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Mr. Richard J. Doble
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Dear Mr. Doble:

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF DELAY IN RECONSTRUCTION OF GAUGING WEIR S-83;
SPRING-GAP STANISLAUS HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT, FEDERAL ENERGY
REGULATORY COMMISSION PROJECT NO. 2130**

Thank you for your letter describing a delay in the planned reconstruction of Gauging Station S-83 (S-83). The reconstruction of S-83 is intended to ease PG&E's ability to effectuate ramping rate requirements contained in the water quality certification for the Spring Gap – Stanislaus Hydroelectric Project while continuing to measure required minimum instream flows. As described in telephone conversations, voluntary reconstruction of S-83 has been targeted for the first quarter of 2014. The delay in reconstruction is due to the need to complete Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) mandated consultation with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW). The focus of consultation will be the design and implementation of flow studies requested by CDFW to determine the ability for fish passage through the new gauge station design. The State Water Resources Control Board expects that the reconstruction of S-83 will be completed by the end of 2014. When a firmer date has been established for reconstruction, please provide an estimated date for the submittal of an application for water quality certification. If you have questions or comments please contact me at (916) 341-5408 or through email at mmaher@waterboards.ca.gov. Written correspondence should be addressed as follows:

State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Water Rights
Attn: Michael Maher
P.O. Box 2000
Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

Sincerely,

Michael Maher
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Fresno, CA 93710

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