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DIRECT TESTIMONY OF JAMES A. SEWELL
ON BEHALF OF NORTHERN LIGHTS

1 Q. State your name and address.

2

3 A. James A. Sewell, Newport, Washington 99156.

4

5 Q. What is your education background?

6

7 A. I received a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering in 1937 from
8 Washington State University.

9

10 Q. What is your experience?

11

12 A. I spent from June 1937 through July 1942 with the Washington State
13 Highway Department and the Washington State Toll Bridge Authority
14 working on design and construction of bridges, highways, and other
15 necessary facilities. From July of 1942 until September 1945 I was
16 employed by the Everett Pacific Ship Building and Drydock Company in
17 the construction of drydocks including the actual design of part of
18 their outfitting for overseas towing. In January 1946 I became
19 associated with my father in his consulting engineering business at
20 Newport, Washington and have been there since that time. This work
21 has involved the design and construction of transmission, distribution
22 and substation facilities. I was Assistant Resident Engineer during
23 the construction of the Box Canyon Hydroelectric Project No. 2042,
24 located on the Pend Oreille River, and have been responsible for its
25 maintenance and operation since its completion in 1956. I have been
26 involved with the Pacific Northwest Coordination Agreement since its
27 conception. I have been the representative of Public Utility District
28 No. 1 of Pend Oreille County on the Coordination Agreement Committee
29 since 1966. Another portion of our work has been the design and
30 construction of sewer and water systems, city streets, highways and
31 small dams for recreation or small hydroelectric development. I have
32 been connected with the Sullivan Creek Project No. 2225, since the
33 District acquired it in 1959. I am responsible for the maintenance
34 and repair of the project as well as the release of its storage waters
35 for use by downstream projects. I am a registered Professional Engineer
36 in the states of Washington, Idaho and Montana.

37
38 Q. What is your connection with the Kootenai River Hydroelectric Project?

39

40 A. Starting in 1974, I consulted with Mr. Nordeen, Manager of Northern
41 Lights, Inc. concerning the possibility of constructing a hydroelectric

1 project in the vicinity of Kootenai Falls. After some preliminary
2 computations, we decided to retain Harza Engineering Company for the
3 actual design of the project. My firm has been responsible for the
4 field work and the integration of the proposed Project operations
5 under the Pacific Northwest Coordination Agreement.
6

7 Q. What was the result of these studies?
8

9 A. We prepared an application to the Federal Power Commission for a
10 preliminary permit to obtain priority for the license application
11 prior to performing detailed feasibility studies. The application
12 was filed in November 1974 and a preliminary permit was received on
13 December 1, 1975.
14

15 Q. What prompted Northern Lights, Inc to investigate the feasibility of
16 electric generating facilities?
17

18 A. Northern Lights, Inc. was advised by the Bonneville Power Administration
19 that they did not expect to have sufficient power to serve Northern
20 Lights' load growth in the future.
21

22 Q. Why did you investigate the Kootenai River Project?
23

24 A. We looked at the Kootenai River Project because when Libby Dam was to
25 be completed it would control approximately 98 percent of the total
26 flow of the Kootenai River thus making practically all of the power
27 from any dam on the river below Libby Dam firm power.
28

29 Q. Why would this be considered firm power?
30

31 A. Because Libby Dam stores water during the flood season for release
32 during the winter period when firm power is needed. This also coin-
33 cides with Northern Lights' firm power requirements.
34

35 Q. What was done after the preliminary permit was received?
36

37 A. Mr. Nordeen and myself contacted various groups to share in the use
38 of the project output since it was greater than Northern Lights'
39 requirements. As a result of these contacts, the Project output will
40 be shared with Ravalli County Electric Coop., Inc., Corvallis, Montana;
41 Vigilante Electric Cooperative Inc., Dillon, Montana; Missoula Electric
42 Cooperative, Inc., Missoula, Montana; Flathead Electric Cooperative,
43 Inc., Kalispell, Montana; Glacier Electric Coop., Inc., Cut Bank,
44 Montana; Lincoln Electric Coop., Inc., Eureka, Montana; and the Flathead
45 Irrigation Project, St. Ignatius, Montana. These eight utilities later
46 formed the Western Montana Electric Generating and Transmission Coop-
47 erative, Inc. ("G&T"). Exhibit _____ (JAS-1) shows the service areas of
48 the G&T members which is essentially Western Montana and Northern Idaho.
49 They serve 46,778 customers.
50

51 Q. What else did you do during the period of the preliminary permit?

- 1 A. My firm worked with the Harza Engineering Company in preparing the
2 license application. This involved conducting field surveys, measur-
3 ing river cross sections, and obtaining stream flows of the Kootenai
4 River from the United States Geological Survey (USGS). It also
5 involved contacting the Burlington Northern Railroad on whose prop-
6 erty the proposed Project is located. We discussed the Project with
7 the U.S. Forest Service and the Montana Department of Natural Resources
8 and Conservation. It was necessary to obtain permits from the U.S.
9 Forest Service and the Burlington Northern Railroad for the field
10 work on their property. Additionally, we developed a Power Requirement
11 Study (PRS) for the G&T.
12
- 13 Q. Would you please outline what steps were involved in preparing the
14 load estimates in the PRS?
15
- 16 A. The PRS was prepared within the guidelines outlined in Rural
17 Electrification Administration (REA) Bulletin 120-3. The REA
18 Bulletin requires that each member utility work with the G&T in
19 preparing the PRS. Each member was responsible for gathering its
20 historical data. Then we worked with the members in preparing their
21 estimates of future power and energy requirements. Next we assembled
22 those requirements into a single document outlining the anticipated
23 loads for the G&T.
24
- 25 Q. Would you please describe in more detail the first step of how the
26 members of the G&T developed their basic load forecast?
27
- 28 A. All of the members of the G&T decided that the residential loads
29 would be forecast using an end use technique for modeling. The end
30 use technique determines the loads for a class of customers based
31 on their use of electrical power. To do this type of analysis, it
32 was necessary to poll the individual customers to determine their
33 use of electrical power. This was done by a questionnaire which is
34 shown as Exhibit ____ (JAS-2) titled "1979 Membership Survey". This
35 questionnaire was mailed to the individual residential customers of
36 each cooperative member of the G&T in the early part of December 1979,
37 except the Flathead Irrigation Project. The customers selected to
38 receive this survey varied somewhat from utility to utility. REA
39 desired each cooperative to receive at least a return of 386 question-
40 naires to assure statistical significance. The statistical group
41 created by each cooperative consisted of residential customers who
42 had at least an 11 month history. The smaller cooperatives then sent
43 a survey questionnaire to each customer of this group. The other
44 cooperatives stratified this group by placing the accounts, according
45 to kilowatt hour usage in the previous 11 months, in order ranked
46 from the highest to the lowest user and then determined the interval
47 of selection to obtain the desired number of questionnaire returns.
48 The starting position was picked at random to prevent unduly weighing
49 the survey toward the high or low user.
50
- 51 Q. How many questionnaires were mailed out?

1 A. The cooperatives mailed the questionnaires to 4982 of their 25,700
2 residential customers.

3
4 Q. How many questionnaires were returned?

5
6 A. 3091 questionnaires were returned.

7
8 Q. What else was needed for the analysis?

9
10 A. Two other basic pieces of information were required before the
11 analysis could begin; an estimate of the population, and the estimated
12 usage of appliances in each household.

13
14 Q. How were the population estimates obtained?

15
16 A. All eight members did considerable analysis in projecting population
17 since only three of the members serve all of their geographical area.
18 The other five serve only the rural area, as the towns are served by
19 other utilities. Since the most common breakdown of census figures
20 is by county, each member adjusted county census figures to reflect
21 only the rural area served by it. These estimates were arrived at in
22 numerous ways depending upon the area and information available. The
23 members also considered the factors which might change the rate of
24 growth of their service area, such as changes in the level of the
25 sustained yield from the national forest, or in farming patterns.

26
27 Q. How was the appliance usage determined?

28
29 A. The estimated power to heat a home electrically in each of the member
30 service areas was obtained from Bonneville Power Administration.
31 Other appliance usage was obtained from The Washington Water Power
32 Company and The Montana Power Company. Usage levels for unlisted
33 appliances were estimated based on capacity and time of use. These
34 basic appliance consumption levels are shown on Exhibit ____ (JAS-3).

35
36 Q. How was the residential load projected using the above data?

37
38 A. The analysis was done using 1979 as the base year. The residential
39 load projection first required a determination of how electrical power
40 was used in 1979. Then we made projections as to how power would be
41 used in the future.

42
43 From the customer survey that was described earlier, we determined
44 the saturation levels of televisions, freezers, clothes washers,
45 electric clothes dryers, electric ranges, dishwashers, electric hot
46 water heaters, car engine heaters, stock water heaters to keep
47 drinking water for stock from freezing, homes heated primarily with
48 electric resistance heat, and homes heated with heat pumps. Since
49 it is not practical to try and estimate all of the uses of electricity
50 in a home, all the other uses made of electrical power in the home
51 were lumped into one category called "baseload". This includes

1 lighting, electric can openers, domestic water pumps, fans on
2 heaters and furnaces, toasters and other uses that are not specif-
3 ically included in the list above. The baseload for each member was
4 calculated by subtracting the electric power used by all the listed
5 appliances from the kilowatt hours used during the year. The average
6 kilowatt-hours used per household was calculated for all the homes
7 in the 1979 survey.
8

9 Q. What was your next step?

10
11 A. The members estimated how much power was going to be used in 1984
12 and 1989. One of the most significant changes that could take effect
13 during this period of years is the change in the saturation of electric
14 resistance heating. The 1979 survey of customers showed how many
15 people were planning to install electric heating, how many people were
16 planning to convert to wood, and how many people were planning to
17 convert to natural gas within the next three years. Using the informa-
18 tion that the customers provided, we were able to project the rate of
19 change in the saturation levels by taking into account people with
20 electric heat that plan to put in wood heat, people that had oil heat
21 that planned to put in wood heat or electric heat, and also how many
22 people planned to put in heat pumps. Another consideration in the
23 projection of electrical usage for heating was that new construction
24 would be more conservation oriented and therefore use less electricity
25 to heat a home. Data from this survey were used to estimate the number
26 of existing homes that would be retrofitted to higher insulation levels
27 and better heating efficiencies. Therefore, the kilowatt hour usage of
28 existing resistance heated houses was decreased in each year of the
29 projection. The usage levels of the other appliances were also antic-
30 ipated to change due to increased efficiency of new units and less
31 usage in future years. Therefore, the typical usage for each of the
32 appliances was analyzed in each year of the projection to determine if
33 the consumption level should be increased or decreased. Where decreases
34 in the typical usage were projected, the members provided reasons for
35 these decreases. For example, engine heater usage might be expected
36 to decrease by encouraging people to put timers on their heaters, so
37 that they don't run all night, but rather just come on in the morning
38 a few hours before the car is needed. We also reviewed the existing
39 saturation levels for the various appliances in the year of the survey
40 to determine if changes were necessary.
41

42 Q. What other specific classes of customer loads were projected?
43

44 A. Projections were made for the following other classes of customers:
45 seasonal residential, irrigation, street lighting, commercial (less
46 than 50 KVA), commercial (50 to 350 KVA), and commercial (over 350 KVA),
47 the use by the utility, and system losses.
48

49 Q. How was usage by the seasonal residential accounts projected?
50

51 A. The seasonal residential accounts were projected on the same basis as
52 the residential class since they are similar but only used part-time.

1 Q. How were the irrigation loads projected?

2
3 A. The irrigation load projections were taken from studies made earlier
4 by the G&T members for 5, 10, and 15 years.
5

6 Q. Would you describe the irrigation studies?
7

8 A. An irrigation study was made by each of the G&T members in accordance
9 with REA Bulletin 145-1. To do this study, each of the members
10 segregated its service area into various sub-areas of agricultural
11 lands. Each of the sub-areas was studied individually to determine
12 the existing farming patterns. This study took into account existing
13 and potential farm lands that might be used in a different manner in
14 the future. For each of these sub-areas, the existing irrigation and
15 cropping patterns were analyzed and trends were determined which would
16 indicate changes in the amount of irrigation, or the methods of
17 irrigation. Consideration was also given to any other limiting factors
18 which might influence future irrigation needs such as water availability,
19 salts in the soil, length of the growing season, anticipated costs of
20 hardware and power, and pressure from residential development. Based
21 on the above data the extent of future irrigated land annual water
22 usage was estimated. These studies also determined the sources of
23 water to be used for irrigation. Once the amount of water used, the
24 lift required, and the method of application had been projected, the
25 amount of power and energy required to do the irrigation for the years
26 ahead was estimated. These studies were approved by REA.
27

28 Q. How was the street lighting load projected?
29

30 A. The street lighting load was projected by trending. It should be
31 noted that street lighting was less than 0.2 percent of the total G&T
32 load in 1979.
33

34 Q. You list three classes of commercial accounts. How were these customer
35 usages projected?
36

37 A. The smallest commercial accounts were made up of services requiring
38 50 KVA transformer capacity or less. These accounts are services to
39 restaurants, barber shops, offices, and most retail trade establish-
40 ments. They also contain the largest number of services of the three
41 commercial classes. This smallest commercial class was projected by
42 using a combination of trending and end use modeling. The number of
43 retail trade establishments generally is proportional to the number of
44 residential accounts. The proportion varied considerably from one
45 member to the next, since some of them do not serve metropolitan areas.
46
47 The next commercial class is composed of customers served with 50 to
48 350 KVA of transformer capacity. These accounts were projected by
49 trending as a class. A few members that had only a couple of customers
50 in this class analyzed each individual customer and based projections
51 on each customer's requirements.

1 All large commercial customers requiring over 350 KVA of transformer
2 capacity were contacted individually and projections were based on
3 each individual customer estimating major expansions and historical
4 load increases.
5

6 Q. What is utility use and how was it estimated?
7

8 A. Utility use is power used by each member in its normal operation of
9 shops, warehouses and offices. This amount of power was projected
10 based upon each individual point of delivery from the distribution
11 system.
12

13 Q. How were the losses estimated and projected?
14

15 A. Losses are line and equipment losses on the distribution system of
16 the individual member. These losses are determined by taking the
17 amount of power which each member purchased and subtracting the amount
18 of power the utility used and sold. This method of calculating gave
19 the members the percentage of losses in 1979. These losses were then
20 analyzed to determine whether they should be adjusted for purposes of
21 this projection to reflect future operating plans and load growth and
22 then applied to the projected load.
23

24 Q. For what period of time were the load projections for each member's
25 PRS made?
26

27 A. 1979 was the base year and projections were made for 5 and 10 years,
28 making the projected loads for the years 1984 and 1989.
29

30 Q. Were projections of peak demands made for each of the members?
31

32 A. Yes, projections of peak demand were made for all the members. These
33 projections were based upon the historical peak registered in 1979.
34 The peak shown in each PRS is the sum of the non-coincidental peak
35 demands recorded for each member substation. The projections were
36 made using a trending method wherein the existing load factor is
37 projected into the future considering changes in loads such as
38 residential heating and a larger or smaller number of residential
39 customers. The large power customers were projected individually
40 depending upon their studies. When combined, these peaks gave us the
41 peak for each member.
42

43 Q. The analyses you have just described were done by the members with your
44 assistance. How was the Power Requirement Study for the G&T developed?
45

46 A. The load requirement of the G&T's PRS was determined by the sum of
47 the individual loads as determined in each member's PRS. The peak
48 shown for the G&T is the sum of all the individual non-coincidental
49 peaks.
50

51 Each of the members did the above calculations and made the projection
52 of its load for 1984 and 1989. I prepared the 1999 projection for the
53 G&T with the members' assistance.

- 1 Q. You stated that the G&T PRS was prepared using 1979 as a base year.
2 Have you reviewed it since its completion?
3
- 4 A. Yes, I reviewed it in late 1981.
5
- 6 Q. What did you find?
7
- 8 A. In 1980 the G&T members used 983,700,905 KWH and I have estimated
9 the 1981 member loads to be 1,015,000,000 KWH based on 11 months of
10 data. This is slightly lower than the G&T members' 1979 use of
11 1,025,277,319 KWH of electrical power. During these two years the
12 number of accounts in all classes has increased by 9.3 percent.
13 This indicates that each account is using an average of 9 percent
14 less power than two years ago.
15
- 16 Q. To what do you attribute this reduction?
17
- 18 A. The G&T members have been stressing conservation which will account
19 for a portion of this load reduction. In addition to this the winter
20 of 1980-81 was milder than normal and the economy in general has been
21 slower with much of the timber industry shut down or on reduced
22 production schedules.
23
- 24 Q. Have you revised your projections?
25
- 26 A. Yes, we have made a new projection of the G&T's loads. This projection
27 is based on the 1981 historical load. To include a new large industrial
28 load being served by one of the members, the 1981 load was increased by
29 8 average megawatts (70,080 MWH). This load came on late in 1981 and
30 had not reached full load by the end of the year. Due to the current
31 economic situation, we have estimated only an additional increase of
32 5 average megawatts (43,800 MWH) to make the total increase 13 average
33 megawatts (113,880 MWH) in 1982. After 1982 the load was projected
34 to grow at the rates estimated in the PRS. Because the loads were
35 growing so fast prior to the economic change, i.e. an 8.7 percent annual
36 increase between 1977 and 1979, it is felt that the economics of the
37 area and load will once again grow rapidly for a period of time. This
38 rate of growth is anticipated to decline in later years.
39
- 40 Q. What rates of growth did you use in your PRS projections?
41
- 42 A. After 1982, we have used a 7.5 percent rate thru 1984, 4.8 percent
43 rate from 1984 thru 1989, and then a 3.44 percent rate of growth from
44 1989 thru 1999.
45
- 46 Q. What are your estimates of the loads in 1984, 1989 and 1999?
47
- 48 A. The revised load estimates are: 1,305,000 MWH in 1984; 1,647,000 MWH
49 in 1989; and 2,313,000 MWH in 1999.
50
- 51 Q. Have you prepared an exhibit to show these load projections?

- 1 A. Yes, Exhibit ____ (JAS-4) has been prepared to show what I have just
2 described. The historical energy loads in average megawatts have
3 been plotted on the left hand side and the projected loads on the right
4 hand side of the graph. The dashed line is the projection of loads we
5 made in 1980 while preparing the Power Requirement Study for REA which
6 was discussed earlier. The solid line is the G&T load revised to the
7 end of 1982 and then projected as discussed above. I have also
8 included a 4 percent load growth curve to show the effects of a lower
9 rate of load growth.
- 10
- 11 Q. What are the existing sources of power to meet the loads of the G&T
12 and what is their future availability?
- 13
- 14 A. The members currently have contracts to receive power for various
15 lengths of time. The largest supplier of power to the members is BPA.
16 Currently BPA supplies all power in excess of the members' other
17 resources. BPA is expected to remain the major supplier of wholesale
18 power to the G&T members for some time and will continue to supply
19 the firm resources that they are supplying on July 1, 1983.
- 20
- 21 The Flathead Irrigation Project has a 400 KW hydroelectric project on
22 Big Creek and a contract with The Montana Power Company for 11,200 KW
23 from Kerr Project No. 5. This license has expired and is currently
24 being renewed annually. It is expected that the Flathead Irrigation
25 Project will continue to receive this power in the future.
- 26
- 27 Another source of contracted power for some of the members is the
28 Columbia Storage Power Exchange. The amount of power from this
29 contract decreases each year until the year 2003 when only 17 percent
30 of the current power will be available and the contract expires. The
31 CSPE power available to the members in 1980-81 is 10.5 megawatts of
32 peak and 4.2 average megawatts of energy.
- 33
- 34 Q. What other sources of power are expected to be available to the G&T
35 members in the future?
- 36
- 37 A. Contracted sources of power include the nuclear units under construction
38 by The Washington Public Power Supply System (WPPSS). All but one of
39 the members have contracted to purchase a share of the output from
40 Units 1, 2 and 3 under a net billing arrangement with BPA. Under this
41 net billing arrangement, the members have purchased a share of the
42 output from WPPSS Units 1, 2 and 3 and then assigned their share of
43 the output to BPA. The net result of this arrangement is that BPA is
44 responsible for making the payment to WPPSS. Since the members assigned
45 their share of the output to BPA, they do not get this share of power,
46 but BPA has more firm power available to serve the members' loads.
47 Some of the member systems are participants in WPPSS Units 4 & 5 and
48 will receive power when and if these units are completed. The member
49 systems' total share is 1.798 percent which would be 33.6 average
50 megawatts of energy and 44.8 megawatts of capacity. At the time the
51 PRS was written the anticipated first power from Units 4 & 5 was to be

1 delivered in September 1987. Since the PRS was completed, the
2 construction of WPPSS Units 4 & 5 has been curtailed and it is
3 uncertain whether the projects will be completed. Therefore, I have
4 excluded the projects from the firm power resources expected to be
5 available.
6

7 The only other major source of power presently expected to be
8 available to serve the G&T's loads is the Kootenai River Hydroelectric
9 Project. The Project will have an installed capacity of 144 mega-
10 watts (MW) and 49.2 MW of firm energy during the critical period.
11

12 Q. Have you considered conservation?
13

14 A. Yes, conservation is considered as a reduction in load growth and is
15 being actively pursued by the G&T members.
16

17 Q. How is conservation being pursued by the G&T members?
18

19 A. They are attempting to reduce the amount of power used in their own
20 facilities and encouraging their customers to conserve. The members
21 are currently signing up with BPA to participate in the Regional
22 Conservation Program. This program includes water heater wraps,
23 shower flow restrictors, home insulation and more efficient outdoor
24 lighting units.
25

26 Q. What is the relationship between the Bonneville Power Administration
27 and the G&T members?
28

29 A. The members of the G&T currently have contracts with BPA and are
30 receiving power from BPA. The existing contracts obligate BPA to
31 supply the members with their load requirements in excess of their
32 own resources. These existing contracts expire at various times in
33 the future between 1985 and 1993. Section 22 of the existing general
34 contract provision permits BPA to limit the amount of power that
35 would be made available to the members if BPA should have insufficient
36 resources to serve all of its obligations. BPA determined that the
37 firm energy resources available after July 1, 1983 would be insufficient
38 to supply the firm energy requirements of their customers. Accordingly
39 on June 24, 1976 BPA notified the members that its obligation to supply
40 firm energy to them would be limited to an allocation computed in
41 accordance with Section 22 of the contract.
42

43 In December 1980 Congress passed the Pacific Northwest Electric Power
44 Planning & Conservation Act which has changed the role of BPA. The
45 Act requires that BPA offer new contracts to all power purchasers
46 who request them and in September 1981, BPA offered new contracts
47 which must be accepted within one year. Although these contracts
48 are requirement type contracts, they place certain obligations on
49 the purchasing parties to supply resources to serve their own load
50 growth. Prior to the passage of the Act, BPA was prohibited from
51 buying power to meet the long term needs of its customers. Now BPA

1 can purchase the power it needs to meet these long term loads by
2 buying the output of new generating plants which have been developed
3 by some other entity. To meet the increasing needs for power, the
4 Act requires BPA to acquire resources in the following order:
5

- 6 1. Conservation
- 7 2. Renewable resources including hydroelectric
- 8 3. Generating resources utilizing waste heat or generating
- 9 resources of high fuel conversion efficient
- 10 4. Other projects

11
12 BPA must purchase conservation by paying for conservation measures
13 until the cost of power conserved is 110 percent of the cheapest
14 alternative source of power, such as a hydroelectric project.
15

16 Q. You mentioned that the G&T members as purchasers would be obligated
17 to supply resources under the new BPA contract. Please elaborate.
18

19 A. Subsections 5(b), 7(f)(3), 8(e), 9(e) and 11(b)(4) of the proposed
20 BPA power sales contract place an obligation on the purchaser to
21 develop resources. Section 5 of the proposed contract contains two
22 parts. The first part is Bonneville's obligation to serve the firm
23 loads of the purchaser. The second part contains the provision that
24 "To the extent that the purchaser obligates Bonneville to serve all
25 or a portion of its load growth pursuant to this contract in lieu
26 of using Firm Resources to meet such load growth, the Purchaser and
27 Bonneville recognize that resources must be made available by or on
28 behalf of the Purchaser to Bonneville if Bonneville is to have the
29 ability to meet its obligations hereunder. The Purchaser therefore
30 agrees that it will use its best efforts either to serve its load
31 growth using Firm Resources, or to make available for acquisition by
32 Bonneville, in accordance with conservation and resources priorities
33 and other requirements of P.L. 96-501, resources equivalent to the
34 load growth of the Purchaser which is served hereunder."
35

36 Section 7 contains allocation provisions in the event of a planning
37 insufficiency. The allocation provisions are procedures to be used
38 to determine how much power each member will get in the event of a
39 planning insufficiency. Planning insufficiency occurs when Bonne-
40 ville is unable to acquire sufficient firm resources to meet its
41 firm obligations. Subsection 7(f)(3) contains the provision that
42 "Intra-Class Excess Entitlements shall be allocated on the basis of
43 an allocation factor. . . . Such allocation factor shall be established
44 by starting with a factor determined by comparing the resources
45 actually developed by each Customer to that amount of Firm Capacity
46 or Firm Energy which each Customer needed to develop in order to meet
47 its load growth and load-resource deficits, if any, existing in the
48 year prior to enactment of P.L. 96-501, squaring the resulting factor
49 for each Customer to increase the allocation of those Customers which
50 have been the most successful in developing resources and adjusting
51 the resulting factor so that the sum of such factors for all Customers
52 in a class equals one."

