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Ms. Elizabeth C. Bourget
Secretary, U.S. Section
International Joint Commission
1250 23rd Street NW, Suite 100
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Dear Ms. Bourget:

This is in reference to your June 21 letter concerning the request by the Canadian Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fishery Commission (CCRIFC) that the International Joint Commission (IJC) take further action pursuant to its 1941 Order of Approval for Grand Coulee Dam, and the follow-up discussion between Commissioners and the Governments at the IJC's semi-annual meeting with Governments on October 21, 2005.

The United States had fully expected to reply formally to the IJC's June 21 letter by the end of the December 31 comment period. However, recent submissions from interested parties have raised issues that we had not previously considered, and we believe those comments need to be addressed in the United States' reply. As a result, we would like to request a further extension of the deadline for the United States submission on this issue to February 28, 2006.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "TAB", with a horizontal line extending to the left.

Terry A. Breese
Director, Office of Canadian Affairs