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RE: Water Quality Certification
FERC Project No. 2420
State I.D. No. UT 890822-050
Cutler Reservoir Hydroelectric Project

Dear Mr. Burruss:

We have reviewed the draft application to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to relicense the Cutler Hydroelectric Project on the Bear River in northern Utah. State water quality certification is required in order to obtain a license, construct the facility, and operate the facility.

Based on our review it is our opinion that, with the implementation of applicable Best Management Practices in order to minimize the erosion-sediment load to the affected waters during project activities, the adverse environmental impact on the existing water quality of the Bear River will be minimal. We strongly support and encourage Utah Power's plans to develop a buffer strip up to 200 feet wide adjacent to Cutler Reservoir. This buffer strip will aid in reduction of shoreline erosion and removal of sediments and nutrients resulting from spring snowmelt and surrounding land management activities.

Therefore, pursuant to Section 401(a)(1) of the *Federal Water Pollution Control Act*, as amended 1987 (33 U.S.C. 466 et seq.) it is hereby certified that any discharge resultant from the Cutler Hydroelectric Project, as proposed, will comply with applicable State water quality standards and to the best of our knowledge will comply with applicable provisions of Section 301, 302, 303, 306, 307, and 311 of said Act.

Sincerely,

Utah Water Quality Board

Don A. Ostler, P.E.
Executive Secretary

cc: Carolyn Wright, Office of Planning and Budget
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