1 Section 8 of the proposed contract deals with new large single
2 loads. Subsection 8(e) allows the purchaser to serve a new large
3 single load, that is a load in excess of 10 average megawatts,
4 with a resource of its own rather than putting that load upon BPA.
5 The alternative is to purchase its requirements from BPA at the new
6 resource rate which is the cost of new resources on their system.
7 Currently this rate is several times the rate the members now pay.
8

9 Section 9 of the proposed contract contains limitations on serving
10 new large single loads. Any new large single load of 35 average
11 megawatts (MW) or more does not have to be served by BPA until seven
12 years from the date of notice required in subsection (b)(2) by the
13 member to BPA. Subsection 9(e) states "The limitations . . . shall
14 not apply if the Purchaser has developed adequate resources to meet
15 its load growth including the increase in load resulting from service
16 to a new facility of a Consumer or additional service to an existing
17 facility of a Consumer The Purchaser shall be deemed to have
18 built adequate resources for Bonneville to supply such increase in
19 load if the Purchaser has developed resources which were dedicated to
20 its load or sold to Bonneville equal to the sum of (1) reductions
21 in . . . resources between the '79-80 Operating Year and the date
22 specified in subsection (b)(2) above, and (2) growth in Actual Firm
23 Energy Load between (A) the '82-83 Operating Year and the date
24 specified in (b)(2) above for public bodies, cooperatives and Federal
25 agencies. . . ."
26

27 Section 11 of the proposed contract contains provisions relating to
28 a compensation program in the event of regional curtailment of firm
29 loads. This section of the contract provides for reimbursing the
30 purchasers who curtail in the event of a regional shortage. Sub-
31 section 11 (b)(2) states "Bonneville shall pay the Purchaser each
32 month an amount equal to the product of the rate set forth in this
33 paragraph and the amount of load curtailment determined in paragraph
34 (3) below unless such amount of load curtailment is reduced partially
35 or in its entirety as set forth in paragraph (4) below. Such rate
36 shall be the amount per kilowatt hour by which the Purchaser's
37 average revenue from retail sales of electric energy exceeds the
38 wholesale firm power rate the Purchaser would have paid Bonneville
39 for the increment of energy determined pursuant to paragraph (3)
40 below."
41

42 Subsection 11(b)(4) states "If regional curtailment has been requested
43 after July 1, 1983, because Bonneville is unable to acquire sufficient
44 resources to meet its firm obligations, Bonneville shall reduce the
45 amount of load curtailment determined in paragraph (3) above during
46 any month if the Purchaser's load growth after July 1, 1983, as
47 specified in subparagraph (A) below exceeds the amount of resources
48 which the Purchaser has dedicated to its own load or made available
49 to Bonneville as specified in subparagraph (B) below. Such amount of
50 load curtailment for each month shall be reduced partially or in its
51 entirety by the amount which (A) exceeds (B) below:

1 (A) the excess of the Purchaser's Actual Firm Energy Load
2 in average megawatts over the Purchaser's Actual Firm Energy Load in
3 average megawatts for the same month during the '82-'83 Operating Year;
4 and

5 (B) the annual firm energy capability in average megawatts
6 of (i) resources acquired by Bonneville from the Purchaser under
7 P.L. 96-501; and (ii) the portion of the Purchaser's Firm Resources
8 which are included as 5(b)(1)(B) resources in its Firm Resources
9 Exhibit. Such resources shall not include conservation programs to
10 the extent such programs have been reflected in the Purchaser's
11 Actual Firm Energy Load in subparagraph (A) above."
12

13 Thus, under the foregoing paragraphs, in addition to the basic
14 obligation in Section 5, the additional incentives available in the
15 proposed new BPA contract make the construction of the Kootenai
16 River Project quite attractive.
17

18 Under Section 7 the allocation provision is increased for those cust-
19 omers who are successful in developing new resources.
20

21 Sections 8 and 9 provide a method for meeting new large loads if
22 the purchaser develops new resources.
23

24 Section 11, in the event of a regional curtailment of firm loads,
25 provides for compensation and reduction of curtailment for those
26 utilities which have developed new resources.
27

28 Q. How was the energy output of the proposed Kootenai River Hydroelectric
29 Project determined?
30

31 A. The output was determined using synthesized river discharges over the
32 40 year period, 1928 to 1968 taking into account that the Canadians
33 could build the Canal Flats Diversion commencing in 1984.
34

35 Q. How did you determine the river discharge at Kootenai Falls?
36

37 A. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineer's Libby Dam controls the flow of the
38 Kootenai River above the Fisher River. The Corps of Engineers had
39 prepared a monthly discharge schedule for the 40 year period 1928-1968
40 assuming their regulation of the river by Lake Koocanusa. To this
41 flow I added the flow of the Fisher River and run off from the area
42 between Libby Dam and the Kootenai River Project. The result of this
43 calculation is Exhibit _____ (JAS-5) and was shown in the FERC Application
44 on Table HA-6. It should be noted that this does not include the 1.5
45 million acre feet of water that can be diverted in Canada into the
46 Columbia River drainage each year after 1984. If this flow were not
47 diverted, the flow of the Kootenai River would be increased by an
48 annual average of 2,070 cfs.
49

50 Q. How was the firm output of the Project determined?

- 1 A. The firm output of the Project was determined using the 42 month
2 critical period, Sept. 1, 1928 to Feb. 29, 1932, which is used in
3 the Northwest as the low flow period of record. The flows used were
4 those developed with the Canadian flow diversion taking place prior
5 to Project operation. The flows during the 42 month critical period
6 were used along with the generation versus gross head curves. The
7 sum of this output was then determined and the sum modified by a
8 correction factor of 93.7 percent. This correction factor is necessary
9 because the project has a different power generating capability per
10 cubic foot of water using hourly flows instead of average monthly flows.
11 These calculations showed that the Project had a capability of 431,000
12 MWH on an annual basis during the critical period. This gave the Project
13 a capacity of 144 MW and an average firm energy capability of 49.2
14 MW. These figures were calculated with a minimum spill of 750 cfs over
15 the spillway and with the forebay at elevation 2000.
16
- 17 Q. How was the average output of the Project determined?
18
- 19 A. The monthly flows were developed above and combined into a duration
20 curve. This duration curve is Exhibit ____ (JAS-6) and is FERC
21 Application Exhibit I-1. The generation versus gross head curves
22 were then used to determine the Project capability in the 40 year
23 period using monthly flows. These monthly flows were once again
24 modified by the 93.7 percent correction factor to account for hourly
25 flows as opposed to monthly flows. The average output over a 40 year
26 period with 1.5 million acre feet of Canadian diversion is 515,000
27 MWH per year for an average energy capability of 58.8 megawatts.
28
- 29 Q. Would you describe how the power from this Project will be used
30 with the other resources available to the members?
31
- 32 A. Exhibit ____ (JAS-4) shows existing resources on July 1, 1983 including
33 BPA purchase, which have been previously discussed and the estimated
34 date that the Project will have power available. The shaded areas
35 between the resources available and the 4 percent load growth curve
36 indicate a shortage of power that BPA will supply if available. The
37 revised PRS load projection indicates a larger shortage of power for
38 the G&T members to be supplied by BPA if available.
39
- 40 Q. How will the power from the Project be transmitted to the various
41 members of the G&T?
42
- 43 A. The Project will be connected to the existing transmission grid at
44 the Powerstation and the power will be transferred over the existing
45 transmission lines to the members.
46
- 47 Q. What other options do the members have?
48
- 49 A. The power could be exchanged with BPA pursuant to a "Service & Exchange
50 Agreement" that would provide transmission, reserves, load factoring,
51 and seasonal storage.

1 The Project output could also be exchanged with BPA under an arrange-
2 ment that would involve a trade of power between the members and BPA.
3 An amount of power equal to the members residential loads as defined
4 in the Regional Power Act could be exchanged with BPA under the
5 residential exchange. BPA would pay for the power at a rate equal
6 to the average system cost of the member and deliver a similar amount
7 of power at BPA's wholesale rate.

8
9 The Project output could be used in the members' systems to serve
10 their customers' loads. Then BPA would grant the members a billing
11 credit that would be applied against their BPA bill. The amount of
12 the credit would be equal to the amount that BPA saved by not having
13 to acquire a similar quantity of electrical power.

14
15 The Project output could be sold to BPA. The members would continue
16 to purchase their power requirements from BPA and would have the
17 assurance that BPA would serve these requirements as I outlined
18 previously in my testimony.

19
20 Q. Have you discussed these arrangements with BPA?

21
22 A. Yes, only in a preliminary way since the Project has not reached the
23 the stage required for negotiating of the necessary contracts.

24
25 Q. How will the Project be operated?

26
27 A. The Project will operate under the Pacific Northwest Coordination
28 Agreement. It will be operated to maintain the maximum power production
29 possible with the flow in the Kootenai River less the spilling of at
30 least a minimum of 750 cfs over the Spillway. The flow in the river
31 depends on the water releases from Libby Dam plus the inflow between
32 Libby Dam and the Project.

33
34 Q. How does Libby Dam usually operate?

35
36 A. Libby Dam usually operates within the following parameters. From
37 March 1, to July 31st - (reservoir refill season) releases are main-
38 tained to hold the Reservoir at or below specified flood control rule
39 curve levels. Discharge may be as small as 4,000 cfs, but is set to
40 obtain a full reservoir level on August 1st. Following floods,
41 releases may exceed turbine discharge capacity for short periods. In
42 general, discharges do not vary greatly during a single day. Releases
43 are made through the turbines as much as is feasible, although the
44 sluices may be used to supplement the turbines when necessary. From
45 August 1, to February 28th - (storage release season) releases are made
46 for the production of power to help meet the load in the Pacific North-
47 west. During part of this time releases are 10,000 cfs to 20,000 cfs
48 from 7AM to 7PM and at a usual minimum of 4,000 cfs from 7PM to 7AM
49 from Monday through Friday with the usual minimum flow all day on
50 Saturday and Sunday. During heavier load periods the releases may be
51 20,000 cfs to 24,000 cfs continuously or with variations from 16,000 cfs

1 to 24,000 cfs during each weekday with releases usually varying on
2 the above mentioned daily schedule. The releases during this period
3 must lower the reservoir to the required flood control elevation on
4 March 1st.
5
6 Q. What will be the elevation of the Reservoir behind the Dam?
7
8 A. The Reservoir will be controlled as near as possible to elevation 2000
9 at the Dam. This elevation will increase upstream from the Dam, the
10 amount of increase depending upon the flow in the river. The fluctu-
11 ation in levels at the upper end of the Reservoir will be the same as
12 it is presently for the same change in flow in the river and will
13 decrease through the Reservoir to no fluctuation at the Dam.
14
15 Q. Will the public have access to the Project area?
16
17 A. Yes, the public will continue to have access to all Project areas
18 that are safe. The Applicant has an agreement with the Libby Lions Club
19 to improve, operate, and maintain the Lions Club Park area and facil-
20 ities for visitors to the Project area. The area between the railroad
21 and river downstream from the Dam will be maintained as near as possible
22 in its existing state.
23
24 Q. Will the area on the north bank of the river be available for use by
25 the general public?
26
27 A. Yes, this area will be available for use by the general public if they
28 can obtain permission for access from the various property owners.
29
30 Q. What Project areas will be controlled by fencing for safety reasons?
31
32 A. Access to the Dam on each side of the river and to the area immediately
33 downstream of the Spillway from the south bank of the river will be
34 controlled by fencing.
35
36 Q. Will the Powerstation be available for tours by the general public?
37
38 A. Yes, the Project will have a tour schedule during the tourist season
39 and by special arrangements at other times during the year.
40
41 Q. Does this complete your testimony?
42
43 A. Yes.

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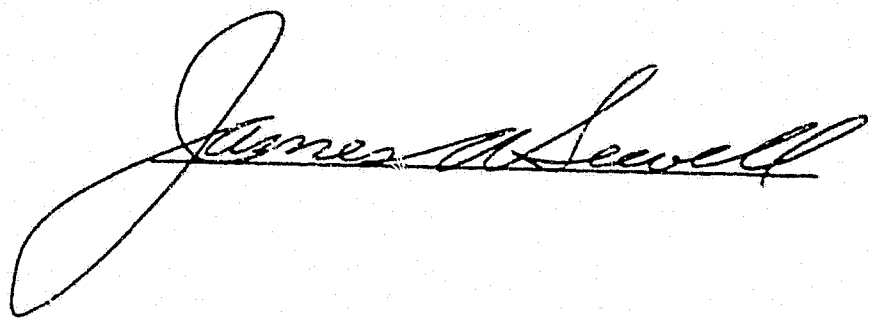
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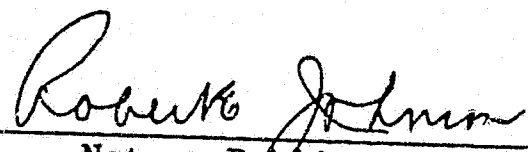
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) ss.:
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James A. Sewell, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he has read the attached prepared direct testimony of James A. Sewell, consisting of 16 pages and 6 accompanying exhibits and is familiar with the contents thereof, and that the matters of fact set forth therein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.



Subscribed and sworn to before me,
this 22 day of January, 1982

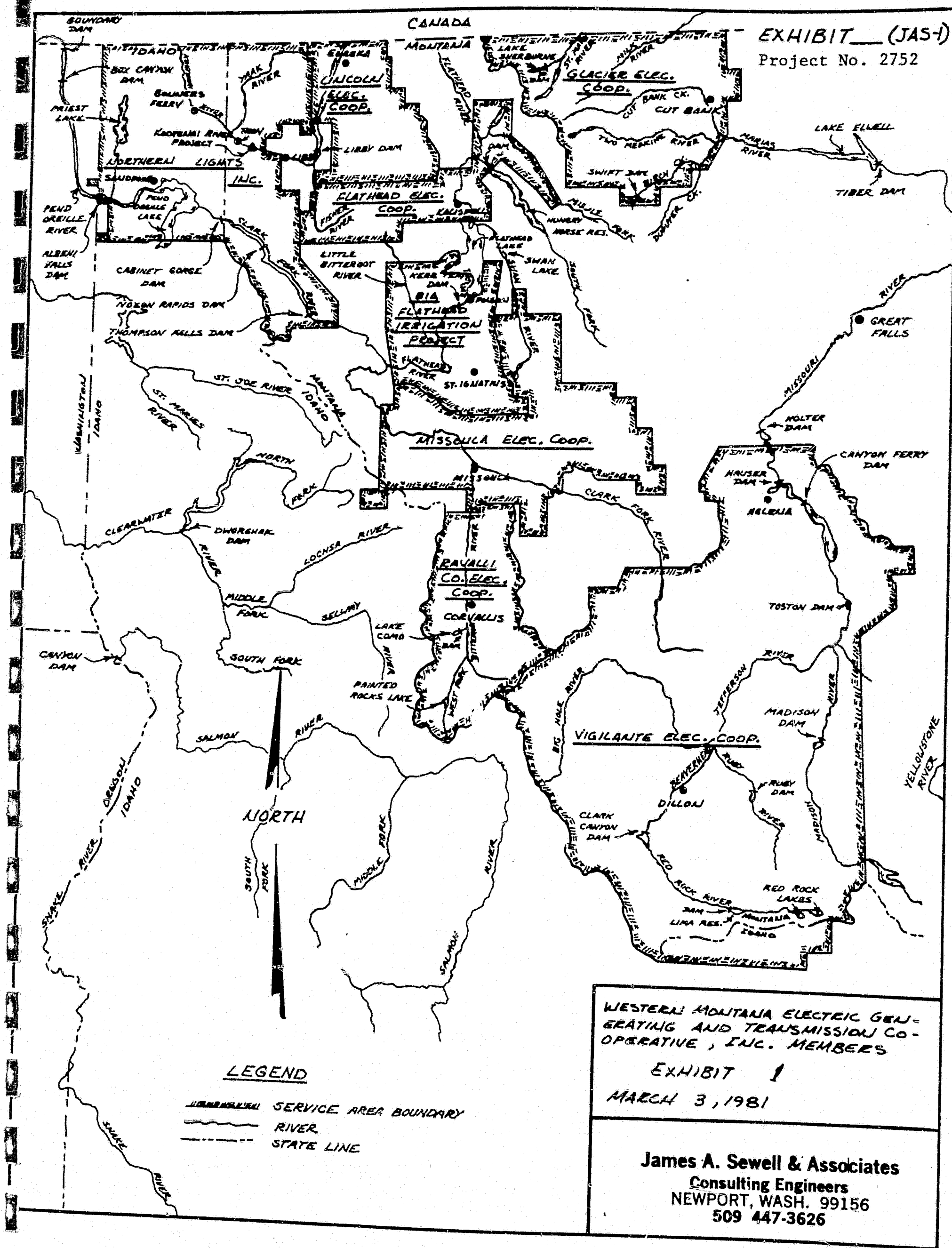


Notary Public

My commission expires Aug 18, 1983

List of Exhibits

<u>Title</u>	<u>Exhibit No.</u>
Western Montana Electric Generating and Transmission Co-Operative, Inc. Members Service Areas	___ (JAS-1)
1979 Membership Survey	___ (JAS-2)
Montana 42 Western - Estimated Annual KWH Consumptions of Residential Electrical Devices	___ (JAS-3)
Kootenai River Hydroelectric Project - Load Projections and Resources	___ (JAS-4)
Regulated Flows at Kootenai Falls with 1984 Canadian Flow Diversion - Average Monthly Projected Flows	___ (JAS-5)
Flow Duration Curve - Average Monthly Discharges, 1928-1968 - Libby Discharges with Canadian Flow Diversion	___ (JAS-6)



(Your letterhead here)

Exhibit (JAS-2)
Project No. 2752

1979 MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT SERVICE

Account No. _____

1. When is this service used?
 - a. summer only
 - b. winter only
 - c. year around
2. How many people in the household? _____
3. Within which age group is the head of the household?
 - a. younger than 30
 - b. 31 to 45
 - c. 46 to 60
 - d. older than 60
4. Do you own or rent this residence?
 - a. own
 - b. rent
5. Where is this residence located?
 - a. farm home
 - b. recreational/ part-time home
 - c. suburban home
 - d. rural home

BUILDING INFORMATION

6. What is the approximate size of the house?
 - a. less than 1000 sq. ft.
 - b. 1000-1499 sq. ft.
 - c. 1500-1999 sq. ft.
 - d. 2000 sq. ft. or more
7. What is the approximate age of the house?
 - a. less than 5 yrs.
 - b. 5-9 yrs.
 - c. 10-19 yrs.
 - d. 20-29 yrs.
 - e. 30 yrs or older
 - f. don't know
8. Is the house all electric?
 - a. yes
 - b. no
9. How is water supplied to house?
 - a. public or private water company
 - b. pumped from own well or spring
10. What type of structure is the house?
 - a. one-story
 - b. two-story
 - c. mobile home
 - d. multiple family

APPLIANCE INFORMATION

11. Primary source of space heating.
 - a. oil
 - b. wood
 - c. natural gas
 - d. bottled gas
 - e. solar
 - f. electric heat pump
 - g. electric furnace or baseboards
 - h. other _____
12. Other sources of space heating.
 - a. oil
 - b. wood
 - c. natural gas
 - d. bottled gas
 - e. solar
 - f. electric heat pump
 - g. electric furnace or baseboards
 - h. other _____
13. Primary source of energy for hot water.
 - a. oil
 - b. wood
 - c. natural gas
 - d. bottled gas
 - e. solar
 - f. electric
 - g. other _____
14. Other sources of energy for heating water.
 - a. oil
 - b. wood
 - c. natural gas
 - d. bottled gas
 - e. solar
 - f. electric
 - g. other _____

15. Primary source of energy to cook with.
a. wood d. electricity
b. natural gas e. other _____
c. bottled gas

16. Other sources of energy to cook with.
a. wood d. electricity
b. natural gas e. other _____
c. bottled gas

17. If you have a clothes washer, what type?
a. none
b. wringer washer
c. automatic
d. combination washer-dryer

18. If you have a clothes dryer, what type?
a. none c. electric
b. natural gas

19. Do you have a freezer?
a. yes b. no

20. What type of air conditioning do you have?
a. none
b. heat pump
c. central refrigeration unit
d. room units - how many _____
e. other _____

21. Do you plan to add air conditioning in the next 3 years?
a. yes b. no

22. Do you usually supplement your home heating equipment with portable electric heaters during the winter?
a. yes b. no

23. How many television sets do you have? _____

24. Do you have a microwave oven?
a. yes b. no

25. Do you have a dishwasher?
a. yes b. no

26. Do you plan to add or change space heaters and if so what type will the new heaters be?

a. no change f. solar
b. wood g. natural gas
c. oil h. bottled gas
d. heat pump i. other _____
e. electric furnace or baseboards

27. Do you plan to add to or replace your existing hot water tank in the next 3 years and if so what type will the new heater be?

a. no change e. solar
b. wood f. natural gas
c. oil g. bottled gas
d. electric h. other _____

28. Do you plan to change the type of energy used to cook with in the next 3 years and if so what will be the type of energy used?

a. no change d. bottled gas
b. wood e. electric
c. natural gas f. other _____

OTHER USES OF POWER

29. Do you have other out-buildings connected to the same service as the house?
a. yes b. no

30. How many electrically heated out-buildings do you have? _____

31. How many electric stock water heaters do you have? _____

32. How many electric engine heaters do you have? _____

33. Do you have any irrigation pump connected to the same service?
a. yes b. no

34. List other major equipment using electricity not mentioned above that are connected to the service.
_____ hp _____ BTU

CONSERVATION MEASURES

35. In the past 3 years which of the following have you done?
- a. installed attic ventilation
 - b. added or installed attic insulation
 - c. added or installed wall insulation
 - d. added or installed floor insulation
 - e. added or installed storm doors & windows
 - f. added weather stripping or caulking
 - g. other conservation measures _____
 - h. no added conservation measures taken
36. In the next 3 years which of the following conservation measures do you plan to undertake?
- a. install attic ventilation
 - b. add or install attic insulation
 - c. add or install wall insulation
 - d. add or install floor insulation
 - e. add or install storm doors & windows
 - f. add weather stripping or caulking
 - g. other conservation measures _____
 - h. no added conservation measures planned
37. Do you currently have storm doors?
- a. yes b. no
38. Do you currently have storm windows or double pane windows?
- a. yes b. no

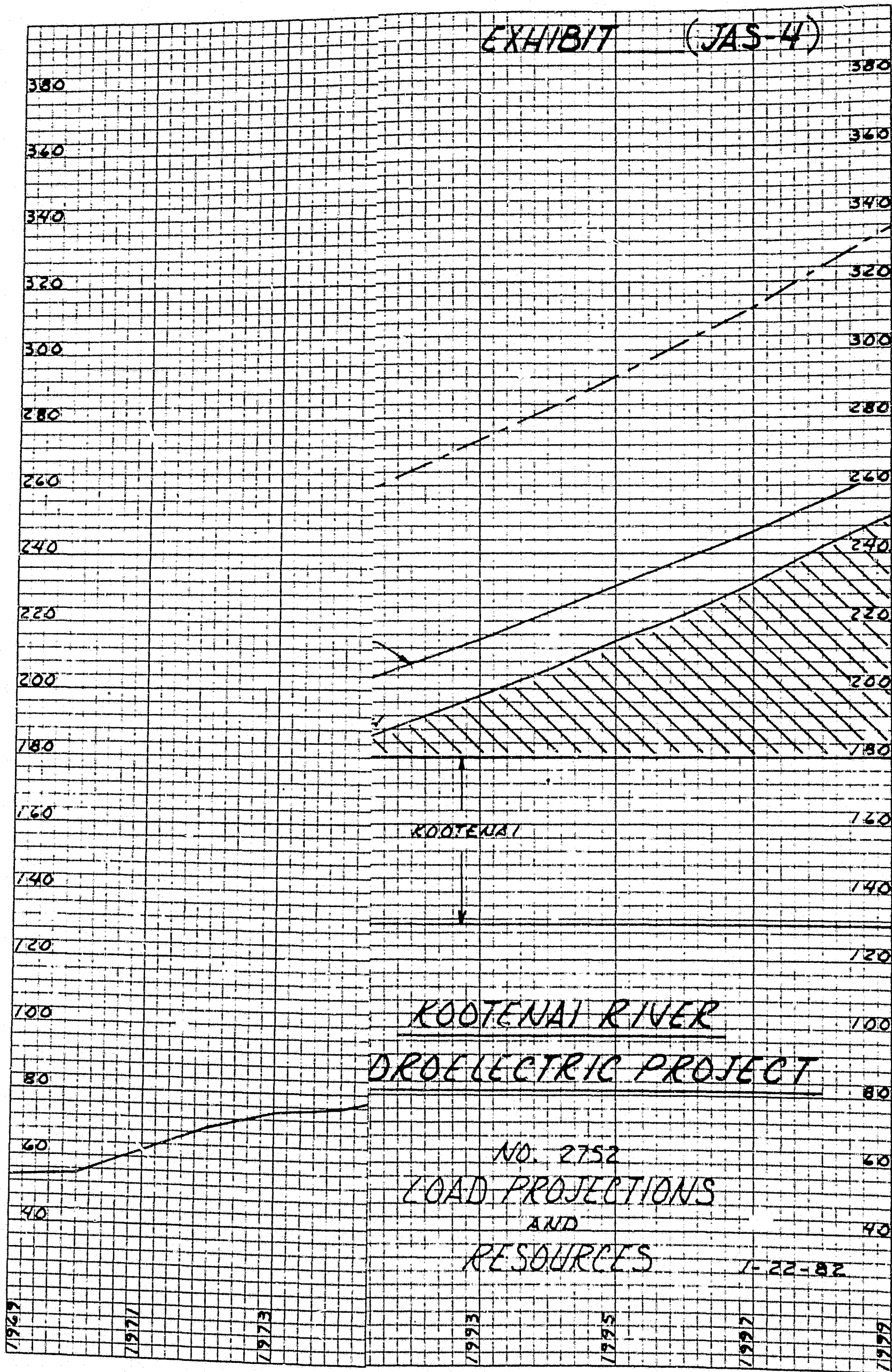
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Estimated Annual KWH Consumptions of
Residential Electrical Devices

User	KWH/Yr.
Electric Heat	
Northern Lights	19,710
Ravalli	19,701
Vigilante	21,060
Missoula	18,970
Flathead	23,000
Glacier	22,000
Lincoln	23,000
FIP	19,120
T.V.	300
Freezer	1,200
Washer	90
Electric clothes dryer	990
Electric range	1,200
Dishwasher	370
Electric water heater	4,800
Engine heater	500
Stock water heater	750

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REGULATED FLOWS AT KOOTENAI FALLS WITH 1984 CANADIAN FLOW DIVERSION
 AVERAGE MONTHLY PROJECTED FLOWS
 IN CFS FOR 1928-68

Year	July	Aug.	Sept	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	Ave.
28-29	24826	5145	4081	6282	13223	25156	6186	8274	3709	10359	5516	5759	9906
29-30	3976	3799	5668	6639	18815	23997	16093	3460	3580	5712	5440	5320	8580
30-31	4260	7396	3360	3821	19118	25205	12817	3391	3444	3804	6060	5320	8209
31-32	4580	6820	5167	8797	10760	12566	9673	9065	3900	5812	7860	5320	7522
32-33	4120	3728	3640	4223	9374	27082	19488	13173	6843	7608	13906	12666	10489
33-34	9789	6594	6555	8626	14433	21362	44072	21414	12688	15206	7917	7544	14669
34-35	12239	5820	6186	5115	12288	26000	9106	9520	5332	7531	14852	12383	10550
35-36	6716	7237	4476	6959	16621	26263	3134	8916	3652	14328	6620	5260	9174
36-37	3756	3262	3200	3216	13268	24847	15263	4166	3705	10117	6060	5120	8031
37-38	4280	3378	3242	3192	7494	18382	3556	6098	6305	12953	15344	10781	7924
38-39	3240	6565	3352	5915	14755	23413	3578	6690	3702	6530	5980	5761	7461
39-40	5679	5115	5169	5930	15293	21840	4016	3343	4213	9234	8764	7053	7995
40-41	3260	7699	3152	3240	12918	22992	5665	3840	3370	3630	4600	4642	6612
41-42	7160	8045	3224	3708	4257	18777	16658	13800	6163	5098	5800	10227	8565
42-43	13091	7253	6684	7260	11899	24279	21967	11567	5225	8218	6860	5880	10875
43-44	17847	6564	5277	5664	14323	24416	4261	7146	6507	7400	10765	4280	9576
44-45	3778	6007	4635	5743	11964	15902	9475	3789	6588	7198	4720	5220	7110
45-46	4100	3372	3212	4668	10769	17542	9155	3496	5832	9199	12452	5520	7309
46-47	15010	6059	6007	6023	13302	22340	17682	12772	8524	11014	15928	9137	12000
47-48	15080	5976	4962	11971	14130	29511	29713	19956	8090	12345	10572	8683	14248
48-49	19132	8254	5763	5650	13536	25062	4854	3487	3912	6982	14357	7897	9975
49-50	7584	6411	5404	5777	10996	26539	21092	13584	9196	10425	12662	12852	11884
50-51	10452	6875	4749	7716	13092	22387	39048	27009	9564	13599	8780	5120	13980
51-52	15157	8486	8805	11421	16404	27107	13583	11552	6000	11838	10733	6633	12331
52-53	14246	7356	6166	7053	17181	25083	3864	10515	5505	7150	7487	5440	9756
53-54	20332	6452	5016	5199	13701	25929	28607	20634	8905	9210	10084	7052	13419
54-55	26916	9923	8237	7264	15469	27058	14437	12165	6456	5220	7375	5360	12196
55-56	19261	6366	4849	7289	15792	21496	35600	21942	9465	17934	8000	4580	14358
56-57	19953	6892	5165	5922	13711	26145	5428	6029	5114	7478	19592	11891	11169
57-58	6856	7198	5395	5377	14407	21826	3836	3659	3952	7827	12491	10553	8645
58-59	9424	5654	4827	4130	13813	25041	27759	18186	8349	14053	11042	6364	12368
59-60	12274	7213	11217	9537	8478	28627	25160	13198	9247	15744	6220	5158	12699
60-61	11403	6414	4524	5068	13706	25434	26654	16724	8953	8673	8316	11124	12243
61-62	11024	5754	7114	5624	14021	25779	7081	8145	4118	9889	8781	7042	9543
62-63	12587	5414	4617	5440	14431	26560	11098	11941	5952	4930	5222	7255	9621
63-64	16571	6353	5026	6165	12910	25664	15513	12704	5698	6386	7046	11074	10934
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65-66	18659	6518	6128	6327	14593	26225	20415	14656	7643	7402	8016	7645	12031
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Exhibit _____ (JAS-5)
 Project No. 2752

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

NORTHERN LIGHTS, INC.)

