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IN REPLY REFER TO:

UC-100

December 15, 2000

Mr. David Sabo
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Subject: Rate Adder Process--Operation of Glen Canyon Dam, 2001 Water Year

Dear Mr. Sabo:

We have been briefed on the outcome of the December 11, 2000, meeting of the Experimental Flow Group. Their recommendation supporting a modified low fluctuating flow release pattern from Glen Canyon Dam in the event that we encounter a low hydrologic year (8.23 million acre feet) provides significant additional information which should be useful in your ongoing "rate adder" process. This release pattern would begin to implement the test program outlined in the Steven W. Cruthers and Associate (SWCA) report.

As we carry out our authority to operate Glen Canyon Dam, we continue to support the ongoing Adaptive Management Program processes and believe that this effort provides significant benefit to long term resource management. Because of the timely science-based work of the Experimental Flow Group, we think that your time-critical decisions can now be made with more confidence. At this time we do not anticipate an outflow pattern from Glen Canyon Dam during the 2001 water year that would result in low steady flows as experienced during last summer.

If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact Rick L. Gold at 524-3602.

Sincerely,

Charles A. Calhoun
Regional Director

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