

ATTACHMENT 1

Iron Gate Dam Complex

California Office of Historic Preservation
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Reply To: FERC030505A

Michael Strickler
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Re: Iron Gate Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2082), Modification of Dam Crest

Dear Mr. Strickler:

Thank you for your letter dated May 2, 2003 regarding proposed modification of the Iron Gate Hydroelectric Project on the Klamath River near Hornbrook, California. PacifiCorp owns and operates the Iron Gate Hydroelectric facility as part of the Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Licensed Klamath Project, FERC Project Number 2082.

You have provided me with the results of your efforts to determine for the benefit of FERC, whether the above undertaking may affect historic properties. You have done this, and are consulting with me, in order to enable FERC to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and implementing regulations codified at 36 CFR Part 800.

You state that the Iron Gate Dam was completed in 1962 and therefore does not meet the 50-year-minimum age criteria for eligibility for listing on the National Register (NR). Although this statement is factual, applying the 50-year criterion without qualification may run the risk of overlooking a potentially exceptional property. In this case, however, I have concluded that the evidence that you provided demonstrates that the Iron Gate Hydroelectric Project does not possess exceptional importance and does not otherwise meet the requirements for eligibility under Criteria Consideration G for properties that have achieved significance within the last fifty years. I will assume that FERC has made this determination unless I hear to the contrary from them within 15 calendar days after you have furnished them with a copy of this letter.

You also state that the scope of the project will only alter the crest of the non-historic Iron Gate Dam and spillway. Recent cultural survey did not find any cultural sites or materials in any of the areas proposed for construction, and no other ground disturbing activities or alterations are planned to the surrounding buildings or grounds. You are requesting my concurrence in your determination that the Iron Gate Dam is not eligible for the NR and in a finding that this undertaking will have no adverse effect on historic properties.

I have reviewed the documentation furnished and have the following comments:

- 1) The steps taken to identify historic properties that may be affected by this undertaking are satisfactory.
- 2) I concur with your recommendation to FERC that there are no historic properties within the Area of Potential Effects (APE).
- 3) Since there are no historic properties within the APE, FERC could request concurrence on a finding of "no historic properties affected" [36 CFR §800.4(d)(1)] instead of a finding of "no adverse effect".
- 4) In order to expedite closure of this consultation I will assume that FERC has made this finding unless I hear to the contrary from them within 15 calendar days after you have furnished them with a copy of this letter.
- 5) I would not object to an official finding by FERC that there are no historic properties that may be affected by this undertaking.

Thank you for considering historic properties during project planning. If you have any questions, please contact Andrea Galvin at (916) 653-4533 or agalv@ohp.parks.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dr. Knox Mellon".

Dr. Knox Mellon
State Historic Preservation Officer