PROJECT NO. 2752

DIRECT TESTIMONY OF ARTHUR E. ALLEN
ON BEHALF OF NORTHERN LIGHTS

1 Q. Please state your name and business address.

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3 A. My name is Arthur E. Allen. My business address is
4 Harza Engineering Company, 150 South Wacker Drive,
5 Chicago, Illinois 60606.
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7 Q. What is your educational and experience background?
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9 A. I received a B.S. degree in Civil Engineering from
10 Carnegie Institute of Technology (now Carnegie Mellon
11 University) in 1938, followed by an M.S. Degree in
12 Civil Engineering in 1939 from the same university.
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14 I have 37 years experience in hydraulic and hydro-
15 electric engineering since 1939. This consisted of one
16 year with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Pittsburgh
17 District, 15 years with the Aluminum Company of America
18 and 21 years with Harza Engineering Company.
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20 My present position is Vice President, and Chief of
21 Senior Professional Staff of Harza Engineering Company.
22 The Senior Professional Staff is a group of engineers
23 who have long experience and who advise younger engi-
24 neers, review reports for completeness and accuracy,
25 specify planning and design criteria for projects, and
26 handle difficult and complex individual assignments.
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28 My work with Harza has involved projects ranging from a
29 few megawatts to 10,000 megawatts. I have analyzed
30 river, spillway, and tunnel hydraulics, planned tunnels,
31 dams, spillways, and powerstations, studied power and
32 energy production, participated in selection of tur-
33 bines, generators, and control systems, and testified in

1 legal proceedings. One legal proceeding was for the
2 State of Illinois in the United States Supreme Court
3 original jurisdiction suit concerning withdrawal of
4 water from Lake Michigan.
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6 I was Project Manager of the Seneca Pumped-storage
7 Project (FERC No. 2280) from initial planning through
8 construction, and continue to perform services for the
9 project owners. I have been a Registered Professional
10 Engineer for 30 years and now am a Registered Profes-
11 sional Engineer in eight states.
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13 Q. What is your connection with the Kootenai River Hydro-
14 electric Project?
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16 A. I have been the Project Manager for the work by Harza
17 Engineering Company for the Kootenai River Hydroelectric
18 Project. My association started in 1978 and has con-
19 tinued to date. The work consisted of directing and
20 participating in studies of development of the Project,
21 which were used in preparing the License Application to
22 FERC. The work was performed in conjunction with James
23 A. Sewell & Associates. My work utilized specialists,
24 engineering and environmental, of Harza's organization.
25 My testimony describes the Project generally and relies
26 upon the testimony of Mr. Sewell and of witnesses from
27 Harza. The Harza witnesses on whom I rely and the
28 subjects of their testimony are as follows:
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30 Earl E. Komie, Geology
31 Henry H. Chen, Economics
32 Svante E. Hjertberg, Construction Methods and Cost
33 B. K. Lee, River and Reservoir Hydraulics
34 John R. Bizer, Aquatic Habitat and Water Quality
35 Robert E. Lindsay, Terrestrial Environment
36 Peter L. Ames, Birds
37 Rick K. Suttle, Visual and Recreation
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39 Q. What was the scope of the studies you directed or in
40 which you participated for the Kootenai River Hydro-
41 electric Project?
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43 A. The studies began after the Preliminary Permit was
44 issued and could be divided into the following major
45 components:

- 1 (1) Analyzing alternative hydroelectric plant sites to
2 arrive at the most favorable site.
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4 (2) Analyzing ways of developing the most favorable
5 site to obtain the most favorable plan.
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7 (3) Studying and refining the most favorable plan to
8 accomplish two purposes. The purposes were:
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10 (a) Develop details sufficient for the License
11 Application to FERC.
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13 (b) Subsequent to filing the License Application
14 to FERC, modifying and improving details as
15 desirability or need was shown during the
16 review procedure while the Environmental
17 Impact Statement was being prepared.
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19 Q. What basic principles guided your studies of alternative
20 hydroelectric sites?
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22 A. The first principle was consideration of hydroelectric
23 sites within reasonable distance of the area served by
24 the eight utilities who plan to take the output of the
25 Project. These eight utilities are members of the
26 Western Montana Electric Generating and Transmission
27 Cooperative and are hereafter referred to as "G&T".
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29 Q. I show a map marked as Exhibit ____ (AEA-1). Was this
30 map prepared under your supervision?
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32 A. Yes, it was.
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34 Q. What does Exhibit ____ (AEA-1) show?
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36 A. Exhibit ____ (AEA-1) shows the western part of Montana,
37 the northern part of Idaho, and the northeastern part of
38 Washington, and the outline of the service areas of the
39 G&T.
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41 Q. What use did you make of Exhibit ____ (AEA-1)?
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43 A. The G&T contains service areas scattered over approxi-
44 mately 30,000 square miles. The extreme dimensions of
45 the area served are approximately 230 miles from east to
46 west and 280 miles from north to south. There are large
47 transmission and distribution distances within the area.

1 The preferred location for a new source of generation
2 is within the area and near transmission lines that can
3 deliver power to the service areas with minimum line
4 loss and transmission charges. Thus, the exhibit
5 shows roughly the limits of the area to be considered
6 and the availability of existing transmission corri-
7 dors.

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9 Q. What alternative hydroelectric sites did you select for
10 study on the basis of Exhibit ____ (AEA-1)?
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12 A. The first sites considered were within Montana. The
13 first consideration was of river systems and basins,
14 rather than individual sites. A basic factor that
15 appeared quickly was the difference between the seasonal
16 pattern of flows on many streams and the annual load
17 pattern of the G&T. Montana streams naturally have
18 comparatively low flow in autumn and winter, with very
19 high flow during snow melt season in the spring and with
20 the high flow continuing, but gradually reducing, into
21 the summer.
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23 The G&T's peak loads occur in winter. There is an
24 irrigation pumping load in the summer, but there are
25 large heating loads in winter. One service area has a
26 summer peak, but overall summer loads are less than
27 winter loads. Thus, the natural flow distribution of
28 streams in the area is not suited to the loads of the
29 G&T. The streams most suitable are those having
30 artificial regulation that controls the seasonal
31 distribution of water so that it corresponds more nearly
32 to seasonal variations in power requirements.
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34 Within Montana there are not many suitable locations.
35 One site, as an illustration, that was available but not
36 suitable is on the Missouri River at Toston, Montana.
37 At that site an irrigation drop could provide about 10
38 MW. Seasonal flow regulation benefit at Toston is rela-
39 tively minor, and power production is mostly during
40 irrigation season. The same would be true at other
41 sites along the Missouri and Yellowstone Rivers.
42 Nothing of reasonable size or with seasonal production
43 suitability would have been available, so further de-
44 tailed checks of the Missouri and Yellowstone Rivers
45 were not made.

1 The Milk River basin has few, if any, significant power
2 sites available, and even these have the same
3 undesirable flow distribution. The Yaak River has a few
4 sites, but requires a large storage reservoir for
5 seasonal flow regulation. A large storage reservoir
6 would be objectionable environmentally because it would
7 flood a large portion of the Yaak Valley.
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9 The Flathead and Kootenai Rivers have seasonal flow
10 regulation provided by large storage reservoirs that
11 redistribute the flow of water so it is more closely
12 related to power needs. The Flathead regulation is
13 provided by Hungry Horse and Kerr Reservoirs; the
14 Kootenai regulation is provided by Libby Reservoir.
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16 There are a number of sites along the Flathead River
17 between Kerr Reservoir (Flathead Lake) and the junction
18 of the Flathead and Clark Fork Rivers. The sites were
19 being investigated by the Corps of Engineers when this
20 Project was being planned. I understand that the Corps
21 has not yet found any of the sites sufficiently attrac-
22 tive for construction. If the sites were developed,
23 they would be part of the Bonneville power pool and only
24 a small portion of the power output would be available
25 to the G&T. The Middle Fork, North Fork, and remaining
26 undeveloped portion of the South Fork of the Flathead
27 River are designated either as wild and scenic or as
28 recreational rivers, so that they are unavailable for
29 power development. The Glacier View site, once proposed
30 for Federal development, is unavailable because of its
31 effect on National Park land. Elsewhere, the Flathead
32 does not have suitable or available sites or involves
33 expensive highway and railroad relocation. For example,
34 the Paradise site involves major relocations.
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36 Major sites on the Clark Fork River already are deve-
37 loped. Sites remaining have undesirable characteristics
38 or involve expensive highway and railroad relocations.
39 Sites in Montana other than on the Kootenai River were
40 rejected without further investigation because of the
41 various factors involved.
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43 On the Kootenai River there are several alternative
44 sites available.
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46 Q. Before discussing the Kootenai River, did you consider
47 hydroelectric sites outside of Montana?

1 A. Yes. There are several rivers in Idaho that were con-
2 sidered briefly. The Salmon, North Fork Clearwater,
3 South Fork Clearwater, Selway, and Lochsa Rivers have
4 power sites. The Salmon River and parts of the North
5 Fork Clearwater, Selway, and Lochsa are unavailable
6 because of Federal designation as "wild and scenic" or
7 "recreational" rivers. The other rivers are in the
8 Clearwater or Bitterroot National Forests. Sites on
9 these rivers have been considered for Federal develop-
10 ment, but have not been developed for various reasons.
11 Some of the sites are in designated or proposed "wilder-
12 ness areas" and are not available. The environmental
13 controls on any sites that may be available could be
14 expected to be extremely strict.
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16 The St. Joe and St. Maries Rivers may have power sites,
17 but there are highways and railroads whose relocation
18 would be expensive. Their seasonal flow distribution
19 also is not suited to the G&T's loads.
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21 The sites in Idaho, other than on the Kootenai River,
22 also are somewhat distant from the G&T loads. The
23 country generally is very rugged, which would make
24 transmission lines expensive, apart from the routing
25 restrictions imposed because of "wilderness areas",
26 "wild and scenic rivers", and "recreational rivers".
27 There are BPA and Washington Water Power transmission
28 lines that might be utilized to the extent that unused
29 transmission capacity is available, but transmission
30 routings would be complex and toll charges would be
31 relatively high.
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33 Sites in Idaho other than on the Kootenai River were not
34 investigated in detail, but from the general assessment
35 none appear suitable or justifiable to the G&T.
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37 Q. Returning to the Kootenai River, what facts were deve-
38 loped in your investigation of availability of hydro-
39 electric sites?
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41 A. The Kootenai River is very attractive for hydroelectric
42 development because of large flow of water. The
43 Kootenai River is the third largest tributary of the
44 Columbia. Table 1 shows basic information on drainage
45 area and mean runoff at locations along the Kootenai
46 River, going upstream from where it leaves Idaho and
47 enters British Columbia to where it enters Montana from

Canada. The table also shows the names of gaging stations and their distance upstream from where the

Table 1

KOOTENAI RIVER BASIN HYDROLOGIC DATA

<u>Location</u>	<u>Drainage Area Square Miles</u>	<u>River Mile</u>	<u>Mean Water Surface Elevation</u>	<u>Annual Discharge cfs</u>	<u>Period of Record</u>
Port Hill, ID	13,700	105.6	1,745	16,040	1928-1978
Copeland, ID	13,400	124.2	1,745	15,640	1930-1978
Bonniers Ferry, ID	13,000	152.8	1,748	15,250 ^{1/}	1927-1978
Leonia, ID	11,740	171.6	1,804	14,020	1928-1978
Libby, MT	10,240	204.3	2,045	12,190	1911-1978
Libby Reregulating Dam site	9,960	211	2,075	11,770 ^{1/}	
Libby Dam Tailwater	8,985	221.0	2,110	11,070 ^{3/}	
Canadian border near Rexford, MT	7,660	2.1	2,315 ^{2/}	10,520 ^{4/}	1930-1972

^{1/} Computed by difference of drainage areas; not published by USGS.

^{2/} Approximate natural elevation. The river usually is submerged by Libby Reservoir, which operates between elevations 2287 and 2459.

^{3/} 11,830 cfs during 1971-1976. Mean computed from 12,190 cfs at Libby.

^{4/} Gage now abandoned.

the Kootenai River enters Canada. The approximate mean water surface elevation at each station also is shown.

Table 2, which is derived from Table 1, shows the power available in sections of the Kootenai River under present flow conditions and after Canada exercises its right to divert 1,500,000 acre-feet per year at Canal Flats, B.C., upstream from Libby Reservoir. The Canadian diversion is equivalent to a mean diversion of 2,070 cfs, and by treaty could start in 1984. Power available is proportional to the product of head and discharge.

Table 2

KOOTENAI RIVER - POTENTIAL POWER

Location	Distance Between Loca- tions, Miles	Approx. Fall or Head, Feet	Present Stream Flow		After Diversion	
			Mean Dis- charge, cfs	Mean Power Out- put, kw	Mean Dis- charge, cfs	Mean Power Out- put, kw
Port Hill, ID	47.2	3	16,040 (15,645)	3,400	13,970 (13,575)	3,000
Bonnars Ferry, ID	18.8	56	15,250 (14,635)	60,000	13,180 (12,565)	51,000
Leonia, ID	32.7	241	14,020 (13,105)	230,000	11,950 (11,035)	193,000
Libby, MT	16.7	65	12,190 (11,630)	55,000	10,120 (9,560)	45,000
Libby Dam Tailwater, MT	50	205	11,070 (10,795)	160,000	9,000 (8,725)	130,000
Canadian Border Near Rexford, MT			10,520		8,450	

Notes

Discharges in parentheses are numerical averages of flow at stations immediately upstream and downstream, and represent a basic flow to be used for energy evaluation.

The power between Libby Dam Tailwater and the Canadian border near Rexford, MT, already is developed and is shown only to indicate relative magnitude.

1 Q. How is the foregoing information related to the studies
2 of the Kootenai Hydroelectric Project?

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4 A. The foregoing information shows that the most favorable
5 power development is within a few miles along the
6 Kootenai River, primarily between Bonners Ferry and
7 Libby. An item not shown in the information is the
8 beneficial flow regulation provided by Libby Dam and
9 Reservoir. Releases from Libby Reservoir are made on a
10 coordinated basis under the Pacific Northwest Coordina-
11 tion Agreement for power production, consistent with
12 other requirements. Power and flood control purposes
13 are served by retaining water in Libby Reservoir in the
14 spring and summer periods of high runoff and releasing
15 the retained water in the normally drier fall and
16 winter. The largest releases are in winter, when the
17 G&T's loads are maximum. Thus, a powerplant on the
18 Kootenai River will produce power seasonally more nearly
19 in proportion to the G&T's loads than will a plant on a
20 river not having such regulation. Even if the genera-
21 tion is not completely proportional to the loads, the
22 generation will be part of a controlled optimum pattern
23 of generation in Bonneville territory. A plant outside
24 Bonneville territory would not have the benefit of the
25 water storage reservoirs in the Bonneville system.
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27 There is one significant factor tending to favor a power
28 plant near Libby Dam over a plant farther downstream.
29 The 10,120 cfs mean annual discharge at the Libby Gage
30 after Canadian diversion begins will be almost entirely
31 regulated by Libby Reservoir. Going farther downstream
32 along the Kootenai River, the unregulated component of
33 river discharge increases. Table 2 shows that, at
34 Bonners Ferry, approximately 3,060 cfs of the mean
35 annual 13,180 cfs, or 23 percent, is timed by natural
36 hydrologic factors rather than by power requirements.
37 Thus, a plant nearer Libby is more suitable for the
38 G&T's power needs than a plant farther downstream from
39 Libby, other factors being equal.
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41 With the foregoing information as background, a number
42 of potential powerplant sites were located on the
43 Kootenai River by map study and analyzed.
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45 Q. I show you a map marked as Exhibit ____ (AEA-2). Was the
46 exhibit prepared under your supervision?
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48 A. Yes.

1 Q. What is shown by Exhibit ____ (AEA-2)?
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3 A. Exhibit ____ (AEA-2), shows the Kootenai River in Idaho
4 and Montana, with the locations of several important
5 items that are involved in the study of alternative
6 hydroelectric plants on the Kootenai River. The major
7 points shown on the exhibit are as follows:
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- 10 1. Locations of Libby Dam and the USGS gages at
11 Libby, Leonia, Bonners Ferry, Copeland, and
12 Port Hill.
 - 13 2. The towns of Libby, Troy, and Bonners Ferry.
 - 14 3. The Albeni Falls-Libby transmission line.
15 Note that Albeni Falls, which is on the Pend
16 Oreille River, is off the map a short distance
17 to the southwest.
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 - 19 4. Five alternative hydroelectric sites investi-
20 gated by Harza. All of the sites are reason-
21 ably close to the transmission line, and would
22 require relatively short new lines to connect
23 to the present line.
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26 The approximate elevation of the river at the alterna-
27 tive dam sites and the estimated river discharges at the
28 sites are shown in Table 3. Using the basic data of
29 Table 3, a number of alternative dam heights were ana-
30 lyzed briefly at each site. Table 3 summarizes studies
31 made at various times between 1978 and the present. In
32 the License Application to FERC a relatively large
33 number of subalternatives were considered in a very
34 preliminary way at each alternative site. The conside-
35 ration was sufficient only to demonstrate their cost
36 comparisons with the Kootenai River Project under cost
37 assumptions and tailwater assumptions favorable to the
38 alternative sites. Some subalternatives with less head
39 than those listed in Table 4 were analyzed in the
40 License Application but were found to be very imprac-
41 tical; these are not listed in Table 4.

Table 3

KOOTENAI RIVER - ALTERNATIVE POWER SITES

Site Name	Location River Mile	River Elevation	Mean Annual Discharge - CFS	
			Estimated Total	Estimated Usable
Katka	165.2	1781	11,960	11,300 ^{2/}
Rocky Creek	173.4	1817	11,950	11,290 ^{2/}
Ruby Creek	181.1	1842	10,700	10,100 ^{2/}
O'Brien Creek	187.1	1877	10,300	9,730 ^{2/}
Kootenai River				
Foot of Rapids	192	1894 ^{1/}	10,120	9,350 ^{3/}
Head of Falls	193	1970		

^{1/} Water elevation at approximately 2,750 cfs.

^{2/} 5.5 percent of total flow assumed to be lost by spilling

^{3/} 750 cfs is specified as discharge through the river when inflow to the site is less than turbine discharge capacity plus 750 cfs. An additional 20 cfs average allowance is allowed for spilling.

After the FERC Application was filed, the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation stated that their procedures required more detailed investigation of the alternative sites, not only for structures and costs, but also for environmental impact. Accordingly, a cooperative program was adopted between the Applicant and MDNRC whereby the Applicant made a reconnaissance-grade study of the alternative sites in more detail than was done for the FERC Application and MDNRC made a similar study of the environmental effects. The combined reports from the study then would be suitable for MDNRC purposes. Table 4 summarizes some of the results of the Applicant-MDNRC study. Some of the energy production figures are revised slightly from previous studies based on subsequent study refinements, but their general magnitudes are the same.

Table 4

KOOTENAI RIVER - POWER AND ENERGY
CAPABILITY AT ALTERNATIVE SITES

Site Name	Alternative Project Reservoir Elevation	Dam Height Feet	Plant Max. Head Feet	Plant Mean Net Head Feet	Plant Mean Annual Power MW	Plant Mean Annual Energy GWh	Capacity with All Units Running, MW
Katka	1817	36	36	30	24.6	216	50
	1862	81	81	75	61.6	540	138
Rocky Creek	1842	25	25	19	15.6	136	29
	1857	40	40	34	27.9	244	59
	1868	51	51	45	36.9	323	80
Ruby Creek	1869	27	27	21	15.4	135	33
	1877	35	35	29	21.3	186	48
O'Brien Creek	1897	20	20	14	9.9	86	20
Kootenai River	1990	20	97	78	52.17	457	125
	2000	30	107	88	58.83	515 ^{1/}	144
	2005	35	112	93	62.16	544 ⁻	151

1/ If average turbine discharge at the Kootenai River site could be increased by 750 cfs, mean annual energy output at reservoir elevation 2000 would be approximately 556 GWh.

Q. Describe the general approach you used in studying the alternative sites.

A. The Applicant's studies of the alternative sites consisted of the following:

1. Studies of plant location and layout using USGS topographic maps at a scale of 1 inch equals 2,000 feet.
2. Studies of geologic publications, as described by Witness Komie.

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3. Visits to the sites by two engineers and a geologist involved in the studies, as described by Witness Komie.
 4. Development of conceptual plant layouts and cost estimates based on study components 1 to 3 above.

The layouts and estimates considered the following factors:

- A. Foundation conditions for dams, power-stations, and spillways.
- B. Cofferdam and diversion problems, and construction sequences related to temporary diversion of the river.
- C. Railroad relocation details. The railroad is the transcontinental main line of the Burlington Northern, for which there are strict standards of grade and curvature.
- D. Highway relocation details.
- E. The proximity of major faults, such as the Leonia Fault, and other faults, such as the Savage Lake-O'Brien Creek Fault.
- F. The proximity of the town of Troy to the reservoirs of some of the alternative sites.
- G. Turbine discharge capacity. As Witness Sewell explains, and as is discussed later in my testimony, the Kootenai River Project is designed with turbine discharge capacity of approximately 24,000 cfs. At the alternative sites it was considered reasonable to add the mean runoff between the Kootenai River site and the alternative sites to 24,000 cfs to obtain turbine discharge capacity at the alternative sites. The resultant turbine discharge capacities were 26,000 cfs at Katka and Rocky Creek, and 25,000 cfs at Ruby Creek and O'Brien Creek.
- H. The rise in tailwater level between small discharge and large discharges. At Kootenai

1 River, the tailwater rise is much larger than
2 at any of the alternative sites but the rise
3 is a major factor at all of the sites.
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5 I. The general type of plant layout and its
6 effect on head loss in water conduits.
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8 The studies resulted in maps, layout drawings, and cost
9 estimates. However, the site visit showed that the Ruby
10 Creek and O'Brien Creek sites had foundation difficul-
11 ties so serious that construction would be prohibitively
12 expensive under present conditions. Therefore, the Ruby
13 Creek and O'Brien Creek sites were not studied further.
14 The reconnaissance studies were completed for Katka and
15 Rocky Creek. The Kootenai River Site, being the most
16 favorable, was investigated in more detail than the
17 other sites.
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19 Q. I show you a map marked as Exhibit ____ (AEA-3). Was it
20 prepared under your supervision?
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22 A. Yes.
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24 Q. Please describe what it shows.
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26 A. Exhibit ____ (AEA-3) is a reduced-scale copy of the
27 USGS quadrangle maps of the portion of the Kootenai
28 River in which there are feasible alternative power
29 sites. The map shows the following information:
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- 31 1. The location of Katka, Rocky Creek, Ruby Creek, and
32 O'Brien Creek sites. Ruby Creek and O'Brien Creek
33 are shown primarily for comparison with the data in
34 the License Application, even though they were
35 found to be undesirable.
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- 37 2. The reservoir outlines are shown for the subalter-
38 natives of Katka and Rocky Creek. The subalterna-
39 tives are designated by the site name and reservoir
40 elevation. For example, a plant at Katka with
41 reservoir elevation 1817 is designated as "Katka
42 1817".
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- 44 3. The extents of railroad relocations for which cost
45 was estimated in a very preliminary way in the
46 License Application are shown by the words
47 "Application Railroad Relocation."

- 1 4. The railroad relocations developed in the recon-
2 naissance study are shown by the designations
3 "Alternative I, II, or III Railroad Relocation."
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5 The combinations of alternative sites that provided the
6 closest approach to the Kootenai River site in power
7 output, energy output, and cost at November 1981 price
8 level were found to be as shown in Table 5.
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10 Table 5
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12 ALTERNATIVE SITES - COST COMPARISON
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14 Project	15 Rated 16 Generating 17 Capacity 18 MW	19 Annual 20 Energy 21 Production 22 GWH	23 Construction 24 Cost 25 \$ Million
26 <u>Alternative I - Single-Dam Project</u>			
27 Katka 1862	138	540	\$375
28 <u>Alternative II - Two-Dam Project</u>			
29 Katka 1817	50	216	\$275
30 Rocky Creek			
31 1868	80	323	192
32	130	539	\$467
33 <u>Alternative III - Kootenai River 1990 with a Downstream Plant</u>			
34 Kootenai			
35 River 1990	125	457	\$218
36 Rocky			
37 Creek 1857	59	244	164
38	184	701	\$382

39 Alternative III combines Kootenai River 1990 with a
40 downstream plant to recover the loss of capacity and
41 energy in lowering the Kootenai River reservoir from the
42 proposed Elevation 2000 to Elevation 1990. The total
43 energy so obtained exceeds availability from Kootenai
44 River 2000 because Rocky Creek 1857 has the lowest dam
45 and develops the lowest head that are practicable for
the site. A lower dam at Rocky Creek would have head
too small for operation during large flows.

1 Q. In Table 4, the difference between plant maximum head
2 and plant mean net head is much more at the Kootenai
3 River site than at the Alternative sites. Why is the
4 difference more at Kootenai River?
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6 A. The large difference between maximum head and mean net
7 head at Kootenai River reflects two major factors. The
8 first factor is the much larger rise in tailwater level
9 as discharge increases, which already has been men-
10 tioned. The second factor is the difference in basic
11 layouts of the plants. At Katka and Rocky Creek the
12 powerstation would be in the river, so that the water
13 conduits are short, and head loss is small. At Kootenai
14 River, as will be explained later, the powerstation
15 cannot be located in the river and it is necessary to
16 divert water from the river for generation. The site
17 topography is such that development of the maximum fea-
18 sible head required diversion and return points nearly
19 one mile apart. The relatively long water conduits
20 involve larger head loss than would be experienced at
21 Katka or Rocky Creek.
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23 Q. In Table 3 you estimate a larger utilization of the
24 total river discharge for producing energy at the alter-
25 native sites than at Kootenai River. Why is this?
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27 A. Powerstations at the alternative sites could utilize all
28 water in the river up to turbine discharge capacity to
29 produce energy. At intervals large discharge from Libby
30 or large local run-off would produce river flows
31 exceeding turbine discharge capacity. Such excess dis-
32 charges were not analyzed in detail, but loss of 5.5
33 percent of the flow, or utilization of 94.5 percent of
34 the flow appears reasonable. At Kootenai River the
35 Applicant decided that a minimum flow of 750 cfs should
36 be maintained in the river between diversion and return
37 points at all times. Witness Chen discusses the
38 determination of the amount in his testimony.
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40 The loss of the 750 cfs reduced annual generation of
41 Kootenai River 1990 from 484,000,000 kilowatt hours to
42 457,000,000 kilowatt hours. There is similar loss of
43 energy for higher reservoir elevations at the Kootenai
44 River site.
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46 Q. Returning to Exhibit _____ (AEA-3), continue your expla-
47 nation of what is shown.

1 A. The reservoir outlines show the extent of land coverage
2 by the reservoirs of the alternative sites. The map
3 scale is small, but several facts can be seen.

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5 For Katka 1817, the reservoir is in a narrow canyon and
6 inundates a comparatively narrow margin of land along
7 each shore. However, the reservoir would inundate the
8 railroad.

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10 The Katka 1862 reservoir is considerably longer than the
11 Katka 1817 reservoir. As far upstream as the Yaak River
12 the Katka 1862 reservoir also is in narrow canyon, but
13 upstream of the Yaak River the reservoir would cover
14 some flat lands along the river shore. The Katka 1862
15 reservoir would extend nearly to Troy under low-flow
16 conditions and the backwater effect probably would
17 extend farther upstream during large river discharges.

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19 The Rocky Creek 1857 reservoir does not appear very
20 clearly on the middle drawing on the exhibit because of
21 the steep hillsides and similarity to Katka 1862, but
22 the upstream end shows on the lower drawing.

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24 The Rocky Creek 1868 reservoir covers somewhat more
25 flat-land area than does the Katka 1862 reservoir and
26 Rocky Creek 1868 extends farther upstream, to a point
27 upstream of Troy. During large discharges the backwater
28 effect of Rocky Creek 1868 would be more critical with
29 respect to Troy than the backwater effect of Katka
30 1862.

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32 The other important fact shown by the exhibit is the
33 change in concept of railroad relocation from the side-
34 hill relocations considered in the License Application.
35 In general, the geologic structure of the canyon sides
36 is unsuitable for a side-hill railroad relocation. The
37 rock dip and jointing would require very large and ex-
38 pensive rock cuts. In some locations there is indica-
39 tion of historic hillside slides, so that it seems de-
40 sirable to disturb hillsides as little as possible with
41 railroad relocation. In several locations long and high
42 bridges would have been required to cross streams.

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44 The net result to avoid these difficulties is that rail-
45 road relocations would involve long tunnels. For Alter-
46 natives I and II (the single-dam and two-dam alterna-
47 tives) there would be a railroad tunnel with its west

1 portal approximately 2,000 feet downstream from Katka
2 damsite and extending 50,200 feet (nearly 10 miles) to
3 its east portal at a point approximately 2,000 feet
4 upstream from Rocky Creek damsite. The tunnel would be
5 the longest main-line railroad tunnel in the United
6 States. From the east portal, upstream, the topography
7 is more suitable for a side-hill relocation.

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9 The Rocky Creek 1857 and 1868 subalternatives also would
10 require a railroad tunnel, as shown for Alternative III
11 on the exhibit. It would be shorter and on steeper
12 grade than the tunnel for Alternatives I and II.
13 However, it would be a major structure approximately
14 15,000 feet long.

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16 The railroad relocation was a major cost factor at all
17 sites except Kootenai River. At the alternative sites
18 railroad relocation cost was approximately one-third of
19 the total.

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21 Q. Tables 3, 4, and 5 and Exhibit ____ (AEA-3) show alterna-
22 tive plants only at the Kootenai River Site and at
23 points downstream. Why are there no sites upstream?
24

25 A. Sites upstream from the Kootenai River Site were not
26 considered, for the following reasons:
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28 (1) The Corps of Engineers had already preempted the
29 site of the Reregulating Dam, which develops all
30 head between that site and Libby Dam. In fact,
31 construction began while studies of the Kootenai
32 River Project were underway. Construction since
33 has ceased pursuant to an order of a Federal Dis-
34 trict Court. Although construction has not
35 resumed, use of the site by any entity other than a
36 Federal Government agency appears to have very poor
37 prospects.

