek Energy to follow their Large Generation Interconnection Process. Please be aware that though a BPA 115 kV transmission line is in the area, it is not connected to BPA's grid and a double wheel would be required to get any capacity or energy into BPA's Balancing Authority.

We find the reference to a proposed twenty year contract with BPA priced at 12.2 cents per kilowatt hour perplexing. No such agreement has been discussed with our Trading Floor, nor has any indicative pricing been offered should such a deal go forward.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 503-230-3470.

Sincerely,

Mark A. Jones,

Manager, Generating Assets

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