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Office of the Secretary  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
825 N. Capitol Street  
Washington, D. C. 20426

Dear Sir:

On January 16-17, 1978, biologists from our agency and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game met with Mr. Fermin Gutierrez, Sitka Administrator, and evaluated the stream flow in Sawmill Creek which empties out of Blue Lake (Project No. 2230).

At the time of our survey the flow from the fish valve had been reduced from the minimum flow of 22 cfs to 11 cfs in order to conserve water in the reservoir. The reduction had been felt necessary to protect the health and welfare of the citizens of Sitka as the water level had been dropping rapidly due to a prolonged cold spell and increasing power demands.

It is our judgment that the reduced flow of 11 cfs is currently providing sufficient water for the aquatic life in the stream at this time of year. However, we recommend that the flow volumes stated in the amended license be resumed as soon as the water level in the reservoir returns to the normal seasonal level.

Sincerely yours,

*Anna L. Robinson*  
Acting Area Director

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