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39 (2) Any site between the Kootenai River site and Libby
40 would run the risk of flooding parts of the town of
41 Libby. Furthermore, the head available between the
42 Kootenai River Site and the Libby USGS Gage, as
43 shown by Table 1, is not more than 45 feet. The
44 mean annual energy available thus is only approxi-
45 mately 290,000,000 KWh, which is much less than
46 would be produced at Kootenai River. In addition,
47 we considered that the environmental impacts and

1 relocation problems of development upstream from
2 the Kootenai River site would be unacceptable.

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4 Q. Could you summarize the conclusions obtained from
5 studying the alternative power sites along the Kootenai
6 River?

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8 A. Tables 3, 4, and 5 and Exhibit ____ (AEA-3) show several
9 important facts relative to the alternative sites.
10 These facts are:

- 11
12 1. At sites other than Kootenai River, the dam height
13 is not less than the head available. At the
14 proposed Kootenai River site the dam height is a
15 small part of the head. In general, both cost and
16 environmental impact of the Dam and Reservoir can
17 be expected to be less at Kootenai River.
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19 2. Katka is the only site at which power and energy
20 could be developed in quantities comparable to the
21 capability of the Kootenai River site.
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23 3. The Kootenai River site floods less length of river
24 and has less potential effect on inhabited areas
25 than any alternative plan supplying approximately
26 the same power and energy.
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28 4. The Kootenai River site costs less to develop per
29 unit of power than any alternative site. The
30 logical procedure was to concentrate studies at the
31 Kootenai River site.
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33 Q. Will you describe the general pattern of studies of the
34 Kootenai River site?

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36 A. Studies of the Kootenai River site began using USGS
37 quadrangle maps at scale 1 inch to 2,000 feet and ex-
38 panded in detail as site investigations were conducted.
39 The investigations were directed partly as original
40 findings of information and partly to answer specific
41 questions as planning advanced. Project layouts, cost
42 estimates, and environmental appraisals were developed
43 as planning proceeded. I will describe the plans in
44 general; other witnesses will describe optimization,
45 construction planning, cost estimates, and environmental
46 details.

1 Q. On what basis did the studies of the Kootenai River site
2 begin?

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4 A. The studies began by selecting a site for the dam. At
5 sites where a river has comparatively steep slope for a
6 short distance, as the Kootenai River has at the
7 Project site, two alternatives can be considered. One
8 alternative is to build a comparatively small dam at the
9 upstream end of the steep section of river and connect
10 the resultant reservoir to the lower water level down-
11 stream by waterways, with a powerstation located at some
12 intermediate point or at the downstream end to develop
13 the power and energy. The waterways might be canals,
14 tunnels, steel penstocks, or a combination. The other
15 alternative is to build a comparatively high dam at the
16 downstream end of the steep section and locate the
17 powerstation next to the dam or within the dam, which
18 shortens the length of waterways and reduces head loss
19 to a minimum.
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21 At the Kootenai River site geologic and environmental
22 conditions at the downstream end of the steep section
23 made a dam impractical. At the left abutment, there are
24 several difficulties. These are a zone of sheared rock,
25 U.S. Highway 2, and the Burlington Northern Railroad.
26 The right abutment was not investigated in detail but it
27 has questionable foundation conditions. The various
28 problems were indicated without detailed evaluation to
29 be such that the second alternative of a high dam would
30 be impractical, so that the first, or low dam and long
31 waterway, alternative was adopted.
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33 Topographic maps and visits to the site showed quickly
34 that the most favorable conditions for a dam would be
35 just upstream from the upper end of the steeply-sloping
36 section of the river. The site of the dam has been
37 selected, although there is possibility that more
38 detailed geotechnical investigations following issuance
39 of a license will cause the site of the dam to be moved
40 a few feet.
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42 The layout of the Kootenai River Hydroelectric Project
43 in the FERC Application was developed by a series of
44 successive steps, each involving additional information
45 and analysis.

1 The early layouts relied on the Kootenai Falls 7.5-min-
2 ute quadrangle map published by the USGS and a brief
3 site reconnaissance. Later layouts were based on topo-
4 graphic maps which were developed from surveys at the
5 site. Later layouts utilized the results of a limited
6 program of site investigation.
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8 Q. Describe the first layout that was developed for the
9 Kootenai River site.

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11 A. The first layout was developed primarily to present to
12 FERC a concept for study under a Preliminary Permit.
13 The layout is discussed best with the aid of drawings.
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15 Q. I show you two drawings, one marked as Exhibit ____ (AEA-
16 4) the other marked as Exhibit ____ (AEA-5). Were they
17 prepared under your supervision?
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19 A. Yes.

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21 Q. Describe what they show.
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23 A. Exhibit ____ (AEA-4) shows the general plan of the Pro-
24 ject that was in the Application to FERC for the Preli-
25 minary Permit.
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27 Exhibit ____ (AEA-5) shows the profile through the
28 waterways and powerstation and the plan of the intake,
29 penstocks, powerstation, and tail tunnel outlet in the
30 same layout. For discussion, the Preliminary Permit
31 layout is called "Layout 1".
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33 Layout 1 had the following major characteristics:
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35 Reservoir El. - 1990

36 Tailwater El. - 1900, approximately, as stated on
37 Exhibit ____ (AEA-5)

38 Gross Head developed - 90 ft. (approx.)

39 Power installation - 140 MW
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41 The tailwater elevation was obtained from preliminary
42 assessment before any surveys were made. Later studies
43 showed that the tailwater level would be higher.
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45 The distinguishing features of Layout 1 were as
46 follows:

1. A pit-type powerstation about halfway between the reservoir and tailwater, as shown on Exhibit ____ (AEA-5).
2. A long, open canal between the reservoir and powerstation, as shown on Exhibit ____ (AEA-4).
3. The tail tunnel essentially paralleling the river from the powerstation to the tail tunnel outlet, as shown on Exhibit ____ (AEA-4). The outlet would have been a few hundred feet upstream from the present outlet location.

All project structures except part of the primary transmission line would have been between the railroad and the river. The location of the primary transmission line was left for later selection.

Layout 1 and subsequent layouts were evaluated on a preliminary, qualitative basis for strong, or favorable, points and objections. Successive layouts were developed with the aim of accentuating strong points and overcoming objections, until the proposed Project was developed.

Layout 1 strong points were as follows:

1. A low dam
2. A small reservoir
3. The powerstation mostly below ground level

Layout 1 objections were as follows:

1. Open-cut excavation for powerstation and canal was adjacent to the railroad. Support during construction would have been very difficult and expensive. The canal walls would have been massive and expensive concrete structures. The spillway from the canal would have been a large structure and would have produced occasional unpredictable increases in river discharge between the dam and tail tunnel outlet.

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2. The primary transmission line probably would have to pass through the Libby Lions Club park, although it might have paralleled the railroad upstream. The switching equipment would have been on the top of the powerstation and would have occupied an area of 20,000 to 30,000 square feet. It would have included equipment 15 feet to 20 feet high.
 3. Construction access to the tunnels would have been difficult. If the access were near the powerstation, either a hoisting system and truck loading area or long, open-cut ramps would have been required.
 4. Parts of the tail tunnel would have been under shallow rock cover and might have required cut-and-cover construction. If so, the environmental impact would have been major and support of the cut on the railroad side would have been difficult and expensive.
 5. The site for the canal actually was shown by subsequent site visits to be not suitable topographically or geologically for canal construction.
 6. The permanent access road to the powerstation would have been between the Lions Club park and the river.

The objections outweighed the strong points, so additional layouts were studied as improvements of Layout 1. Two possible layouts, which are designated as Layouts 2A and 2B, were considered as being more suitable to the site and therefore a better basis for future studies.

Q. I show you two exhibits marked as Exhibit ____ (AEA-6) and Exhibit ____ (AEA-7). Were these exhibits prepared under your supervision?

A. Yes.

Q. What do these exhibits show?

A. Exhibit ____ (AEA-6) shows Layout 2A and Exhibit ____ (AEA-7) shows Layout 2B.

1 Layouts 2A and 2B were studied concurrently as a basis
2 for guiding future work. Both utilized a dam in the
3 same location and with the same forebay elevation as in
4 Layout 1. The canal between reservoir and powerstation
5 was shortened for both engineering and environmental
6 reasons. In Layouts 2A and 2B the powerstation was in
7 the same location and would have been built in a pit to
8 minimize above-ground structures.

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10 Two tail tunnels were proposed instead of one to reduce
11 possibilities of cut-and-cover construction. Two small
12 tunnels might have had sufficient rock cover to permit
13 normal underground construction methods. For one large
14 tunnel, the rock cover would have been insufficient for
15 normal underground construction and cut-and-cover con-
16 struction would have been certain. Comparison of the
17 two layouts, 2A and 2B, is as follows:

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19 Layout 2A - Shortest tail tunnel, smallest head,
20 reduced power capability.

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22 Layout 2B - Longest tail tunnel, approximately same
23 head and power as Layout 1.

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25 Layouts 2A and 2B had the following strong points:

- 26
27 1. The powerstation was mostly below ground, although
28 switching equipment would have been above ground,
29 as in Layout 1.
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31 2. The site disturbance because of the canal was
32 reduced greatly from Layout 1.

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34 Layout 2A and 2B had the following objections:

- 35
36 1. A study showed that a spillway from the canal to
37 the river would have been necessary.
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39 2. The canal and access road continued to be between
40 the park and the river.
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42 3. The powerstation would have been very close to the
43 river and railroad, and would have been very
44 difficult to construct. Sides of the excavation
45 would have required extensive support and water
46 entrance could have been a problem.

1 4. Tunnel access remained difficult, requiring either
2 ramps or hoists near the powerstation. Hoists
3 probably would have been used. Hoists would
4 require deep excavation, and a large area would
5 have been used. Ramps would require deep
6 excavation, and a large area would have been
7 affected by side slopes along the ramps. Either
8 way, there would have been major impact on the
9 Lions Club park during construction.

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11 5. Switching equipment on top of the powerstation and
12 the primary transmission line would have continued
13 to be prominent.
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15 Layout 2A had the following additional strong point:
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17 1. The tail tunnel outlet was farther away from the
18 railroad than it had been in Layout 1. This
19 simplified side support required during cons-
20 truction wherever cut-and-cover construction would
21 have been required.
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23 Layout 2A had the following additional objections:
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25 1. High cost per kilowatt.
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27 2. The layout probably would not have met the FERC
28 requirement of maximum utilization of the water
29 resources of the site for the production of power
30 in the public interest.
31

32 Layout 2B had the following additional strong point:
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34 1. More complete development of power resources than
35 provided by Layout 2A.
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37 Layout 2B also had the following additional objection:
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39 1. The closeness of tail tunnel outlet to the railroad
40 presented construction difficulties, although the
41 difficulties were solved in later layouts having
42 the tail tunnel outlet in approximately the same
43 location. The cofferdam shown in Layout 2B could
44 not have been built. The problems with
45 powerstation construction, canal construction, and
46 tunnel access near the Lions Club park led to a
totally revised concept for Layout 3.

1 Q. I show you an exhibit marked as Exhibit ____ (AEA-8).
2 Was it prepared under your supervision?
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4 A. Yes.
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6 Q. Will you explain it?
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8 A. Exhibit ____ (AEA-8) is a plan drawing of Layout 3.
9 In Layout 3 the powerstation would have been in the
10 river adjacent to the left bank of the river. Water
11 would flow directly from the reservoir into the turbine
12 spiral cases. Two tail tunnels would have connected the
13 powerstation with the tailwater. The tail tunnel out-
14 lets were moved upstream from Layout 2B to provide room
15 at the tail tunnel outlets for a truck exit ramp during
16 construcion.
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18 The railroad would have been relocated landward and
19 raised in elevation at the powerstation and for the
20 necessary distances upstream and downstream to reconnect
21 with the existing grade.
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23 Layout 3 had the following strong points:
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- 25 1. There would be no project structures between
26 the Lions Club park and the river.
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- 28 2. The only parts of the project visible above
29 the surface would have been the dam, powerstation,
30 switching equipment, and access road.
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- 32 3. The tunnels would have been in sounder rock
33 and excavated with less difficulty than in the
34 preceding layout.
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36 Layout 3 had the following objections:
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- 38 1. The dam would have been shortened, which would
39 have required higher gates to pass floods.
40 Gates of the size needed would have been diffi-
41 cult and expensive to obtain.
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- 43 2. The powerstation would have stood out of the
44 water and would have been conspicuous when
45 viewed from the Lions Club park or from other
46 surrounding points.

1 3. The long tail tunnels created a difficult
2 surge problem which would have required a
3 major water spilling structure not shown on
4 the layout near the powerstation. The spilling
5 structure would have risen to above the highest
6 anticipated water level in the river adjacent to
7 the spilling structure. The height is needed to
8 prevent project head from being destroyed by inflow
9 into the tail tunnel from below the dam during
10 large floods.

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12 4. The construction ramp at the tail tunnel outlets
13 would have been provided a major adverse impact
14 on the area. In addition, it is possible that
15 loaded rock trucks would have had to cross the
16 railroad to get to Highway 2. It developed that
17 the powerstation would not be large enough to
18 receive the full 24,000 cfs discharge at the de-
19 sired trashrack velocity of 3 ft per second.
20 Either velocities would have had to be much
21 higher or the powerstation would have had to be
22 enlarged.

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24 The shortcomings in Layout 3 led to relocation of struc-
25 tures and modification of components to produce Layout
26 4.

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28 Q. I show you two drawings marked as Exhibit ____ (AEA-9)
29 and Exhibit ____ (AEA-10). Were they prepared under
30 your supervision?
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32 A. Yes.

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34 Q. Explain what they show.
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36 A. Exhibit ____ (AEA-9) shows a layout numbered 4A and
37 Exhibit ____ (AEA-10) shows a layout numbered 4B. The
38 principal difference between Layouts 4A and 4B is in the
39 intake.
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41 Layout 4 endeavored to remedy two of the deficiencies of
42 Layout 3. One was an effort to provide an intake system
43 that would reduce the velocity through the trashracks to
44 the desired 3 ft per second. The other was to provide a
45 feasible surge tank system in the tail tunnels.

1 Layout 4 involved a powerstation on the left shore of
2 the river with the long axis of the station being para-
3 llel to the river, instead of across the river as in all
4 previous layouts. The powerstation would have contained
5 four generating units. Downstream from the powerstation
6 there would have been two surge galleries, one for each
7 tail tunnel. The surge galleries would have been buried
8 structures and would not have spilled water into the
9 river.

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11 In Layout 4A water would have flowed directly from the
12 river into the powerstation. In Layout 4B there would
13 have been two intakes in the reservoir, each intake
14 serving half of the powerstation. Each intake in Layout
15 4B would have been a circular plate set on radial piers.
16 The water would enter under the plate, between the ra-
17 dial piers, and then be turned downward into a vertical
18 shaft. The vertical shaft would lead to a horizontal
19 tunnel which would connect to the spiral cases of two
20 turbines.

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22 Incidentally, Layout 4B was the first in which reservoir
23 level was raised from Elevation 1990 to Elevation 2000,
24 as is shown by Exhibit _____ (AEA-10).

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26 Layouts 4A and 4B shared the following strong points:

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28 1. The full length of the dam was restored, with
29 corresponding improvement in the feasibility
30 of the spillway gates.
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32 2. Water velocity at the trashracks would have
33 been 3 ft per second at 24,000 cfs.
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35 3. The powerstation would have been in a pit
36 below ground level. Switching equipment would
37 have continued to be above ground level.
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40 Layouts 4A and 4B also shared the following objections:

- 41 1. Surge structure excavation would have extended
42 to the surface, which during construction
43 would have created major disturbance in the
44 Lions Club park. Years would have been required
45 to restore the landscape after construction.

- 1 2. Powerstation construction would have required
2 either very expensive support or flat slopes
3 extending over a large part of the area on the
4 left bank of the river at the Falls. Access
5 ramps from the powerstation for removing
6 excavated material from powerstation and tunnel
7 would have been long and would have required
8 extensive cuts into the hillside.
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10 Layout 4A had the following objection:

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12 1. Intake excavation in the riverbed would have to
13 have been over 100 ft. deep. The construction
14 impact would have been very objectionable, and
15 maintaining such a deep hole free of sediment after
16 construction for satisfactory plant operation would
17 have been very difficult.
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19 Layout 4B had the following strong points:

- 20
21 1. The intakes were of a design that minimizes vortex
22 formation. Vortices are undesirable because they
23 can suck air or floating objects including fish,
24 into the turbines.
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26 Layout 4B also had the following objection:

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28 1. The depth of excavation for the intakes was greatly
29 reduced from 4A, but still required a very long and
30 wide area, extending all the way across the river.
31 It would be necessary to provide access to the
32 intakes for maintenance, so that there would have
33 been a bridge most of the way across the river.
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35 The objections to Layouts 4A and 4B led to Layout 5.
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37 Q. I show you a drawing of Layout 5 marked as Exhibit
38 (AEA-11). Was it prepared under your supervision? —
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40 A. Yes.
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42 Q. Will you explain what it shows?
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44 A. Exhibit _____ (AEA-11) shows that Layout 5 followed the
45 basic principles of Layout 4, with some changes. The
46 principal changes were as follows:

1. The powerstation was located landward of the railroad.
2. The intake excavation was simplified, but the water conduits connecting the forebay with the units passed under the railroad.
3. An excavation adit, or construction tunnel, was provided for access from the tail tunnels.
4. It was planned to accept the difficult control conditions that would have been caused by eliminating the tail tunnel surge tanks.
5. The tail tunnel outlet detail was changed so that the tunnels could be excavated behind a bulkhead. The bulkhead would be in a vertical concrete shaft that would be installed before tunnel excavation reached the location. Material between the bulkhead and the river would be excavated by equipment working from the top of the bulkhead structure. The concept of quarry-type excavation, with no cofferdam and minimal rock fall into the river, was developed as part of Layout 5.

Layout 5 had the following strong points:

1. The difficult access to the tail tunnels and the adverse environmental effects of the access would be eliminated.
2. The intake service bridge across the forebay would be eliminated.

Layout 5 had the following objections:

1. Analysis showed that excavating the intake tunnels under the railroad between the reservoir and the powerstation would be practically impossible because of the small construction area available, which would made extensive construction support necessary.
2. Site investigations showed that the powerstation excavation would have been a very large open pit which would be backfilled after the

1 powerstation was completed. The open pit would
2 extend a long way up the hill towards the Lions
3 Club park and even if landscaped would alter
4 the forest character of the area for many
5 years. Supports to reduce the extent of open
6 pit excavation would have been major in scope
7 and very expensive.
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- 9 3. Later studies showed that surge conditions in
10 the tail tunnels could not be overcome without
11 a surge tank.
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13 The studies and conclusions from Layouts 1, 2A, 2B, 3,
14 4A, 4B, and 5 led to the conclusion that further major
15 changes were necessary. The associated studies led to
16 Layout 6, which is the one for which the Applicant
17 applied for License. Layout 6 was developed to avoid
18 environmental objections associated with all prior
19 layouts and to provide hydraulic surge conditions in the
20 Project waterways that would be practicable and
21 acceptable from the viewpoint of controlling the units.
22 The proposed Project for which the Applicant seeks a
23 license is shown by a group of 9 exhibits.
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25 Q. I show you a copy of Exhibit _____ (AEA-12). Was it pre-
26 pared under your supervision?
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28 A. Yes.
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30 Q. Explain what it shows.
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32 A. Exhibit _____ (AEA-12) is a revised Sheet 1 of Exhibit L
33 in the License Application. It shows the plan of the
34 Project. The revision is in the Access Tunnel and its
35 approaches which connect the Powerstation with U.S.
36 Highway 2. The plan represents the knowledge obtained
37 from studies of prior layouts and from core borings and
38 geologic reconnaissance at the site. The major features
39 of the Project are:
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- 41 1. The Dam.
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43 2. The Reservoir, which is created by the Dam.
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45 3. The Intake.
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47 4. The Head Tunnel.

1 5. The Powerstation and associated underground gal-
2 leries.

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4 6. The Tail Tunnel.

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6 The Dam is shown on Exhibit ____ (AEA-12), occupying the
7 same location as in prior layouts. The Dam provides a
8 Spillway that extends across the full width of the
9 river.

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11 The Reservoir is approximately 18,000 feet long.
12 The depth of the Reservoir at the Dam is approxi-
13 mately 30 feet. At the deepest point, which is adjacent
14 to the Intake, the depth is 45 feet. At the upstream
15 end of the Reservoir, mean water depths are approxi-
16 mately as shown in Table 6.

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18 Table 6

19 KOOTENAI RIVER HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT
20 WATER DEPTH AT UPSTREAM END OF RESERVOIR

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River Discharge cfs	Mean Water Depth feet
2,000	4
10,000	7.5
25,000	9.5
50,000	15

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31 At various locations across the river at the bed of
32 the Reservoir, depths vary from the numbers in
33 Table 6 because of irregularities in the reservoir
34 bottom and the cross-sectional shape of the river
35 channel, but Table 6 helps illustrate the relative
36 magnitude of the Reservoir. The Reservoir is small,
37 particularly when considered relative to the size
38 of the river. The area and volume of the Reservoir
39 provide a basis for describing its size. Table 7
40 presents the data.

TABLE 7

KOOTENAI RIVER HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT
RESERVOIR AREA AND VOLUMES

<u>Water Surface Elevation</u>	<u>Reservoir Area Acres</u>	<u>Reservoir Volume Acre-Feet</u>
1960	0	0
1970	23	85
1980	100	615
1990	168	1920
2000	232	3840

If the above volume of 3,840 acre-feet is compared to volume of Libby Reservoir, which is 5,809,000 acre-feet, the relative scale is apparent. Libby Reservoir is approximately 1,500 times as large as the Project Reservoir. The Reservoir of the Kootenai River Project exists primarily to create head and to provide satisfactory hydraulic conditions at the Project Intake. A secondary function is to provide pondage for controlling discharge when the load on the plant or the flow of water received into the Reservoir changes suddenly.

A. The areas shown in Table 7 are for a level water surface and the volumes shown are from the riverbed up to a level water surface. In actuality, the water surface at the upstream end will be curved because of backwater effects as the Reservoir water surface merges with the natural profile of the water surface.

Q. Describe the Dam and its relationship to Project operation.

A. The Dam is best described with the aid of a drawing.

Q. I show you a drawing marked, Exhibit _____ (AEA-13). Was it prepared under your supervision?

1 A. Yes.

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3 Q. What does it show?

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5 A. Exhibit ____ (AEA-13) is Sheet 3 of Exhibit L in the
6 Application for License. The exhibit shows the plan,
7 elevation, and cross section of the Dam for the Kootenai
8 River Project. The design is based on site reconnais-
9 sance and a core boring near the left abutment.

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11 The Dam basically is a concrete weir, with 12-foot high
12 flap-type gates mounted on the top. Each gate is
13 planned to be 127.5 feet long, so that the length of
14 gated structure across the river is 765 feet. The gates
15 are to be operated by hydraulic cylinders, actuated by
16 oil pressure. The gates operate around a horizontal
17 shaft at their bottom, so that they are lowered to
18 increase the flow of water and raised to reduce the flow
19 of water.

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21 The proposal is that all gates normally will be lowered
22 by the same amount and sufficiently so that 750 cfs will
23 be discharged over the Dam with the Reservoir at El.
24 2000. The amount by which the gate is lowered depends
25 upon the detail of the shape of the top of the gate, but
26 is expected to be approximately 0.44 feet. When larger
27 discharges are to be released, the present plan is to
28 lower all gates by an equal amount.

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30 The plant control will be developed so that the
31 Reservoir level is held as closely as possible to El.
32 2000. Head is extremely valuable at the Project and
33 every effort will be made to develop control equipment
34 that will conserve head and water for power and energy
35 production to the maximum degree possible.

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37 The sensitivity and accuracy of the control equipment
38 will be developed during detailed design following issu-
39 ance of the License. In general, however, the
40 coordinated operation of both the Libby Dam and Kootena-
41 River project as part of the Northwest Power Pool will
42 be utilized to the utmost.

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44 Both powerplants will be operated on a daily schedule.
45 Water will be released through Libby powerstation at
46 certain rates during certain hours and after a period of
47 transit time, which will be developed accurately from

1 experience, the water will arrive at the Kootenai River
2 Project Reservoir. At river flows of approximately
3 25,100 cfs or less the water flow will be divided to
4 provide 750 cfs to the Dam and the remainder to the
5 Powerstation. At larger river flows, the Powerstation
6 will operate at full turbine discharge capability, with
7 the remaining water going over the Spillway. The
8 remaining water always will exceed 750 cfs at river
9 flows above 25,100 cfs. If river flow is decreased
10 below approximately 2,750 cfs, it is probable that the
11 Project will not be able to generate power and all of
12 the river flow will be discharged over the spillway.
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14 A generalized graph illustrates the concept of the rela-
15 tive daily operation of Libby and Kootenai River Power-
16 stations.
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18 Q. I show you a chart marked as Exhibit ____ (AEA-14). Was
19 it prepared under your supervision?
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21 A. Yes.
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23 Q. Please explain what it shows.
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25 A. Exhibit ____ (AEA-14) is a hypothetical illustration of
26 operation of Libby and Kootenai River Powerstations
27 during a week-day in which the average release from
28 Libby is approximately 16,000 cfs. The release from
29 Libby Dam is divided into the following components:
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31 Off-peak 8,000 cfs for 8 hours, 9 PM previous
32 day to 5 AM
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34 Increasing
35 Discharge 8,000 cfs to 24,000 cfs in 4 hours,
36 5 AM to 9 PM
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38 On-peak 24,000 cfs for 8 hours, 9 AM to 5 PM
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40 Reducing
41 Discharge 24,000 cfs to 8,000 cfs in 4 hours, 5
42 PM to 9 PM
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44 It is assumed that 3.5 hours is required for a discharge
45 change at Libby Dam to be received at the Kootenai River
46 Project Reservoir. Thus, at the Kootenai River Project
47 river flows into the Reservoir would be as follows:

1 8,000 cfs 12:30 AM to 8:30 AM
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 3 Increase 8,000 cfs
 4 to 24,000 cfs 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM
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 6 24,000 cfs 12:30 PM to 8:30 PM
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 8 Reduction 24,000 cfs
 9 to 8,000 cfs 8:30 PM to 12:30 AM
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11 The above river flows would be divided at the Kootenai
 12 River Project as follows:
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14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29	Time	Specified Discharge Over Dam cfs	Turbine Discharge cfs
19	12:30 AM - 8:30 AM	750	7,250
21	8:30 AM - 12:30 PM	750	Increase 7,250 to 23,250
24	12:30 PM - 8:30 PM	750	23,250
26	8:30 PM - 12:30 AM	750	Reduce 23,250 to 7,250

30 River channel storage between Libby Dam and the Kootenai
 31 River Project Reservoir would affect the time of arrival
 32 of flow, the rate of flow increase, and the rate of flow
 33 reduction at the Project Reservoir, so that the increase
 34 and reduction in river flow would be slightly less rapid
 35 than at Libby. However, to illustrate the relative
 36 operation the effects of channel storage can be ignored.
 37 If the effects were considered, the sharp changes in
 38 flow rate at the Project at 8:30 AM, 12:30 PM, 8:30 PM
 39 and 12:30 AM would be more gradual than shown by the
 40 exhibit.

41 In any event, the Project operating procedure and
 42 sensing equipment would operate to hold the Reservoir as
 43 close to El. 2000 as possible all through the change in
 44 river flow. With modern equipment, the fluctuation in
 45 Reservoir level will not exceed a few tenths of a foot.

1 Q. Describe the Intake briefly.

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3 A. Returning to Exhibit ____ (AEA-12), the Intake is
4 planned to cause minimum disturbance and intrusion into
5 the Kootenai River. The Intake will handle discharges
6 ranging approximately from 2,000 cfs to 24,350 cfs. The
7 velocity of water entering the Intake is 3 feet per
8 second when the basic design discharge of 24,000 cfs is
9 flowing through the turbines. When discharge differs
10 from 24,000 cfs, the velocity differs proportionally, so
11 that at 2,000 cfs water velocity is 0.25 feet per second
12 and at 24,350 cfs velocity is 3.045 feet per second.

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14 Q. How did you arrive at the basic discharge of 24,000
15 cfs?

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17 A. Basically there were two reasons for selecting 24,000
18 cfs. One reason was that 24,000 cfs was proposed to be
19 the maximum turbine discharge from the Libby Re-
20 regulating Dam. The second reason was that the duration
21 curve of expected outflow from Libby Dam showed
22 infrequent discharges larger than 24,000 cfs and little
23 energy to be obtained by utilizing such larger
24 discharges. Incidentally, as stated previously the
25 alternative sites were based upon similar turbine
26 discharge capacities, the actual amounts being 24,000
27 cfs plus approximately the mean annual discharge from
28 the drainage area intermediate between the Kootenai
29 River site. Further analysis shows that occasionally
30 turbine discharge at the Project will be as large as
31 24,350 cfs, which is 1.5 percent larger than 24,000
32 cfs.

