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Mr. F. Stewart Brown
Chief, Bureau of Power
Federal Power Commission
Washington, D.C. 20426

Re: PWR-LP, Project No. 2307-Alaska
A J Industries, Inc.

Dear Mr. Brown:

This is in response to your letters of June 22, 1967, and May 11, 1967, regarding recreation development of Project No. 2307-Alaska at Salmon and Annex Creek Reservoirs near Juneau, Alaska.

Salmon Creek Reservoir is located three air miles north of the city of Juneau at an elevation of fifteen hundred feet in an extremely rugged wilderness area accessible only by foot or air (float plane or helicopter).

Annex Creek Reservoir is located ten air miles north and east of Juneau at an elevation of eight hundred forty feet in an extremely rugged wilderness area accessible only by air (float plane or helicopter) or by boat from Juneau to the area of the Annex power plant (approximately 20 miles) and thence by foot over a hazardous route about two miles to the reservoir.

Both of the reservoirs are frozen over from November to June. It is estimated that use of the recreation facilities will be extremely light during only the two or three more favorable summer months.

The Juneau vicinity has a relative abundance of existing outdoor recreation opportunities more accessible and safer than either Salmon or Annex reservoirs.

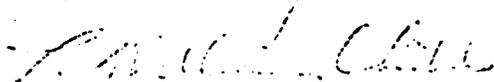
Vandalism and theft of unattended property is, in our experience, a serious problem in the Juneau vicinity. The occurrences are too numerous to list here but it is sufficient to point out that we have learned it is foolhardy to leave equipment or materials even overnight in an exposed condition anywhere on the flume (the most commonly used route to Salmon) or at Salmon Dam. There is a cabin at Salmon, which we have been requested to remove at our expense, that has been rendered practically useless by armed vandals. I am informed that the Alaska Sportsman's Association attempted for several years to maintain a boat at Salmon Reservoir but finally gave up due to the loss of a number of boats destroyed by vandals.

About two years ago we furnished a boat at Annex at the request of the Forest Service. The first year the boat was destroyed by the extreme Taku winds (in excess of 100 MPH). The boat was replaced and last winter was badly damaged by excessive snow loads.

In view of the infrequent use by serious outdoorsmen and especially in view of the frequent acts of vandalism, we believe that the furnishing of cabins, boats and other expensive, easily damaged facilities in the foreseeable future would be highly impractical and result in a waste of funds.

Our Exhibit R-2 outlining certain outdoor recreation facilities was intended to indicate the maximum practical level of development in the foreseeable future and not as a proposal for actual immediate construction.

Very truly yours,



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