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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

March 14, 1986

Mr. Kenneth F. Plumb, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
825 N. Capitol Street, N.E.
Washington, DC 20426

Dear Mr. Plumb:

The Department of the Interior has reviewed the January 23, 1986 Notice of Application for Amendment of Exemption from Licensing by Hydro Development Group, Inc., for the Dexter Hydro Project, FERC #2695-002, located on the Black River in Jefferson County, New York.

The Amendment would relocate the fishway to Dam #18, providing a more stable attraction flow for upstream fish migration. We support this modification, and we have no objection to the proposed Amendment.

We further prescribe the following terms and conditions relating to the fishway:

1. The Exemptee shall, at its expense, design and make operative structures and procedures to enable anadromous fishes to migrate upstream and, if necessary, downstream past the project works; and
2. The Exemptee shall ensure that the design, location, installation, maintenance, repair and operation of structures necessary for the upstream and, if necessary, downstream migration of fishes past the project conform to the specifications of and are satisfactory to the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Sincerely,

William Patterson
Regional Environmental Officer

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