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34 Q. Continue with your explanation of Exhibit ____ (AEA-
35 12).

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37 A. The Intake leads by a vertical shaft to the Head Tunnel
38 which as shown on Exhibit ____ (AEA-12) is a tunnel 49.5
39 feet wide and high having a horseshoe-shaped cross-
40 section. The Head Tunnel is approximately 3,100 feet
41 long.

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43 As the Head Tunnel approaches the Powerstation, it
44 divides into five penstocks, one for each generating
45 unit. The five penstocks continue from the Head Tunnel
46 to the Valve Gallery, which is part of the
47 Powerstation.

1 An important difference between the final layout and the
2 earlier layouts is the underground Powerstation, which
3 is shown in the left half of Exhibit ____ (AEA-12).
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5 The underground Powerstation consists of three major
6 caverns, several connecting water tunnels, an access
7 tunnel from the surface, and a combination of a tunnel
8 and vertical shaft that serves the two purposes of emer-
9 gency exit from the Powerstation and the route for elec-
10 trical bus leading to the BPA Transmission Line. The
11 Primary Transmission Line will be underground, except
12 for switches connecting the Primary Transmission Line to
13 the Libby-Albeni Falls transmission line.
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15 The Powerstation is located under deep rock cover. Deep
16 rock cover is advantageous for stability of the roof
17 over the caverns, during construction and afterward.
18 The contours on the map show the ground surface. Over-
19 burden above the Powerstation is comparatively shallow,
20 so that the contours of the ground surface are only a
21 few feet above top of rock. The ground surface eleva-
22 tions over the Powerstation range from 2,400 to 2,650.
23 All of the Powerstation is to be below El. 2000, so that
24 rock cover over the Powerstation will range from 400
25 feet to 650 feet.
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27 The Powerstation caverns are shown as oriented in a
28 southwest-to-northeast direction. The orientation is
29 subject to adjustment based on subsequent underground
30 investigations, but is based on site geologic reconnais-
31 sance and present knowledge of site details. The recon-
32 naissance indicates that the orientation shown will
33 provide the maximum roof stability and wall stability in
34 the caverns.
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36 The three caverns serve the following purposes:
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- 38 1. The upstream cavern is the Valve Gallery, which
39 receives the five penstocks that divide from the
40 Head Tunnel and houses the penstock valves, there
41 being one penstock and one valve for each unit.
42 The valve is used to prevent flow of water to a
43 turbine when the turbine is not scheduled to pro-
44 duce power, during an emergency in which the tur-
45 bine wicket gates would fail to operate, or during
46 an outage for maintenance. The penstocks continue
47 from the Valve Gallery to the main Powerstation,

1 where each of the penstocks enters the spiral case
2 of one of the turbines.

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4 2. The second cavern will contain the turbines, gene-
5 rators, transformers, auxiliary equipment, switch-
6 gear, and an area for storing parts and assembling
7 components of the station. After water flows
8 through a turbine it enters the Draft Tube Tunnel
9 for the turbine, and flows to the third Power-
10 station cavern, which is Gate Gallery and Surge
11 Chamber.

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13 3. The third cavern serves two purposes. The first
14 purpose is to contain vertical steel guides and a
15 crane for placing a gate on any of the water
16 tunnels leading from the turbines, to permit a
17 turbine to be taken out of service and drained when
18 necessary for maintenance and inspection. The
19 second purpose is to provide a surge gallery for
20 the tunnel system on the downstream side of the
21 turbines.

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23 From the Gate Gallery and Surge Chamber the Draft Tube
24 Tunnels continue until they unite into the single Tail
25 Tunnel that returns the water to the Kootenai River.
26 The Tail Tunnel is approximately 1,000 feet long and has
27 the same cross-section shape and dimensions as the Head
28 Tunnel. Water flowing through the Project from Intake
29 to Tail Tunnel Outlet travels underground for ap-
30 proximately 5,100 feet.

31
32 Q. What is the gross head developed by the Project?

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34 A. The gross head developed is the difference between the
35 Reservoir elevation, which is 2000, and the tailwater
36 elevation. Witness Chen explains the decision to have
37 the Reservoir water level at El. 2000. Tailwater
38 elevation is a function of the total discharge flowing
39 in the Kootenai River, and is shown by the Tailwater
40 Rating Curve. The Project gross head, therefore,
41 depends upon the Reservoir elevation, the tailwater
42 rating curve, and the relative discharges through the
43 Powerstation and over the Dam.

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45 Q. I show you a graph sheet marked as Exhibit _____ (AEA-
46 15) and headed "Tailwater Rating Curve". Was it pre-
47 pared under your supervision?

- 1 A. Yes.
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- 3 Q. Please explain it.
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- 5 A. Exhibit (AEA-15) shows water level in the Kootenai
6 River at the Tail Tunnel Outlet for various discharges
7 of the Kootenai River. The quantity of water shown is
8 the sum of discharge through the turbines of the
9 Kootenai River Project plus discharge over the Dam to
10 flow down the river between the Dam and Tail Tunnel
11 Outlet.
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- 13 Q. Now, explain the relationship between Project gross
14 head, the tailwater rating curve, and the distribution
15 of discharge between turbines and spillway that you
16 mentioned.
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- 18 A. Table 8 shows the relationship of Project gross head to
19 total discharge in the Kootenai River, the discharge in
20 the portion of the river between the Dam and the Tail
21 Tunnel Outlet, and the tailwater rating curve. The
22 table shows selected illustrative total discharges in
23 the Kootenai River between the lower limit of 2,000 cfs
24 and an illustrative upper limit of 30,000 cfs and the
25 tailwater elevation for each discharge selected. The
26 table also shows the gross head of the Project on the
27 basis of the water surface elevation of the Project
28 reservoir being 2000.
- 29
- 30 Table 8 shows that Project gross head for a particular
31 turbine discharge decreases as the specified discharge
32 in the Kootenai River between the Dam and Tail Tunnel
33 Outlet increases. Thus, Project energy output is
34 reduced from the amount theoretically available at the
35 site not only by the quantity of water going over the
36 Dam and additionally to a small degree by the head
37 reduction for a given discharge through the turbines.
38 Witness Chen discusses the energy losses. The Project
39 tailwater elevation and gross head depend upon three
40 factors:
- 41
- 42 1. The total amount of water flowing in the river,
43 which is to say, the release from Libby Dam as
44 increased or reduced by valley storage change
45 between Libby Dam and the Project Reservoir and as
46 increased by inflow from the intervening drainage
47 area between Libby Dam and the Project Reservoir.

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2. The elevation of the Project Reservoir.
 3. The amount of water discharged through the Kootenai River between the Dam and Tail Tunnel Outlet. This water will be discharged over the Dam by the Spillway Gates.

The Project plan assumes that discharge released from Libby Dam ordinarily will be between 4,000 cfs and 24,000 cfs, in accordance with the Corps of Engineer's plan of operation. However, part of the time the discharge can be as small as 2,000 cfs and at times it will exceed 24,000 cfs. In general, all releases between 2,000 cfs and 24,000 cfs are expected to be through the Libby Dam turbines. The Corps is in the process of adding additional turbines to Libby Dam, but to maintain the same basic flow regime downstream they planned to build the Reregulating Dam. Thus, the Kootenai River Project was planned on the basis of turbine discharge capacity of 24,000 cfs, which would accommodate Libby turbine discharge or Reregulating Dam discharge plus inflow from the intervening drainage area.

Following that decision, it was necessary to arrive at the flow that would be released over the Dam to keep water flowing between the Dam and Tail Tunnel Outlet and prevent that part of the river from being dewatered. After analysis, the Applicant selected 750 cfs as the continual, or specified, flow between the Dam and Tail Tunnel Outlet.

In the five columns to the right of Table 8 there are shown the turbine discharges through the Project for five different specified discharges in the river between the Dam and Tail Tunnel Outlet. The five such discharges are 500 cfs, 625 cfs, 750 cfs, 875 cfs, and 1,000 cfs. Such discharge would be maintained continuously, except when the Project would be unable to use water to generate power. When the Project could not generate power, discharge over the Dam would exceed the specified amount. Table 8 is prepared on the basis that minimum turbine discharge through the Project will be 2,000 cfs.

Table 8

RELATIONSHIP OF PROJECT GROSS HEAD TO TURBINE AND SPILLWAY DISCHARGES

Kootenai River Project Operating Conditions								
Reservoir Elevation 2000								
River Total Discharge, cfs	Tailwater Elevation	Project Gross Head, Feet	Specified Discharge in River, cfs					
			500	625	750	875	1,000	
			Project Turbine Discharge - cfs					
2,000	1892.6	107.4	0	0	0	0	0	
2,500	1893.0	107.0	2,000	0	0	0	0	
2,625	1893.1	106.9	2,125	2,000	0	0	0	
2,750	1893.2	106.8	2,250	2,125	2,000	0	0	
2,875	1893.3	106.7	2,375	2,250	2,125	2,000	0	
3,000	1893.4	106.6	2,500	2,375	2,250	2,125	2,000	
3,500	1893.8	106.2	3,000	2,875	2,750	2,375	2,500	
4,000	1894.2	105.8	3,500	3,325	3,250	3,125	3,000	
5,000	1895.2	104.8	4,500	4,375	4,250	4,125	4,000	
6,000	1896.2	103.8	5,500	5,375	5,250	5,125	5,000	
10,000	1899.6	100.4	9,500	9,335	9,230	9,625	9,000	
15,000	1903.9	96.1	14,500	14,375	14,250	14,125	14,000	
20,000	1907.9	92.1	19,500	19,375	19,250	19,125	19,000	
24,000	1910.6	89.4	23,500	23,375	23,250	23,125	23,000	
24,850	1911.20	88.80	24,350	24,225	24,100	23,975	23,850	
24,975	1911.29	88.71	24,355	24,350	24,225	24,100	23,975	
25,100	1911.33	88.67	24,350	24,350	24,350	24,225	24,100	
25,225	1911.43	88.57	24,335	24,335	24,335	24,335	24,225	
25,350	1911.50	88.50	24,327	24,327	24,327	24,327	24,327	
28,000	1913.0	87.0	24,100	24,100	24,100	24,100	24,100	
30,000	1914.5	85.5	23,890	23,890	23,890	23,890	23,890	

On the basis of the conditions underlying Table 8, the Project would not be able to generate power when total discharge in the Kootenai River would be 2,000 cfs. All of the water would be discharged over the Dam. If 500 cfs were the specified discharge over the Dam, the Project could start to generate when total discharge in the Kootenai River would be 2,500 cfs. If the specified discharge over the Dam were more than 500 cfs, the total discharges in the Kootenai River at which the Project could begin to generate would be as shown in Table 9.

The Project turbine discharge increases as total discharge in the Kootenai River increases, but the amount that can be utilized in the turbines decreases as the specified discharge over the Dam increases. At 10,120 cfs, the mean discharge passing Libby USGS gage

after Canada begins diverting 1,500,000 acre-feet annually, the Project's ability to discharge water through the turbines would be as shown in Table 10.

Table 9

MINIMUM RIVER DISCHARGES
FOR POWER GENERATION

Specified Discharge Over Dam cfs	Minimum Total Discharge in the Kootenai River for Project Generation cfs
500	2,500
625	2,625
750	2,750
875	2,875
1,000	3,000

Table 10

AVERAGE WATER AVAILABLE
FOR GENERATION

Specified Discharge Over Dam cfs	Project Turbine Discharge Ability cfs
500	9,620
625	9,495
750	9,370
875	9,245
1,000	9,120

Table 11

TOTAL RIVER DISCHARGE
ABOVE WHICH SPECIFIED
DISCHARGE OVER DAM
WOULD BE EXCEEDED

Specified Discharge Over Dam cfs	Total Discharge in Kootenai River cfs
500	24,850
625	24,975
750	25,100
875	25,225
1,000	25,350

At the upper end of the discharge scale, with Project turbine discharge capacity being 24,350 cfs, the total discharge in the Kootenai River at which flow over the Dam would start to exceed the specified discharge over the Dam would be as shown in Table 11.

As total discharge in the Kootenai River increases above the foregoing amounts, flow over the Dam will increase above the specified amount. Table 8 shows also further reduction in the Project gross head and reduction in turbine discharge capacity because of the reduction in gross head as total flow in the river increases.

The foregoing facts illustrate some of the qualifications which must be kept in mind in stating the head developed by the Project. The largest gross head developed is at minimum discharge of the turbines. The head depends upon the specified flow that is to be discharged over the Dam. As head reduces, turbine discharge capacity increases to a particular discharge, above which both head and turbine discharge capacity reduce.

The Applicant proposes that the specified discharge over the Dam be 750 cfs. For 750 cfs, the Project gross heads will be as shown in Table 12.

Table 12

GROSS PROJECT HEAD

River Total Discharge cfs	Project Turbine Discharge cfs	Gross Head Ft
2,750	2,000	106.8
5,000	4,250	104.8
10,000	9,250	100.4
15,000	14,250	96.1
20,000	19,250	92.1
25,100	24,350	88.66
30,000	23,900	85.5

As Table 12 shows, gross head can vary from 106.8 feet at smallest generating discharge to 88.66 feet when river flow is such that the turbines are discharging at capacity and 750 cfs is passed over the Dam. Gross head will be less than 88.66 feet when larger river flow requires that more than 750 cfs be passed over the Dam. The heads would be different than tabulated above if the specified discharge over the Dam is other than 750 cfs.

- Q. What effect does the foregoing analysis of head have on production of power and energy?
- A. The foregoing analysis is of gross head. Power and energy production depends on the product of discharge through the turbines, net head available at the turbines, and generating efficiency. Net head depends upon the details of the Project waterways that permit water to flow through the turbines. The overall factors involved thus are the Dam, Intake, Head Tunnel, Penstocks, Turbines, Generators, Transformers, Draft Tubes, and Tail Tunnels. These components should be explained additionally before figures for production of power and energy are derived.

1 The operation of the Dam already is described, in that
2 the Spillway Gates will be operated to pass the proper
3 discharge downriver while maintaining the Reservoir at
4 Elevation 2000. Intake design and operation also are
5 important factors.

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7 Q. Describe the Intake and its relation to the Dam and
8 Reservoir.

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10 A. The Intake has the function of receiving water for gene-
11 ration from the Reservoir and directing the water with
12 minimum practical head loss into the Head Tunnel. The
13 largest discharge, 24,350 cfs, involves the most diffi-
14 cult hydraulic problems and the Intake is designed for
15 that discharge even though discharges smaller than
16 24,350 cfs occur for approximately 90 percent of the
17 time.

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19 Q. I show you a drawing marked, Exhibit ____ (AEA-16). Was
20 it prepared under your supervision?

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22 A. Yes.

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24 Q. What does it show?

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26 A. Exhibit ____ (AEA-16) is a reproduction of Exhibit L,
27 Sheet 5, in the Application for License and shows de-
28 tails of the Intake. During final design hydraulic
29 model studies will be required and dimensional changes
30 may be made in the Intake structure and surrounding
31 excavation.

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33 The Intake is an adaptation of the intake used for the
34 Seneca Pumped-Storage Project, FERC Project No. 2280.
35 The Kootenai Intake is designed to take water from the
36 Reservoir at low velocity, with minimum submergence, and
37 with minimum turbulence or vortex action in the water.
38 Within the Intake the water is accelerated. The Intake
39 also is designed for minimum environmental and aesthetic
40 impact.

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42 The Intake is semicircular as viewed from above. The
43 top of the Intake has a radius of 100 feet around the
44 vertical centerline of the vertical Intake Shaft. The
45 opening through which water enters includes the entire
46 semicircle plus 25.25 feet additional toward the left
47 shore of the Reservoir from each end of the semicircle.

1 The total length of the top perimeter thus is 314.16
2 plus 50.50 feet, or 364.66 feet. The bottom of the
3 Intake projects 15 feet farther into the Reservoir than
4 does the top of the Intake, as shown on the exhibit.

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6 The water enters the Intake structure through an opening
7 30 feet high around the 364.66 feet of perimeter. The
8 gross flow area thus is 10,940 square feet. The flow
9 area is reduced by seven radial piers, which support the
10 roof slab of the Intake structure. The piers will be
11 approximately 5 feet wide, which reduces the width of
12 the flow section to 329.66 feet and reduces the flow
13 area to 9,890 square feet.

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15 The bottom of the flow passage is at Elevation 1960, as
16 shown on the exhibit, and the top is at Elevation 1990,
17 which is 10 feet below the normal elevation of the
18 Reservoir. The water in moving from the entrance of the
19 Intake to the Intake Shaft flows between the two plates.
20 Since flow area reduces as the water moves toward the
21 Intake Shaft, the velocity of the water increases stead-
22 ily until the water enters the Intake Shaft. The Intake
23 Shaft is 50.5 feet in diameter, which provides a flow
24 area of 2,003 square feet.

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26 The top of the Intake flow passage is concrete slab,
27 approximately 2 feet thick. Thus, the top of the slab
28 is at approximately Elevation 1992 and normally will be
29 submerged by 8 feet of water.

30
31 Submergence of the entire Intake structure was adopted
32 to minimize environmental and aesthetic impact. How-
33 ever, it is necessary to place steel trashracks around
34 the perimeter of the Intake to collect large floating
35 trash that otherwise would obstruct flow through the
36 turbines or damage the turbines. At intervals it is
37 necessary to rake the debris from the racks. To perform
38 the raking a roadway around the perimeter is needed.
39 The largest amount of trash moves during large floods,
40 so the roadway is set at Elevation 2005, which would be
41 above a flood of approximately 185,000 cfs. The roadway
42 will be wide enough to accommodate a truck crane.

43
44 Thus, to the public the Intake will appear to be a con-
45 crete semi-circular roadway projecting five feet above
46 the water in the Reservoir. There will be culverts

1 through the roadway so that water level will be the same
2 on both sides of the roadway.

3
4 The trashracks and vertical steel guides that support
5 the trashracks will provide a partial obstruction to the
6 flow of water. However, it is expected that net flow
7 area through the trashracks will be approximately 8,000
8 square feet. Outside the racks, in the Reservoir, the
9 flow area increases. As the exhibit shows, the rock
10 outside the concrete structure is excavated down to
11 Elevation 1955. The excavation is to provide a trench
12 around the Intake to catch boulders or water-logged
13 trash. Thus, below the projected bottom of the Intake
14 roof slab at Elevation 1990 there is a flow area 412
15 feet long and 35 feet deep, which is 14,400 square feet.

16
17 Q. What is the significance of the various flow areas you
18 have been presenting?

19
20 A. Basically the design effort has been to provide an
21 Intake in which water entering moves at the lowest prac-
22 ticable velocity in the interest of protecting fish. If
23 the Project were designed with maximum economy as the
24 only consideration, the velocity of water through the
25 gross flow area at the trashracks would be approximately
26 5 to 5.5 feet per second. In the proposed Kootenai
27 River Project, the Applicant has selected velocities
28 that are approximately half the foregoing economical
29 amounts in the interest of fish protection. Table 13
30 describes the range of velocities at various locations
31 in and near the Intake. Table 13 shows flow areas and
32 mean water velocities at four locations at or near the
33 outer perimeter of the Intake for six selected
34 discharges which cover the full range of turbine
35 discharge. The velocities are small, the largest being
36 3.04 feet per second through the net area of the
37 trashracks when turbine discharge is 24,350 cfs. An
38 inch or two outside of the trashracks, the velocities
39 are 80 percent of the velocities through the net area of
40 the trashracks.

Table 13

VELOCITIES OF WATER THROUGH THE INTAKE

Location	Flow Area Sq. Ft.	Turbine Discharge, cfs	Mean Velor of Water, Ft Per Se
Rock Trench - 15 ft into Reservoir from Trashracks	14,400 ^{1/}	2,000	0.14
		6,000	0.42
		10,120 ^{3/}	0.70
		18,000	1.25
		21,000	1.46
		24,000	1.67
	18,520 ^{2/}	24,350	1.69
		2,000	0.11
		6,000	0.32
		10,120 ^{3/}	0.55
		18,000	0.97
		21,000	1.13
Reservoir Side of Piers and Trashracks	10,940	24,000	1.30
		24,350	1.32
		2,000	0.18
		6,000	0.55
		10,120 ^{3/}	0.92
		18,000	1.64
Reservoir Side of Trashracks (gross area)	9,890	21,000	1.92
		24,000	2.19
		24,350	2.23
		2,000	0.20
		6,000	0.61
		10,120 ^{3/}	1.02
Through Trashracks (net area)	8,000	18,000	1.82
		21,000	2.12
		24,000	2.43
		24,350	2.46
		2,000	0.25
		6,000	0.75
		10,120 ^{3/}	1.26
		18,000	2.25
		21,000	2.62
		24,000	3.00
		24,350	3.04

^{1/} Area below projected top of trashracks, Elevation 1990.

^{2/} Area below Reservoir full level, Elevation 2000.

^{3/} Approximate mean discharge at Libby USGS Gage after diversion of 2070 cfs by Canada.

The duration curve of hourly discharges at the Libby USGS Gage for the period in which Libby Dam has been producing power indicates the time duration in which the foregoing velocities will exist. The duration curve is presented by Witness Sewell. The time duration of velocities at the Intake is in Table 14, which shows the percentages of time in which velocities would have existed at the various locations shown on the preceding exhibit under the power operations of Libby Dam to date.

Table 14

DURATION OF WATER VELOCITIES
AT OR NEAR THE OUTER PERIMETER OF THE INTAKE

Per Cent of Time in Which Velo- city Equals or is Less Than Stated Amount	Discharge cfs	Rock Trench	Velocities in Feet Per Second		
			Forebay Side of Piers and Trash Racks	Forebay Side of Trash Racks (Gross Area)	Through Trash Racks (Net Area)
0.1	2,000	0.14	0.18	0.20	0.25
45	6,000	0.42	0.55	0.61	0.75
61	10,120	0.70	0.92	1.02	1.26
67	18,000	1.25	1.64	1.82	2.25
93	21,000	1.46	1.92	2.12	2.62
99	24,000	1.67	2.19	2.43	3.0
100	24,350	1.69	2.23	2.46	3.04

The percentages of time are for the discharges listed in Table 13.

Comparison of water velocities through the Intake with water velocities in the river in its natural condition and with water velocities in the Reservoir is discussed by Witness Lee.

1 Q. Does that conclude description of the Intake?

2
3 A. Not quite. There is one more important factor, which is
4 the effect of the Intake on the river bed. Exhibit ____
5 (AEA-16) shows the rock of the river bed excavated
6 around the Intake to a slope of 1 vertical to 5 hori-
7 zontal.

8
9 The significant facts are as follows:

- 10
11 1. The bottom of the Intake slab has to be 40 feet
12 below normal level of the Reservoir.
13
14 2. The existing river bed elevations are a natural
15 property of the location and are fixed.
16
17 3. As the normal level of the Reservoir becomes higher
18 by any amount, the elevations of the Intake can be
19 increased by the same amount and the disturbance of
20 the river bed by excavation can be reduced corre-
21 spondingly. Conversely, as the normal level of the
22 Reservoir is lowered by any amount, the elevation
23 of the Intake must be lowered by the same amount,
24 and disturbance of the river bed by excavation must
25 be increased correspondingly.
26

27 Q. What is the next important component of the Project that
28 should be described?
29

30 A. The next important component is the Head Tunnel System,
31 which consists of the Intake Shaft, Head Tunnel, and
32 Penstocks.
33

34 The Intake Shaft is described on Exhibit ____ (AEA-16).
35 Its diameter is 50.5 feet. The shaft extends downward
36 from the Intake at Elevation 1965 to Elevation 1817.
37 The base of the Intake Shaft is at the elevation of the
38 invert, or bottom, of the Head Tunnel. The Head Tunnel
39 is set at the elevations shown on the exhibit to main-
40 tain adequate rock cover. Adequate rock cover improves
41 stress distribution in the rock above the tunnel, which
42 reduces hazards during excavation and reduces the struc-
43 tural load on the tunnel lining.
44

45 The Head Tunnel and Penstock are shown in Exhibit ____
46 (AEA-15) and an additional exhibit.

1 Q. I show you a drawing marked Exhibit _____ (AEA-17). Was
2 it prepared under your supervision?

3
4 A. Yes.

5
6 Q. What does it show?

7
8 A. Exhibit _____ (AEA-17) is a reproduction of revised
9 Exhibit L, Sheet 2, in the Application for License and
10 shows the profile and cross section of the water
11 conduits of the Project. Exhibits _____ (AEA-12) and _____
12 (AEA-17) used in conjunction show the Head Tunnel and
13 Penstocks.
14

15 The Head Tunnel is planned to be of horseshoe shape, as
16 shown on Exhibit _____ (AEA-17), 49.5 feet wide and 49.5
17 feet high. The tunnel will be lined throughout with
18 concrete. The tunnel is planned to be 3,100 feet long.
19

20 Q. I have heard that the Head Tunnel is unusually large in
21 diameter. Have you any comment?

22
23 A. The diameter is unusually large. However, it represents
24 a small extension of present technology. Concrete-lined
25 tunnels of 43.5 feet diameter were excavated through the
26 right abutment of Tarbela Dam on the Indus River in
27 Pakistan in rock much weaker and less stable than the
28 rock at the Kootenai River Project site. Underground
29 powerstations, several hundred feet long and wider and
30 deeper than the Head Tunnel, have been excavated in
31 various parts of the world, some in very weak rock.
32 The elevations of the Head Tunnel shown on Exhibit _____
33 (AEA-17) are intended to provide adequate rock cover
34 over the Tunnel, particularly at the upstream end, where
35 the top of the rock is at low elevation. Near where the
36 Head Tunnel crosses the 2,200-foot contour, as shown on
37 Exhibit _____ (AEA-12), the Tunnel goes under a steep
38 rock face and rock cover over the Tunnel increases
39 rapidly. From the 2,200-ft contour to the downstream
40 end of the Head Tunnel the tunnel elevation rises to
41 meet the elevations of the Powerstation and turbines.
42

43 The Head Tunnel divides into five penstocks, one trans-
44 porting water to each turbine. There are two sizes of
45 turbines, and thus there are two corresponding sizes of
46 penstocks. There are three penstocks, each 21 feet in
47 diameter, leading water to the larger turbines and two

1 penstocks, each 16 feet in diameter, leading water to
2 the smaller turbines.

3
4 Each penstock is divided into two portions because the
5 penstock has a second function in addition to transport-
6 ing water. That function is to provide a means for
7 preventing flow into the turbine so the turbine can be
8 drained whenever necessary for maintenance, to reduce
9 leakage when the turbine is not being operated, and to
10 shutoff flow if the turbine discharge control mechanism
11 would fail. The flow is prevented by a butterfly valve,
12 which is open whenever the turbine is operated or is to
13 be operated, and is closed otherwise.

14
15 Such shut-off valves usually are placed immediately
16 adjacent to the water entrance into the turbines. Such
17 location was considered for this Project, but was re-
18 jected because of the additional width it would add to
19 the Powerstation cavern. Therefore, the penstock valves
20 were located in a gallery separate from the main Power-
21 station cavern.

22
23 The Valve Gallery will contain the butterfly valves,
24 valve operators, and a crane for lifting valve compo-
25 nents. The Valve Gallery will divide the penstock into
26 two portions. Upstream from the Valve Gallery, the
27 penstock will be lined with concrete. Downstream from
28 the Valve Gallery, the penstock will be lined with
29 steel, the steel lining being held in place by con-
30 crete. The Powerstation cavern and Valve Gallery are
31 placed and oriented for favorable rock stress
32 conditions, based on present knowledge of underground
33 conditions.

34
35 Q. You mentioned present knowledge of underground condi-
36 tions. Is there a plan to increase that knowledge?

37
38 A. Yes. Once the Applicant has the necessary licenses and
39 permits, and on the basis of those licenses and permits
40 can finance the Project, the first step in construction
41 will be an exploratory adit to enter the site of under-
42 ground structures and obtain information of rock charac-
43 teristics and stresses. The program for obtaining in-
44 formation will use modern equipment and techniques. The
45 information obtained will be used as the basis for loca-
46 ting the various underground structures and there may be

1 changes in their location, orientation, and spacing
2 between openings.
3

4 The exploratory adit will be a tunnel approximately 7
5 feet wide and 7 feet high along the Access Tunnel to the
6 Powerstation and is described in detail by Witness
7 Hjertberg.
8

9 Q. What is the next component of the Project to be des-
10 cribed?
11

12 A. The next component of the Project to be described is the
13 Powerstation.
14

15 Q. I show you a drawing marked Exhibit ____ (AEA-18). Was
16 it prepared under your supervision?
17

18 A. Yes.
19

20 Q. What does it show?
21

22 A. Exhibit ____ (AEA-18) is a revised Sheet 4 of Exhibit L
23 in the License Application. It shows the plan, longi-
24 tudinal elevation, and cross section of the Project's
25 Powerstation.
26

27 Exhibit ____ (AEA-18) used in conjunction with Exhibits
28 ____ (AEA-12) and ____ (AEA-17) describes the station.
29 The right portion of Exhibit ____ (AEA-18) shows the
30 cross section of the cavern excavation in rock, the
31 generating units, the concrete support and embedment of
32 the generating units, passageways, and crane support
33 structure. As viewed on the drawing, water enters the
34 turbine distributor from the left, flows inward and
35 downward through the turbine, and leaves to the right.
36

37 The position of the Powerstation cavern relative to the
38 Valve Gallery and penstocks is shown on Exhibit ____
39 (AEA-12).
40

41 In addition to the Powerstation cavern, the Powerstation
42 contains the Access Tunnel, which connects the Power-
43 station cavern with the surface of the ground near U.S.
44 Highway 2. The Access Tunnel also provides connection
45 to the other underground caverns. It is planned that
46 the Access Tunnel will be excavated as an enlargement of

1 the Exploratory Adit. In effect, the Exploratory Adit
2 will provide the pilot tunnel for the Access Tunnel.

3
4 The Access Tunnel is a large tunnel, approximately 30
5 feet wide and high. It is set on a relatively steep
6 grade, although the grade is practical for construction
7 and operation. The width and height provide for major
8 equipment assemblies that must be installed during con-
9 struction. The largest assemblies are anticipated to be
10 the butterfly valves in the penstock and the trans-
11 formers.

12
13 The portal of the Access Tunnel will be south of U.S.
14 Highway 2 and approximately 40 feet in elevation below
15 the highway. U.S. Highway 2 will be on a bridge cross-
16 ing the road leading to the Access Tunnel. The access
17 road will parallel U.S. Highway 2 between the highway
18 and the Burlington Northern Railroad, connecting to U.S.
19 Highway 2 approximately 500 feet west of the bridge.

20
21 Returning to Exhibit _____ (AEA-18), the Powerstation
22 cavern will contain the following major equipment:

- 23
24 1. Five turbines and generators. A turbine and a
25 generator collectively are called a "Unit".
26
27 2. Governors and switchboards for controlling the
28 turbines and generators.
29
30 3. The Powerstation crane, which is used in erecting
31 and maintaining the Units and other heavy equip-
32 ment.
33
34 4. Electrical conductors, called "busses", which
35 transmit the power and energy produced by the gene-
36 rators to the transmission system.
37
38 5. Transformers to increase the voltage of the power
39 produced from generator voltage to transmission
40 line voltage.
41
42 6. Switchgear for the busses.
43
44 7. Auxiliaries needed for operating the station such
45 as piping, pumps, ventilation equipment, motors,
46 power at station service voltage, motor control

1 switchboards, air compressors, batteries for emer-
2 gency use, and lighting.

3
4 Exhibits _____ (AEA-12) and _____ (AEA-17) show one addi-
5 tional and important Powerstation detail. Exhibit _____
6 (AEA-17) shows a system of two short tunnels and two
7 vertical shafts connecting the Powerstation to the sur-
8 face. The system is called collectively the "Bus Shaft".
9 Exhibit _____ (AEA-12) shows, by a circle and the words
10 "20'Ø bus, access, and ventilator shaft", that the
11 tunnel and shaft system intersects the ground surface
12 underneath the existing transmission lines.

13
14 The present transmission line operates at 115 kV but it
15 will be rebuilt by the Bonneville Power Administration
16 to operate at 230 kV. The Project will be connected to
17 the transmission line and the Project output will enter
18 the Pacific Northwest Power System by the transmission
19 line.

20
21 Environmental and aesthetic considerations played the
22 major role in selecting the Bus Shaft system and loca-
23 tion. The top of the Bus Shaft cannot be seen from U.S.
24 Highway 2 or the Lions Club park. The connection to the
25 transmission line will be by taps containing disconnect
26 switches, which are small and inconspicuous structures.

27
28 The Bus Shaft will serve also for Powerstation ventila-
29 tion and emergency exit. The Bus Shaft will contain a
30 small elevator. The elevator hoist and motor at the top
31 of the shaft will be housed partly or entirely
32 underground, and will have minimum visibility.

33
34 Q. You have stated that there will be five Units, whereas
35 the License Application to FERC initially showed four.
36 Please explain the difference.

37
38 A. The License Application to FERC showed four Units, all
39 intended to be of equal size. The intent of the Project
40 is to utilize discharges of between 2,000 cfs and
41 24,000 cfs for power and energy production. The largest
42 discharge is 12 times the smallest, which provided some
43 difficulty in plant operation.

44
45 The difficulty is compounded at the Project by the char-
46 acteristics of the site. The Project will operate

1 mostly at gross heads between 106.8 feet and 88.7 feet,
2 as stated previously in this testimony. The turbines
3 most suitable for these head and discharge ranges
4 normally are adjustable-blade propellor turbines, which
5 are called by the name of their inventor, "Kaplan".
6 Kaplan turbines develop very good efficiency over a
7 large range of discharges, and would be ideal for obtain-
8 ing maximum efficiency at this Project. However, Kaplan
9 turbines have the characteristic of increasing very
10 rapidly in rotational speed if there is a relatively
11 small increase in discharge. The speed-increase charac-
12 teristic is especially important in starting a Unit that
13 has been shut down.

14
15 When a Unit is to be started, a small amount of water is
16 admitted to the turbine. The water is admitted by a
17 small opening of the wicket gates which are inside the
18 distributor and surround the turbine. The Unit is not
19 connected electrically to the transmission system when
20 it is shut down or while it is being started. When a
21 Unit is connected electrically to the transmission
22 system, the system helps to hold the Unit at constant
23 rotating speed. When the Unit is not connected to the
24 transmission system, there is no such help and the Unit
25 tends to increase rapidly in speed as water passes
26 through it.

27
28 Each Unit has a governor that adjusts the wicket gates
29 to control discharge and thereby controls speed. When
30 hydraulic conditions at a plant are favorable, the
31 governor can cause the wicket gates to react rapidly
32 enough to control the speed.

33
34 The Unit is accelerated to the proper speed at which it
35 will produce power at system frequency, which in the
36 United States is 60 cycles per second (called
37 "60 Hertz"). When the Unit is near the proper speed it
38 is necessary to synchronize the Unit's electrical
39 characteristics with the transmission system's
40 characteristics.

41
42 The synchronizing requires that the instant the Unit's
43 generator produces maximum voltage must be the same as
44 the instant at which the transmission system is at max-

1 imum voltage, which is called being "in phase". The
2 speed and phase of the Unit are brought to proper condi-
3 tion by manipulating the wicket gates. At the instant
4 both speed and phase of the Unit and the transmission
5 system are identical, the circuit breaker is closed
6 connecting the Unit to the transmission system, and the
7 Unit then is loaded to its scheduled power output.

8
9 The foregoing explanation is necessary because of spe-
10 cial conditions at the Project. Normally, the heads of
11 88 to 106 feet are considered "low head", and the water
12 conductors are relatively short. If the water conduc-
13 tors are long, a surge tank can be installed to limit
14 the pressure rises and drops that occur when the veloci-
15 ty of a long column of water is changed.

16
17 At the Project the Head Tunnel, including penstocks and
18 Intake Shaft, is long, more than 3,300 feet. Normally,
19 the time set for turbine wicket gates to move from fully
20 open (called "full gate") to fully closed is a matter of
21 a few seconds. To obtain such timing for the Project
22 Units while controlling the pressure changes to reason-
23 able amounts would require a surge tank.

24
25 At the Kootenai River Project the combination of large
26 maximum discharge, water conductor length, and low head
27 would require that a surge tank be very large. The
28 surge tank, to be effective, would have to be near the
29 Powerstation. A surge tank at that location would re-
30 quire excavation from Elevation 1956, as shown by
31 Exhibit _____ (AEA-17), to approximately Elevation 2700,
32 as shown by Exhibit _____ (AEA-12). Some other arrange-
33 ment to obtain a water surface exposed to the atmosphere
34 might be possible, but the cost of a surge tank in the
35 Head Tunnel is excessive and a surge tank cannot be
36 used. With no surge tank, it appeared impractical from
37 preliminary investigation to use Kaplan turbines. For
38 that reason, Francis turbines are used as the basis for
39 the Application for FERC License.

40
41 Francis turbines have fixed runner vanes. The rotating
42 runner has no resemblance to a propellor. Instead, the
43 runner vanes are curved so that within the vanes water
44 enters the outer perimeter horizontally and leaves the
45 bottom generally vertically. The maximum efficiency of
46 a Francis turbine is very nearly equal to the maximum
47 efficiency of a Kaplan turbine, but at loads larger or

1 smaller than the load at maximum efficiency, the effi-
2 ciency of a Francis turbine is less than the efficiency
3 of a Kaplan turbine. Under the large range of
4 discharge, it often is necessary to generate at loads
5 which are not at the point of maximum efficiency.
6 Francis turbines have the major advantage of much slower
7 speed-change response to change in discharge and head.
8 As a result, Francis turbines will be much simpler than
9 Kaplan turbines to start and synchronize. Even so, it
10 is anticipated that governor timing for Francis units
11 will be in terms of minutes rather than seconds. The
12 slow timing is not a disadvantage at the Project because
13 the Project generates as it receives water from up-
14 stream. The water regulation at Libby Dam, combined
15 with channel storage in the Kootenai River between Libby
16 Dam and the Project Reservoir, will provide water
17 control such that governor timing in terms of minutes
18 will be adequate for the Project. The slow governor
19 timing will be advantageous in protecting people who
20 will be along the Kootenai River between the Dam and the
21 Tail Tunnel Outlet if the Project would be tripped off
22 the transmission line.

23
24 With Francis turbines having been selected, the next
25 decision was the number of Units. Libby Dam had four
26 Francis Units when Project planning was underway. Four
27 additional units were to be installed at Libby, but the
28 Reregulating Dam was to provide the same discharge
29 with control downstream as provided by Libby Dam four
30 units. Four Units, therefore, were logical for this
31 Project.

32
33 Libby Dam's maximum turbine discharge is 24,000 cfs.
34 The same discharge capacity is reasonable for the
35 Project. With four Units, each turbine would be able to
36 discharge 6,000 cfs. The units proposed would discharge
37 24,350 cfs at the gross head 86.7 feet, for which the
38 corresponding net head is 77.8 ft. At that head and
39 discharge each Unit would be producing 36,000 kW, or
40 144 MW for the Project.

41
42 The net head increases for turbine discharges less than
43 24,000 cfs. At increased head, a single turbine can
44 discharge more water than it can at lesser head. Thus,
45 it is anticipated that when there is sufficient water
46 for only one turbine, a single turbine will be able to
47 discharge a little more than 6,700 cfs, at approximately

1 102.5 feet gross head, which corresponds to 95.2 feet
2 net head at the turbine. Generator output would be 48.7
3 MW, which at 15 percent overload and 0.95 power factor
4 requires generating rating of 44,600 kVA.
5

6 The foregoing shows that even though the combined rating
7 of the Project Units would be 194.8 MW, the Project can
8 produce only 144 MW when all four Units are operating.
9 The additional generator rating over 144 MW is necessary
10 for efficient utilization of smaller discharges.
11

12 A Francis turbine usually can operate for extended times
13 at loads as small as approximately 60 percent of full
14 load without special measures being necessary. The
15 operating restriction is caused by disturbances that
16 develop in the water flow through the turbines at
17 reduced loads. The disturbances develop primarily
18 because at reduced loads the draft tube is not filled
19 with water and a vacuum develops in the center of the
20 draft tube. As the old saying goes, nature abhors a
21 vacuum, and water flowing near the outer limits of the
22 draft tube attempts to enter the vacuum. The entering
23 water has no air to cushion the impact, so that the
24 water meets in the draft tube with considerable impact.
25 The vacuum is filled temporarily, but the lack of
26 sufficient water to keep the draft tube filled causes
27 the vacuum to reform.
28

29 The action occurs at frequent intervals, and provides
30 frequent strong physical impacts and major head changes
31 on the turbine. Operation under such conditions is
32 rough and can be damaging to various components of the
33 Unit, especially to the guide bearings that hold the
34 rotating shaft in its proper position. The power pro-
35 duced by the Unit also tends to vary rapidly, which is
36 unacceptable for governing and transmission.
37

38 Such rough operation can be relieved by admitting air to
39 the vacuum. Turbines are built with a hole in the cen-
40 ter of the rotating runner and vent openings in the head
41 cover. If the vents are opened, air is pulled by the
42 vacuum through passageways and the rough operation is
43 relieved. In Units which are deeply below tailwater, as
44 at Kootenai, the air must be injected under pressure.
45 At the Project, turbine discharge can be as small as

1 2,000 cfs. Air injection would have been necessary when
2 discharge through a turbine was less than 0.60 x
3 6,700 cfs, or 4,000 cfs. Air injection would have been
4 necessary for discharges between 2,000 cfs and
5 4,000 cfs, and between 6,700 cfs and 8,000 cfs. Under
6 the normal operation of Libby Dam, in which there is
7 peaking when daily average is less than turbine capa-
8 city, such operation was expected only a small percen-
9 tage of time.

10
11 However, the Montana Department of Health and Environ-
12 mental Sciences asked if the air injection would raise
13 gas supersaturation in part of the Kootenai River
14 downstream from the Tail Tunnel Outlet. Computations
15 indicated that it would, and experience at various loca-
16 tions indicated that it might or might not. To resolve
17 the issue, the Applicant agreed to eliminate operation
18 requiring air injection.

19
20 To eliminate air injection, it is necessary to eliminate
21 operation of a turbine at less than 60 percent of
22 maximum discharge except under unusual or occasional
23 circumstances, when the rough operation could be
24 tolerated for a short time. The air injection could be
25 eliminated if a turbine discharging 2,000 cfs has
26 maximum discharge capability of 3,350 cfs. The
27 resultant rating is one-half of the Units that had been
28 selected. The result is to replace one 6,700 cfs Unit
29 with two 3,350 cfs Units. The Project now is to
30 contain the following Units:

- 31
32 o Three Units, each with a turbine rated 49,120
33 Horsepower at 78 feet net head and a generator
34 rated 44,600 kVA at 0.95 power factor and 60°C
35 temperature rise.
36
37 o Two Units, each with a turbine rated 24,560 horse-
38 power at 78 feet net head and a generator rated
39 22,300 kVA at 0.95 power factor and 60°C tempera-
40 ture rise.
41

42 The Powerstation cavern is designed to contain the five
43 Units and provide space for erection and maintenance.
44

45 Final decisions regarding turbine type, governor timing,
46 starting, and synchronizing will be made following care-
47 ful analysis during final design. Until the Project has

1 the necessary permits and licenses, the Applicant cannot
2 approach manufacturers of equipment to obtain the neces-
3 sary detail. Manufacturers respond only to a limited
4 degree unless it is known that the Project will proceed
5 and equipment will be purchased.

6
7 Q. What is the relationship of Project generating capabi-
8 lity to head under the Unit sizes you have explained?

9
10 A. The generating capability of the Project relative to
11 head is shown by Exhibit _____ (AEA-20) which shows that
12 generating capability is approximately 16 MW at maximum
13 gross head of 106.8 feet, and increases to approximately
14 144 MW at gross head of 88.7 feet. As gross head de-
15 creases below 88.7 feet, which is caused by a rise in
16 tailwater level as discharge increases, generating capa-
17 bility decreases to less than 144 MW. Capability is
18 approximately 137 MW at 88 feet gross head.

19
20 Q. What are the Project components downstream from the
21 Powerstation cavern?

22
23 A. The components are shown on Exhibits _____ (AEA-12) and
24 _____ (AEA-17). Each turbine discharges into a Draft Tube
25 Tunnel. The five Draft Tube Tunnels converge into the
26 Tail Tunnel, which is of the same diameter as the Head
27 Tunnel. The Draft Tube Tunnels average approximately
28 270 feet long and the Tail Tunnel is 1,270 feet long.

29
30 The Draft Tube Tunnels discharge water into the Draft
31 Tube Gate Gallery and Surge Chamber. In the Gallery the
32 water is open to the atmosphere. The Gallery serves to
33 relieve hydraulic surges in the Draft Tube Tunnel and
34 Tail Tunnel system and also provides a location where a
35 gate can be lowered to close a draft tube of a Unit when
36 it is necessary to drain the turbine.

37
38 The Gallery is connected to the Access Tunnel. Nor-
39 mally, there will be a steel bulkhead in place between
40 the Gallery and the Access Tunnel. The bulkhead will
41 prevent a surge that produces a water level higher than
42 the Access Tunnel roadway from flooding the Access
43 Tunnel temporarily. Personnel will remove the bulkhead
44 to enter the Draft Tube Gate Gallery and Surge Chamber
45 only if the Station is shut down. Such shutdown obvi-
46 ously would be only for the period necessary for remov-
47 ing and replacing the bulkhead and lowering the Draft

1 Tube Gate. During the shutdown the entire river flow
2 would go over the Dam.

3
4 The principal feature of the Tail Tunnel is the Outlet.
5 The Outlet is designed to be constructed without placing
6 a cofferdam in the river and is described by Witness
7 Hjertberg.

8
9 The water from the Tail Tunnel will enter the river
10 below the lowest water level of the river. The outlet
11 is designed to minimize turbulence or flow disturbance
12 in the river.

13
14 Q. What would happen if the Project suddenly were to lose
15 part or all of its load at any point in the operation
16 you have just described?

17
18 A. The water which had been passing through the turbines
19 would have to be released over the dam, raising water
20 levels below the Dam.

21
22 Q. Would this endanger people along the river below the
23 Dam?

24
25 A. Yes, in absence of proper measures to control the change
26 of discharge over the Dam and warn people in the area.

27
28 Q. Has the Applicant developed measures to protect the
29 public?

30
31 A. Yes. The plan is that the rate of change of discharge
32 through the turbines will be controlled to occur very
33 slowly. The plan provides that a single turbine will
34 require approximately 10 minutes to increase discharge
35 from zero cfs to full load cfs and the same number of
36 minutes to reduce discharge from full load cfs to zero.

37
38 Additionally, the spillway gates will operate very
39 slowly. It appears that 30 minutes for a full opening
40 operation or for a full closing operation will be
41 reasonable. It also is expected that when there is to
42 be an increase in discharge over the dam there will be a
43 time lag of two or three minutes between the tripout and
44 the start of spillway gate opening.

45
46 Thus, if the turbines are tripped off the line, the
47 wicket gates which control discharge through the tur-

1 bins will begin to close immediately, at the closure
2 rate of 10 minutes from fully open to fully closed.
3 As the gates close, discharge through the turbines will
4 decrease at a reasonably steady rate and the water which
5 would have gone through the turbines will remain in the
6 Reservoir unless another discharge route is provided.

7
8 The spillway gates will begin to open two or three
9 minutes after the turbine wicket gates start to close.
10 Before the spillway gates open, the water level in the
11 forebay will rise a small amount, which will increase
12 spillway discharge slightly. The increase in spillway
13 discharge will be less than the reduction in turbine
14 discharge, with the difference between the two amounts
15 being stored in the Reservoir.

16
17 Q. What additional measures are proposed to protect the
18 public?

19
20 A. The water control methods will be supplemented by a
21 siren at the Dam and signs along the river. The signs
22 will warn people that water can rise rapidly and tell
23 them to leave the river for higher ground immediately
24 when the siren begins to sound. The siren will be part
25 of the control circuitry that will be actuated by the
26 station tripout and will begin to sound immediately upon
27 tripout. Details of the times for sounding remain to be
28 developed, but several alternatives are possible.

29
30 One alternative is that the siren will sound continu-
31 ously from tripout until the spillway gates stop lower-
32 ing. Another alternative is intermittent sounding of
33 the siren, with sounding beginning at tripout and con-
34 tinuing with alternating silence and sounding for
35 several minutes. The river canyon contains bends, and
36 the combination of bends and rock walls may create zones
37 that will exclude the sound from a siren at the Dam. It
38 may be necessary to install one or more supplemental
39 sirens.

40
41 Q. Can you illustrate how the foregoing system can work?

42
43 A. Yes.

44
45 Q. I show you a chart marked Exhibit ____ (AEA-19). Was it
46 prepared under your supervision?.

1 A. Yes.

2
3 Q. Explain what it illustrates.

4
5 A. The exhibit is an illustration of the basic concept of
6 controlling water following plant tripout. The final
7 concept adopted may not be identical, but the general
8 results will be similar. The exhibit shows graphically
9 discharge through the turbines, discharge over the
10 spillway gates, amount of opening of the spillway gates,
11 and forebay elevation following tripout of the station
12 at full load. The chart shows times in minutes.

13
14 The worst tripout situation would be with the turbines
15 discharging 24,000 cfs while the specified 750 cfs was
16 discharging over the Dam. As the exhibit shows, dis-
17 charge through the turbines is 24,000 cfs before tripout
18 and discharge over the spillway gate is 750 cfs before
19 tripout. Two minutes after tripout, discharge through
20 the turbine has been reduced to 19,200 cfs, a reduction
21 of 4,800 cfs, whereas discharge over the spillway gate
22 has increased to 818 cfs, an increase of only 68 cfs.
23 With the siren sounding in this period, there are two
24 minutes of advance warning to persons along the river.
25 The Reservoir level has risen a very minor amount, ap-
26 proximately 0.03 feet (3/8 of an inch), in the two
27 minutes to store the difference between turbine discharge
28 reduction and spillway discharge increase.

29
30 At the end of two minutes, the spillway gates have not
31 moved, as is shown by the gate crest elevation being the
32 same as when the turbines were tripped off the line.
33 The gates then begin to open, causing the gate crest
34 elevation to lower.

35
36 At the end of four minutes after tripout, turbine dis-
37 charge has been reduced to 14,400 cfs, but the spillway
38 gates are discharging only 2,300 cfs. The Reservoir
39 elevation has risen about 0.1 feet (about 1.25 inches)
40 following tripout. The spillway discharge is compara-
41 tively small, slightly larger than present minimum flow
42 of the river, in which walking across the dry parts of
43 the river bed is comparatively easy. A person walking
44 at only 1 mile per hour could walk approximately 360
45 feet in 4 minutes. In that distance he might not be out
46 of the way of higher water to come later, but he would
47 be well underway. In my visits to the site the people I

1 have seen near the river could move more rapidly than
2 that.

3 Continuing, however, 8 minutes after tripout discharge
4 over the spillway has increased to approximately 8,700
5 cfs, which is less than mean discharge of the river.
6 The person walking at 1 mile per hour then would be
7 approximately 720 feet from his starting point. The
8 forebay would have risen approximately 4 inches since
9 the tripout.
10

11 Spillway discharge continue to increase. Under the
12 illustrative computation, maximum spillway discharge
13 after tripout is approximately 28,500 cfs and the Reser-
14 voir water level has risen approximately seven inches
15 approximately 14.2 minutes after tripout. In that time
16 the individual walking at 1 mile per hour could have
17 moved approximately 1,250 feet. Referring to Exhibit
18 (AEA-12), that distance is 1 1/2 times the width of the
19 river at the Dam. The extra two minutes between tripout
20 and start of gate opening added 180 feet to the distance
21 that otherwise would have been covered at the assumed
22 slow speed of personal movement.
23

24 Another important point is that even though the maximum
25 spillway discharge was 28,500 cfs, the spillway gate
26 opening would be sufficient to discharge the river flow
27 of 24,750 cfs when the Reservoir water level dropped to
28 1 inch above the normal operating level of elevation
29 2000. The excess of spillway discharge over river flow
30 is necessary to drain the excess storage accumulated
31 temporarily in the Reservoir.
32

33
34 Q. Have you investigated the rise in water level downstream
35 from the Dam following the tripout you described?
36

37 A. Witness Lee describes details of hydraulic conditions
38 downstream from the Dam. However, I can mention several
39 points briefly. The public will have ready access to
40 two areas between the Dam and the Tail Tunnel Outlet.
41

42 One area is on the left bank of the river, between 200
43 feet and 1,200 feet downstream from the Dam. In this
44 area there are several vertical rock faces which a
45 person either must climb or walk around to get out of
46 the river bed. Water level in this area will rise ap-
47 proximately 10 feet between 750 cfs and 28,500 cfs.

1 Filling the valley storage will require a small part of
2 the water, but the increased discharge can be assumed to
3 move rapidly downstream from the Dam. In my opinion, it
4 is possible for a person moving at 1 mile per hour to
5 leave the area before escape routes are cut off.
6

7 The other area to which the public has ready access, as
8 long as the Forest Service maintains its foot bridge, is
9 at the mouth of the Koot Creek. At that location water
10 level might rise 25 feet following the tripout. How-
11 ever, exit from Koot Creek area is relatively easy.
12

13 During detailed design following issuance of the
14 license, the movement of persons and the details of
15 spillway gate operation can be analyzed in more detail.
16

17 Q. Will these rapid changes in discharges and water level
18 occur downstream from the Tail Tunnel Outlet?
19

20 A. There will be variations in discharge downstream from
21 the Tail Tunnel Outlet because spillway discharge does
22 not increase as rapidly as turbine discharge reduces.
23

24 Table 15 shows discharges downstream from the Tail
25 Tunnel Outlet following the tripout described in ex-
26 hibit. The discharges are tabulated from Exhibit
27 (AEA-19) and assume negligible wave travel time and no
28 channel storage effects between the Dam and the Tail
29 Tunnel Outlet.
30

31 Immediately following tripout there is a discharge re-
32 duction that continues for a little longer than 13
33 minutes. The smallest discharge occurs approximately 8
34 minutes after tripout and is approximately 55 percent
35 of the discharge flowing before tripout.
36

37 Starting 8 minutes after tripout discharge increases,
38 the flow returns to the original 24,750 cfs at approxi-
39 mately 13.2 minutes after tripout. Following that time
40 discharge is larger than 24,750 cfs until the Reservoir
41 returns to pre-tripout water level.
42

43 The tailwater rating curves, Exhibit _____ (AEA-15),
44 indicates that discharge reduction from 24,750 cfs to
45 13,530 cfs would cause water level at the Tail Tunnel
46 Outlet to drop by about 9 feet. The water level will
47 drop, but not by nearly that many feet, because of the

Table 15

FULL LOAD TRIPOUT

APPROXIMATE DISCHARGES DOWNSTREAM FROM TAIL TUNNEL OUTLET

Discharges preceding tripout - Turbine 24,000 cfs
Spillway 750 cfs
Total 24,750 cfs

Time from Tripout Minutes	Turbine Discharge CFS	Spillway Discharge CFS	Total Discharge Downstream from Tail Tunnel Outle CFS
0	24,000	750	24,750
1	21,600	766	22,366
2	19,200	818	20,018
3	16,800	1,432	18,232
4	14,400	2,285	16,685
5	12,000	3,422	15,422
6	9,600	4,859	14,459
7	7,200	6,623	13,823
8	4,800	8,731	13,531
9	2,400	11,196	13,596
10	0	14,006	14,006
11	0	17,118	17,118
12	0	20,471	20,471
13	0	24,055	24,055
14	0	27,810	27,810
15	0	28,375	28,375
15	0	28,375	28,375
16	0	28,207	28,207

1 short time for the discharge reduction and the fact that
2 channel storage will be involved for a considerable
3 distance downstream. The channel storage will prevent
4 discharge downstream from being reduced as rapidly as it
5 is upstream, and the channel storage will require longer
6 than a few minutes to deplete.
7

8 Similarly, during the period when discharge downstream
9 from the Tail Tunnel Outlet is increasing, channel stor-
10 age will be refilled and the discharge increase at
11 points downstream will be less rapid than it is ups-
12 tream.
13

14 Q. Are there other items in connection with the Dam that
15 require explanation?
16

17 A. Yes. There are two items. First, the Applicant intends
18 to distribute the specified discharge of 750 cfs equally
19 the full length of the Dam. The rock strata slope
20 toward the right bank of the river. When the specified
21 discharge of 750 cfs is flowing over the Dam, the
22 Applicant plans to maintain the uniform distribution of
23 water as it flows over the Falls. Witness Suttle
24 discusses the means of accomplishing this. Second, the
25 left abutment of the Dam will be at higher level than
26 top of bedrock. It is necessary that there be a
27 concrete cutoff wall paralleling the river upstream from
28 the Dam to the location where sound bedrock is at
29 approximately Elevation 2002. The cutoff wall will be
30 on the river side of the railroad but on the land side
31 of environmental mitigation works that are to be con-
32 structed. The cutoff wall will be a buried structure.
33 Construction details are described by Witness
34 Hjertberg.
35

36 Q. Does this conclude your prepared direct testimony?
37

38 A. Yes.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BEFORE THE
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

MATTER OF)
NORTHERN LIGHTS, INC.)

PROJECT NO. 2752

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STATE OF Illinois)
COUNTY OF Cook) ss.:

Arthur E. Allen, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he has read the foregoing prepared direct testimony of Arthur E. Allen, that he would respond in the same manner to the questions if so asked upon taking the stand, and that the matters of fact set forth therein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

Arthur E. Allen

Subscribed and sworn to before me,
this 22nd day of January, 1982

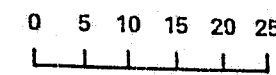
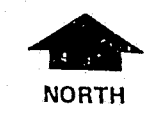
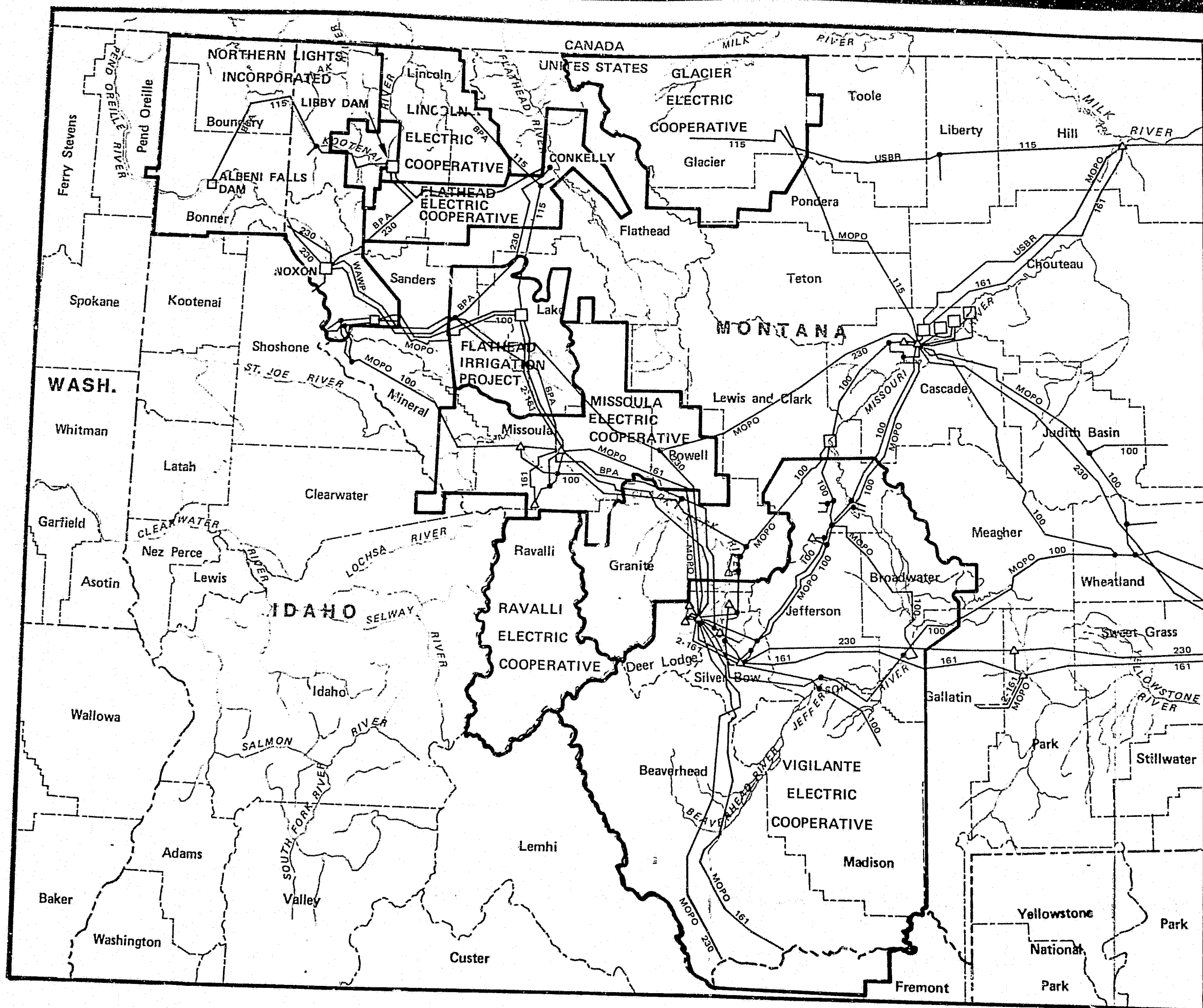
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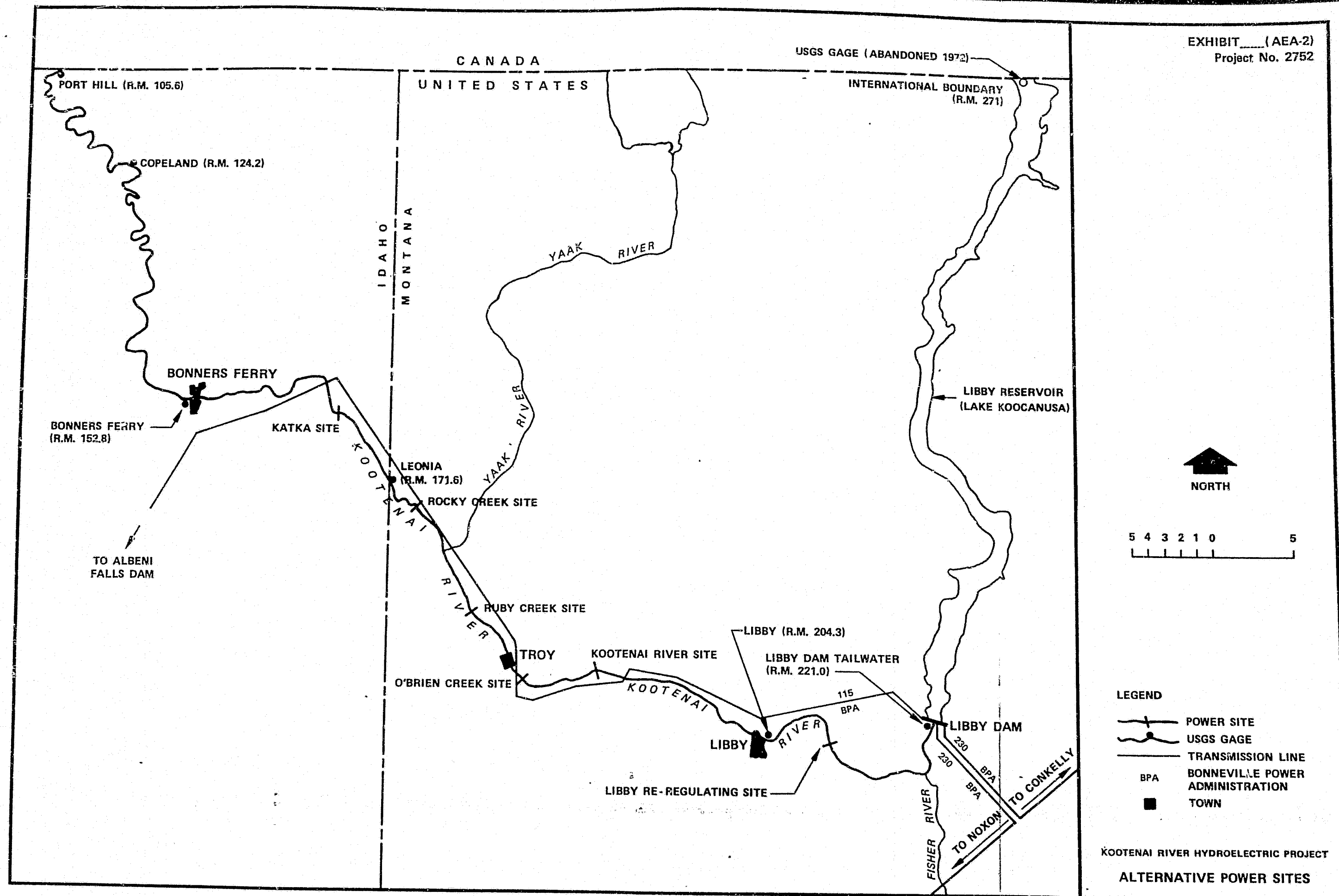
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14	Alternative Power Sites on the Kootenai	
15	River	____ (AEA-3)
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21	Layout 2A	____ (AEA-6)
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45	Powerstation Plan and Sections	____ (AEA-18)
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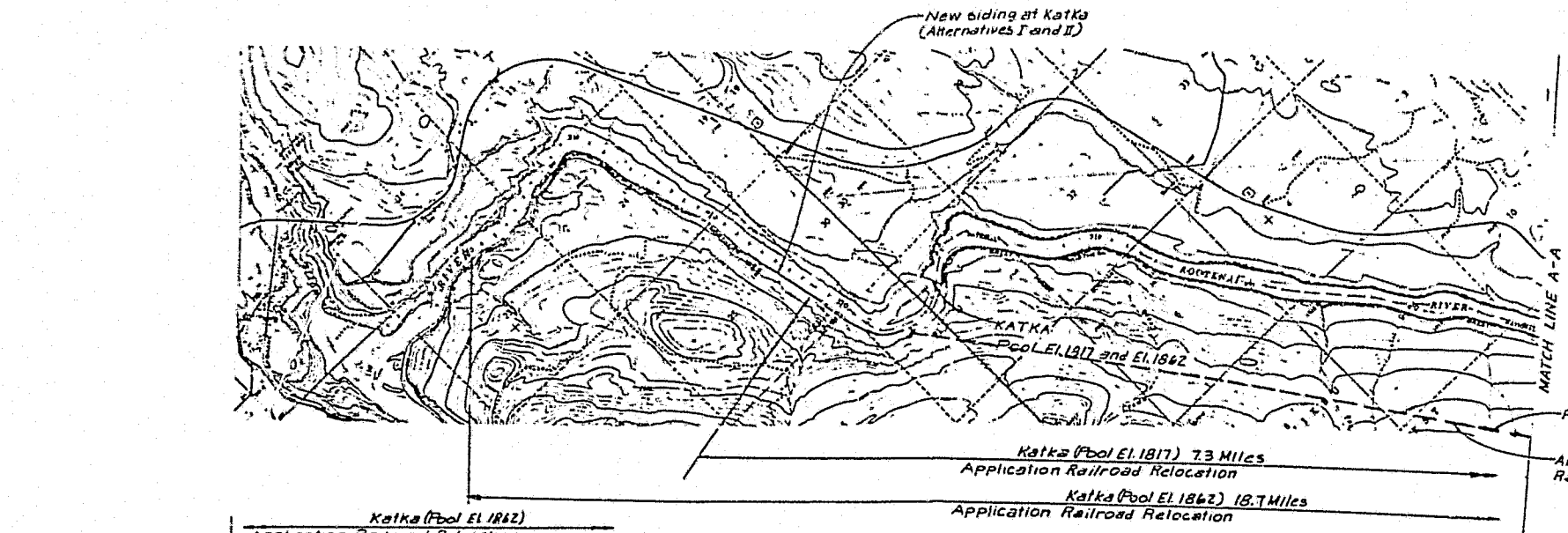
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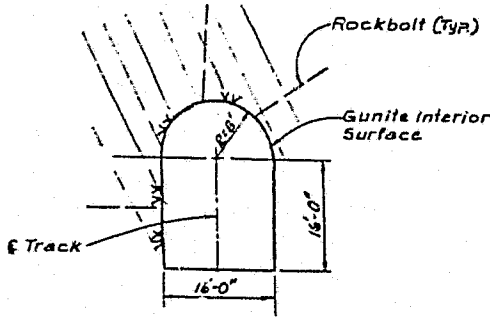
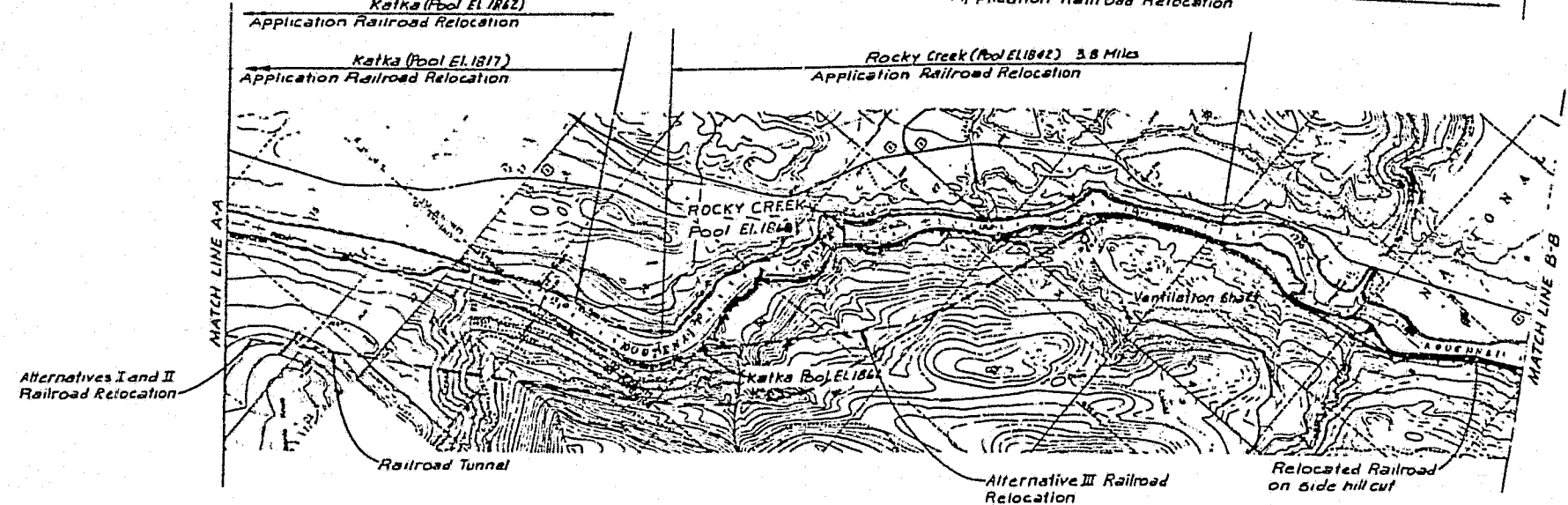
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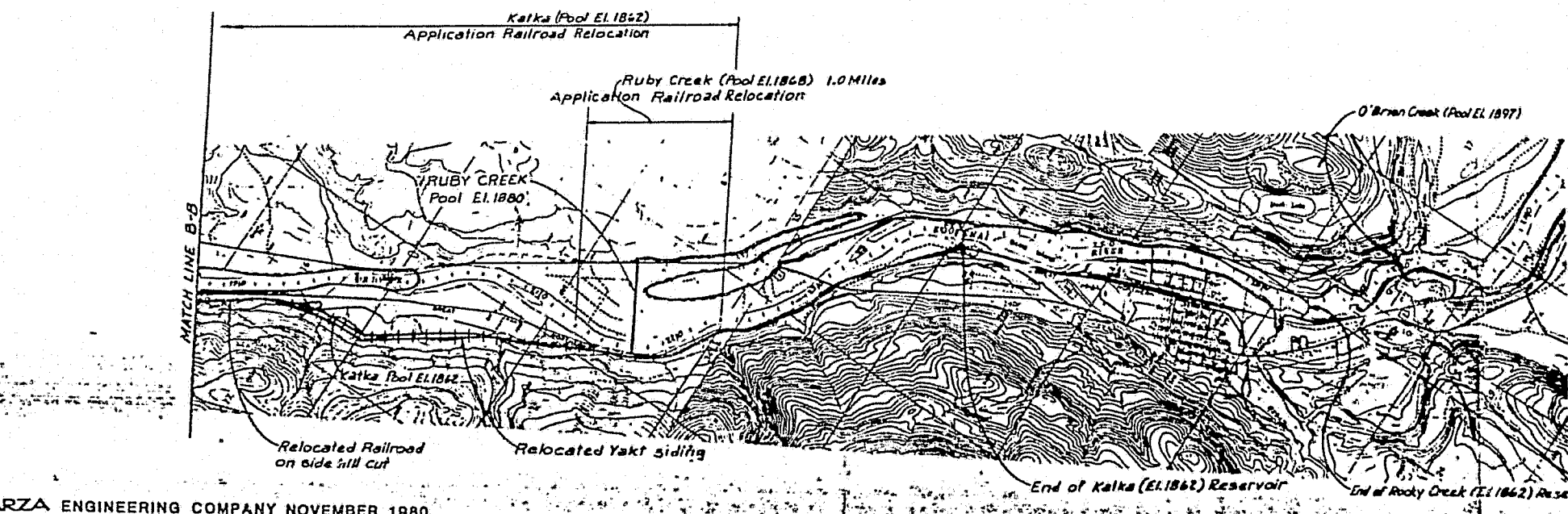


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For Alternative III
See Profile Exhibit A-3



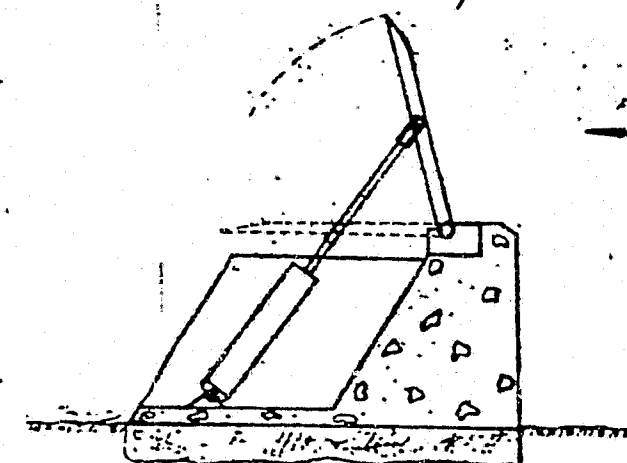
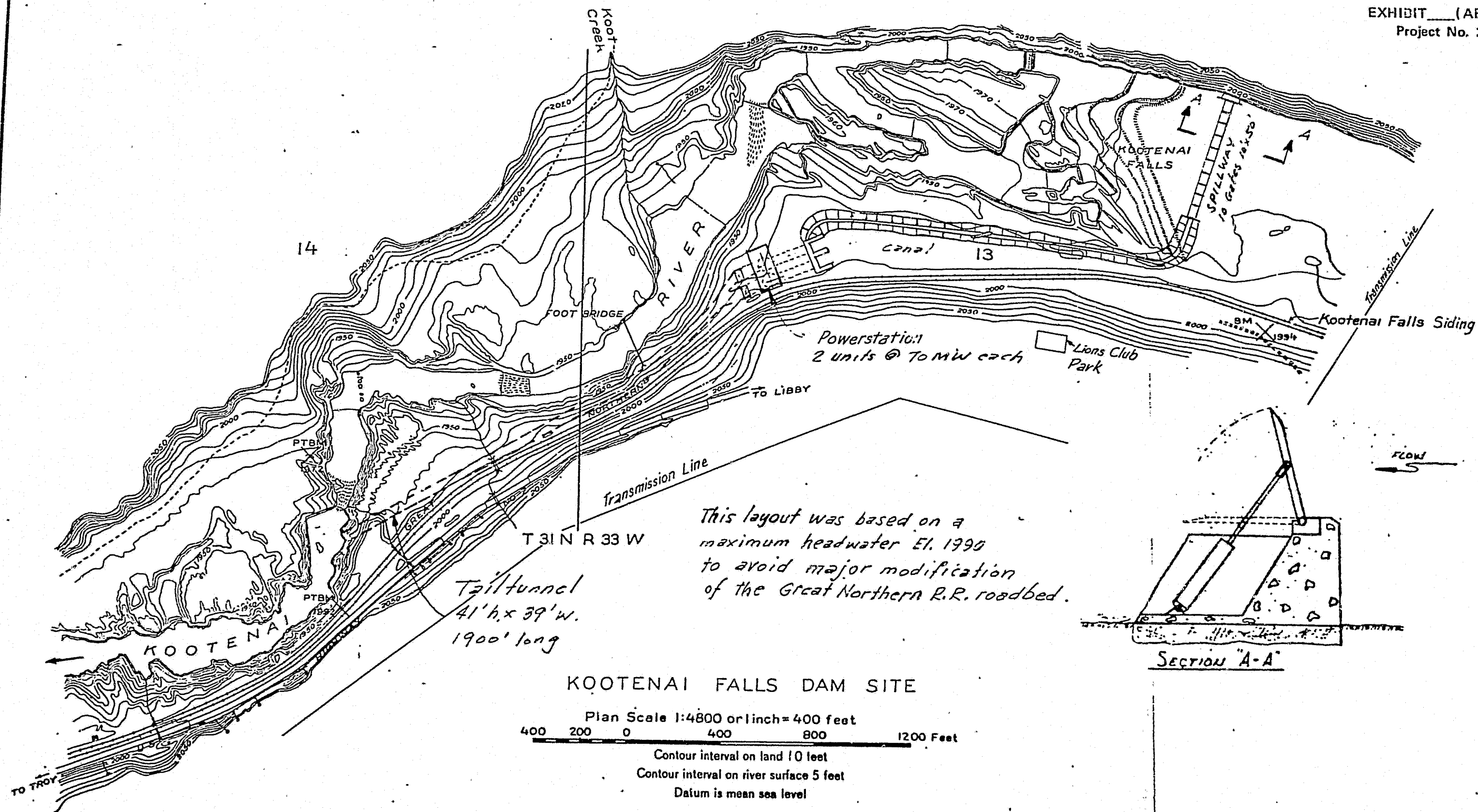
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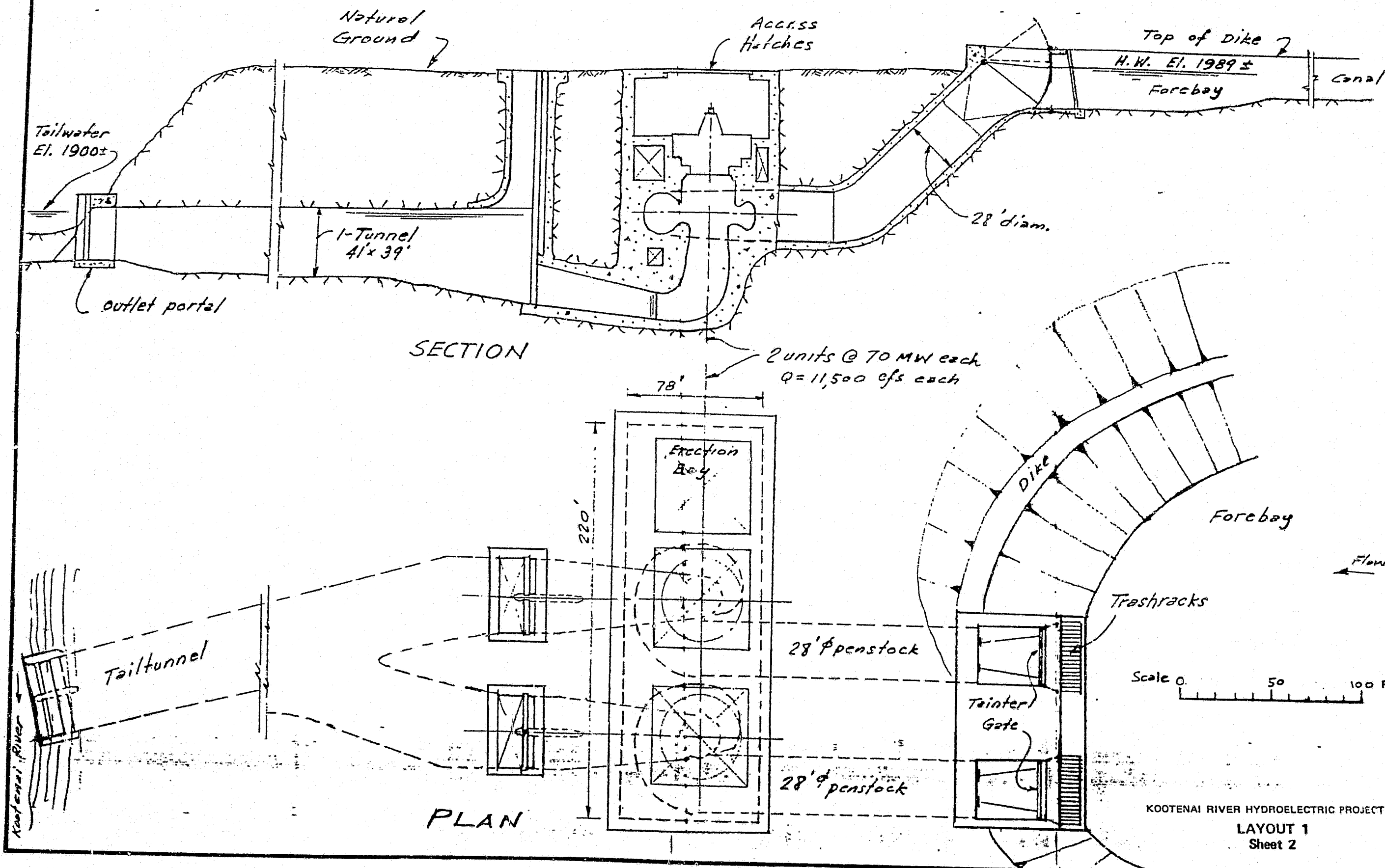


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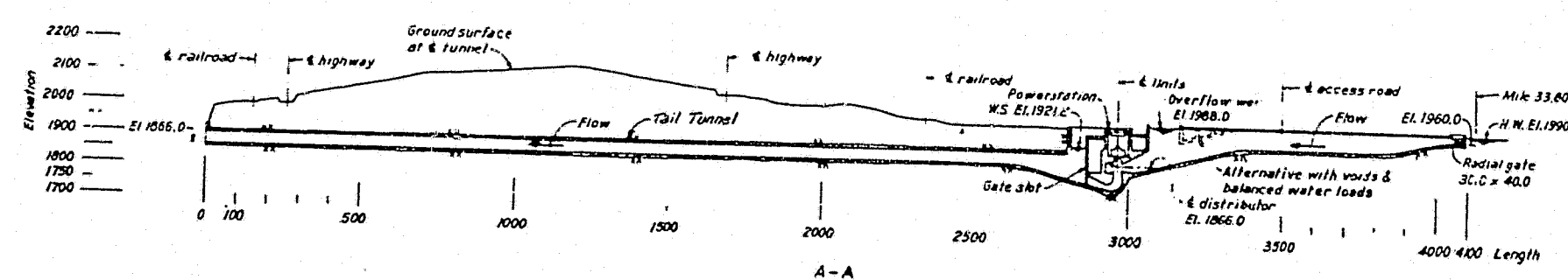
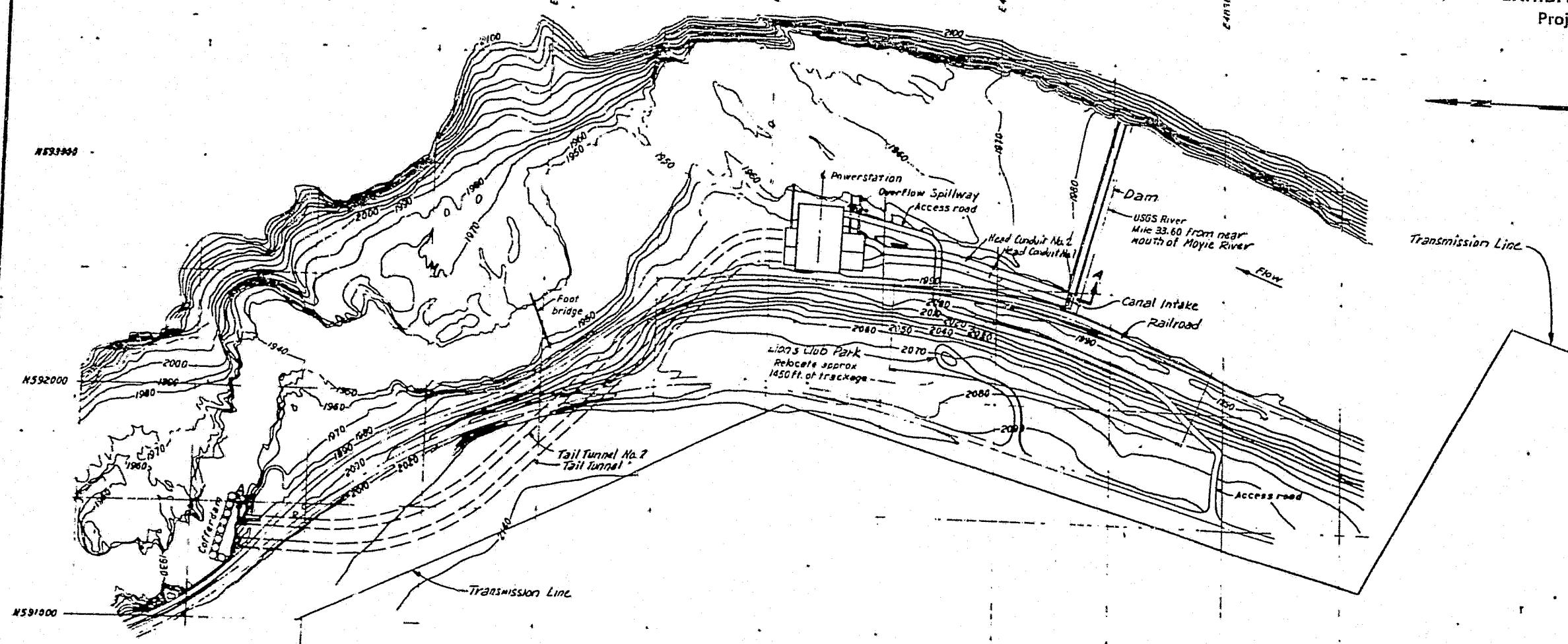
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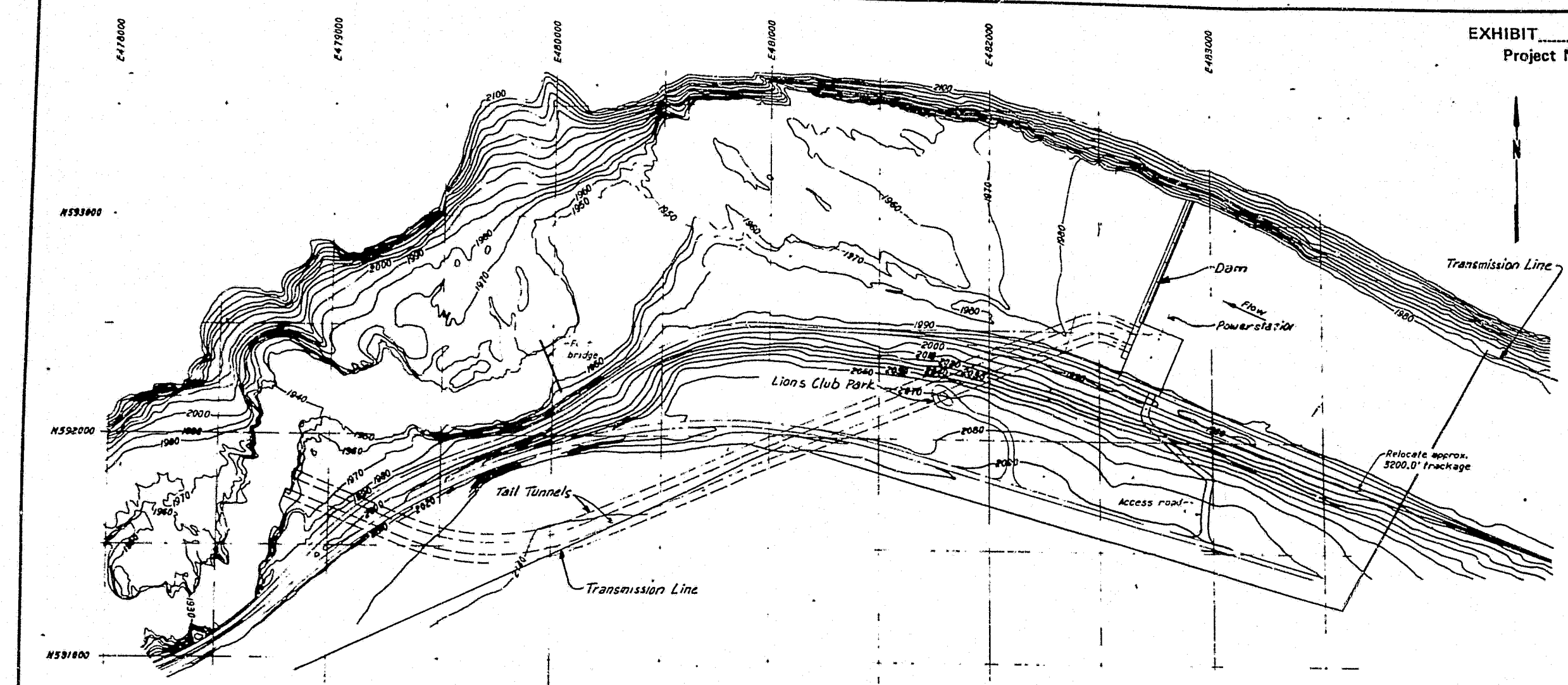
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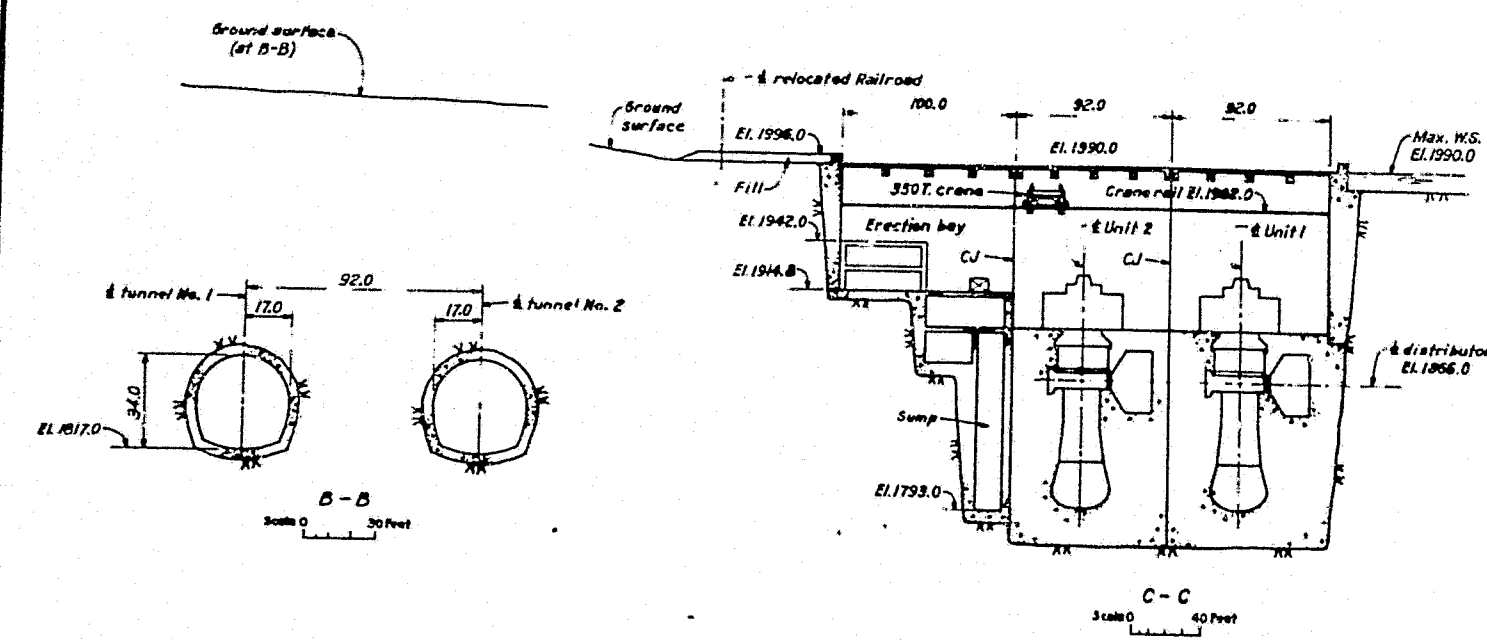
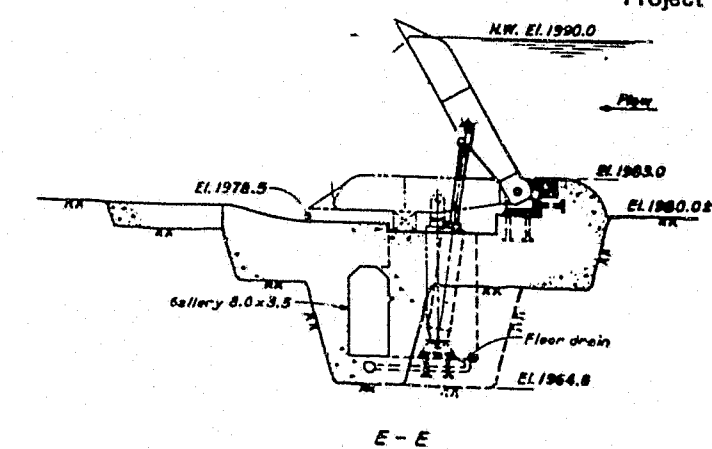
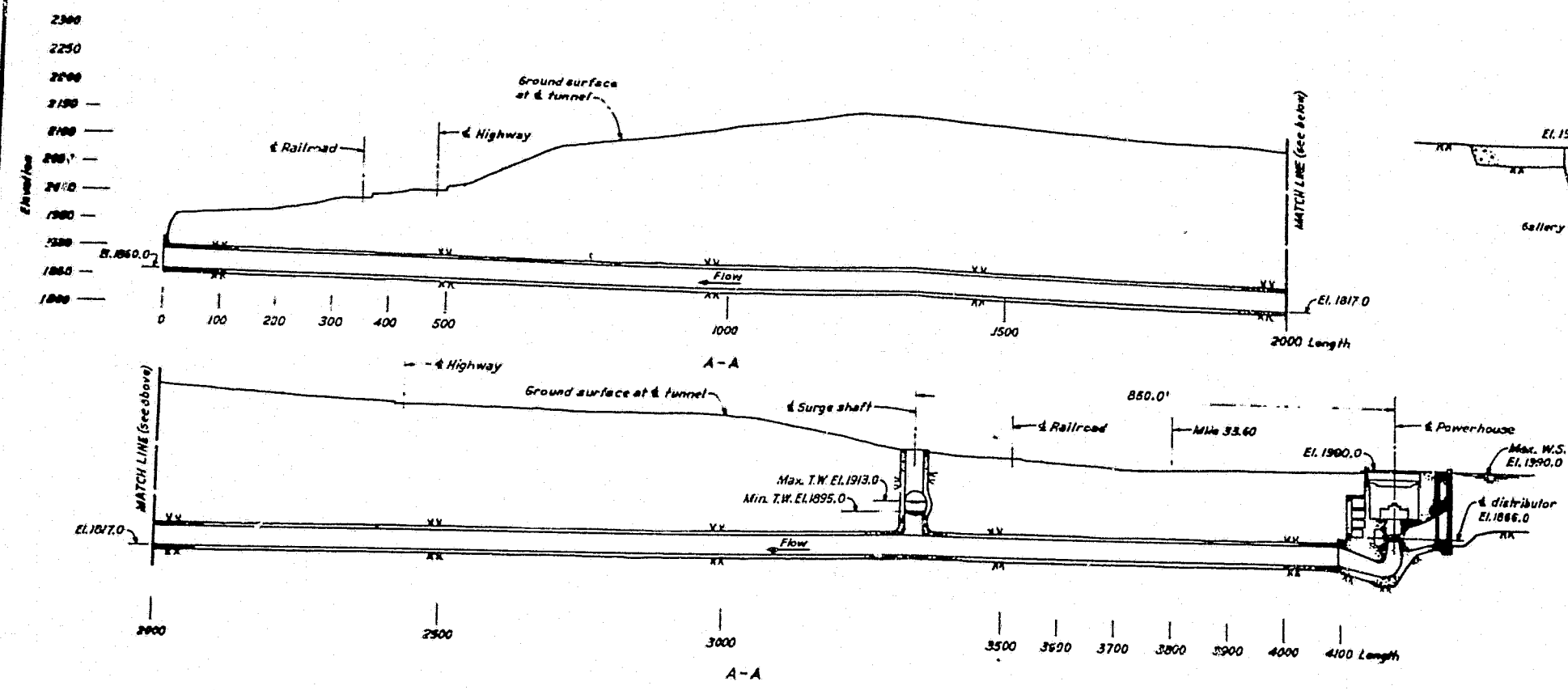


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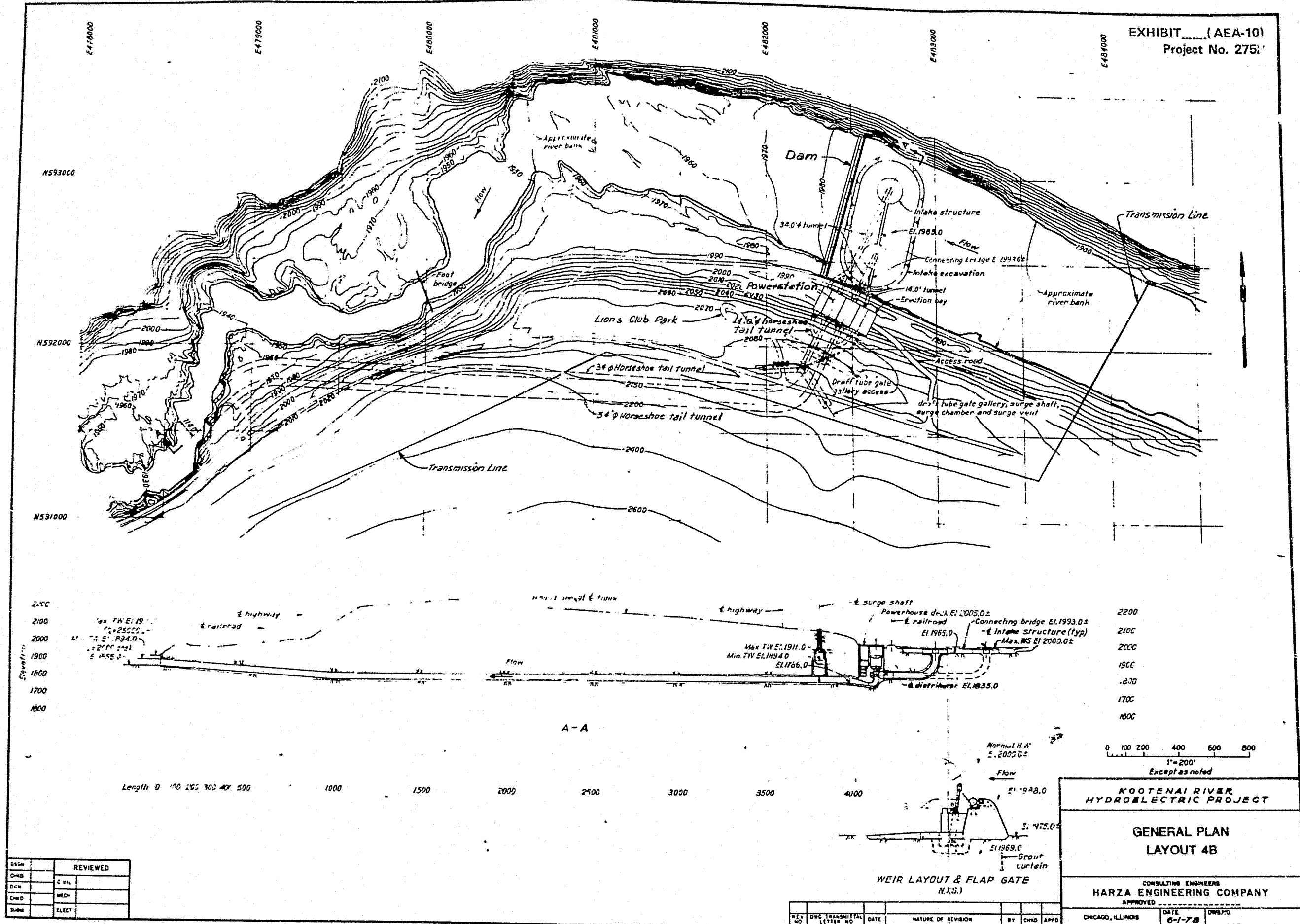
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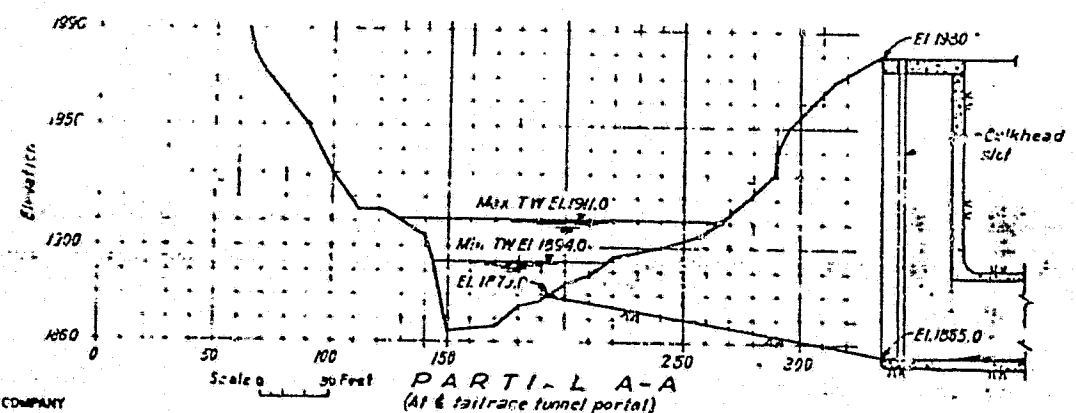
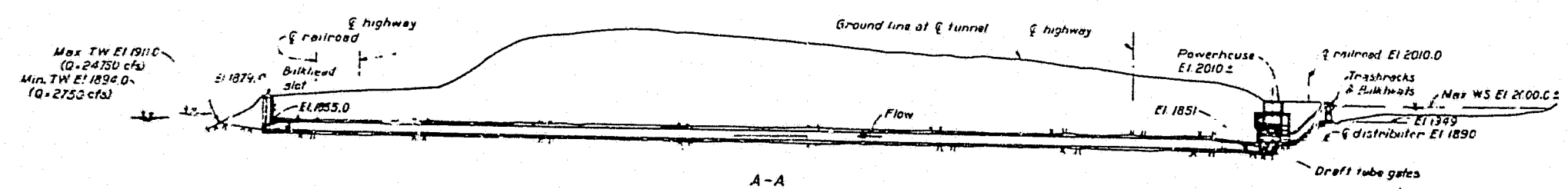
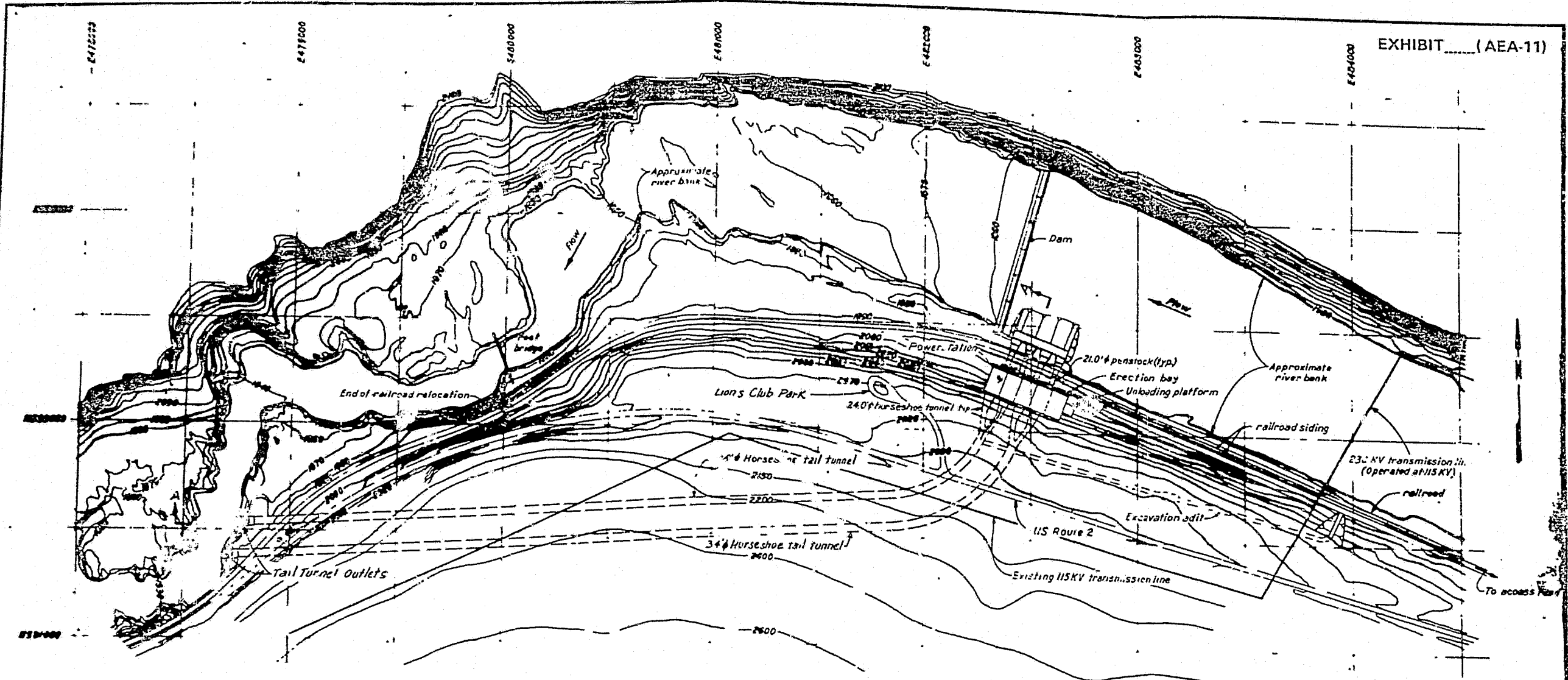
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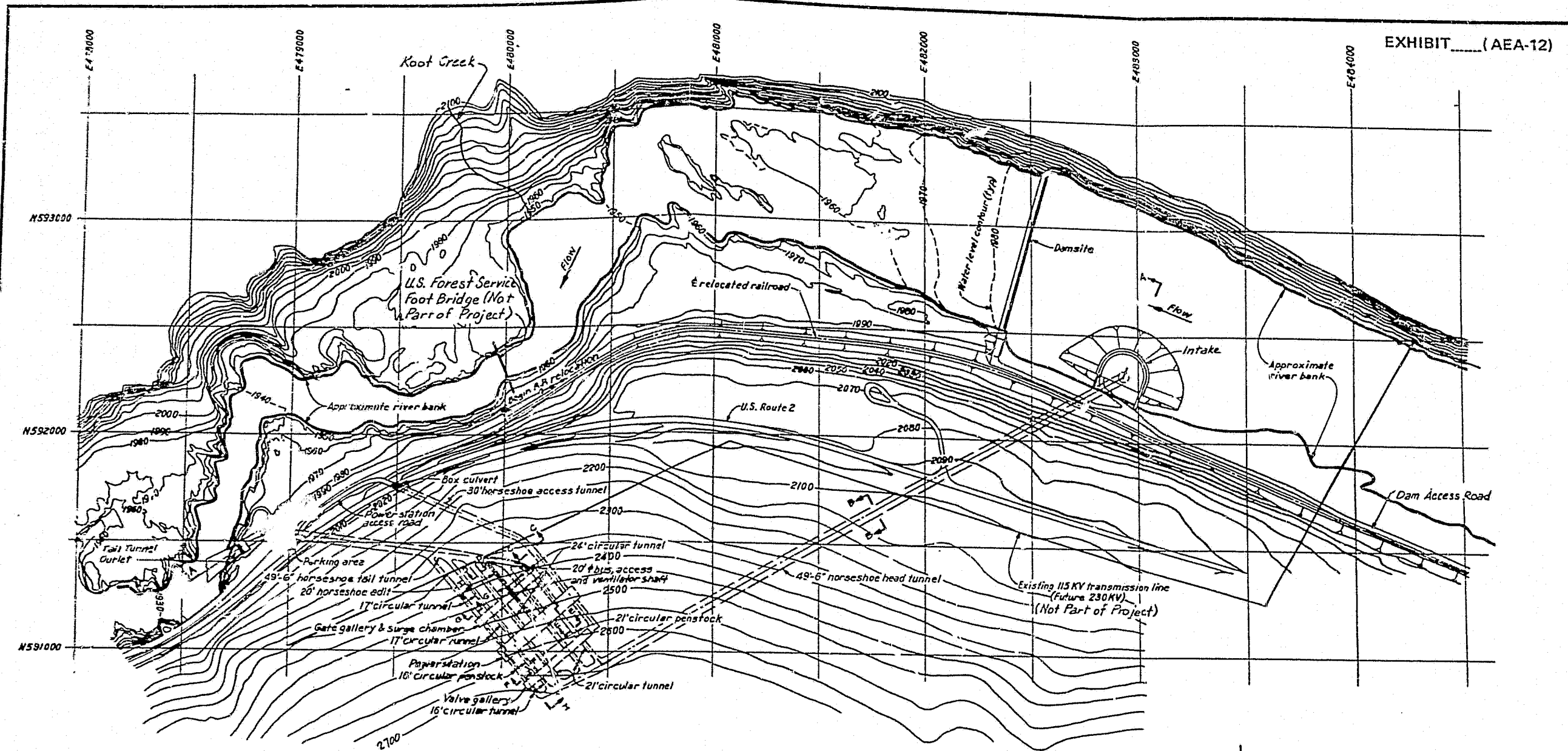
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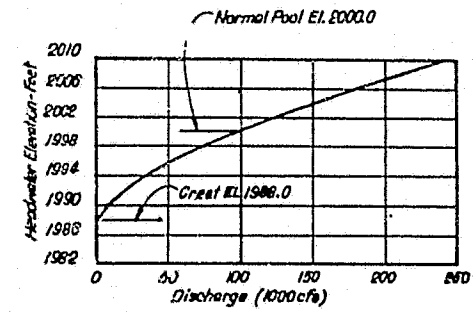
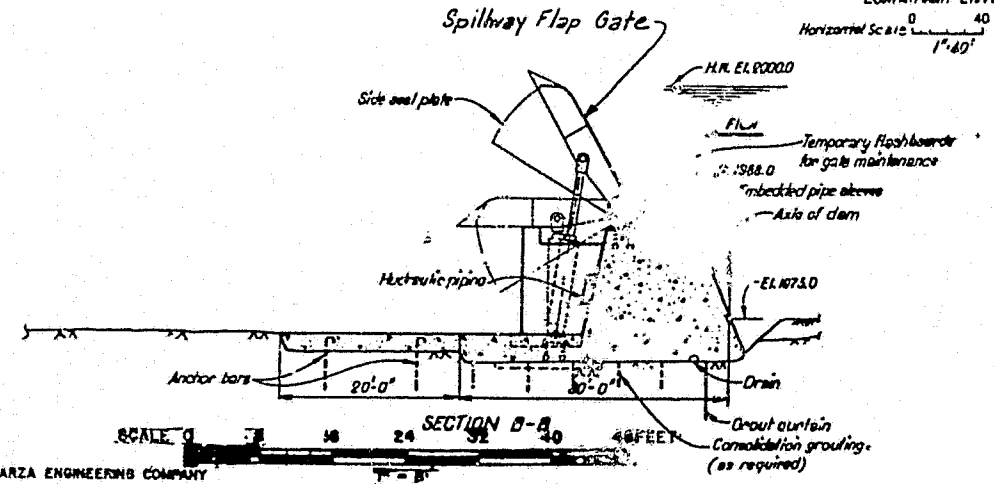
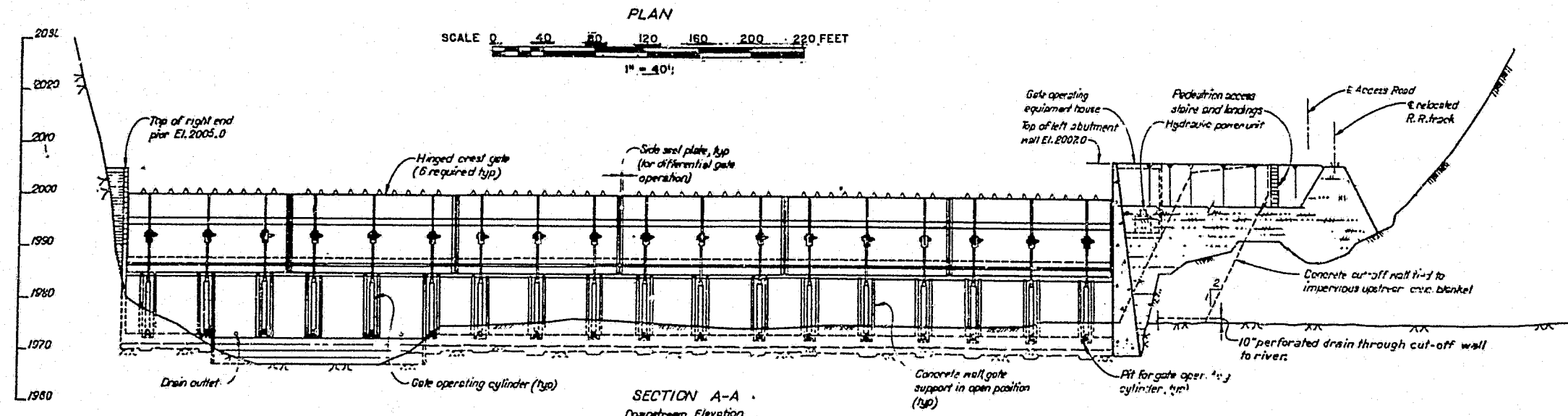
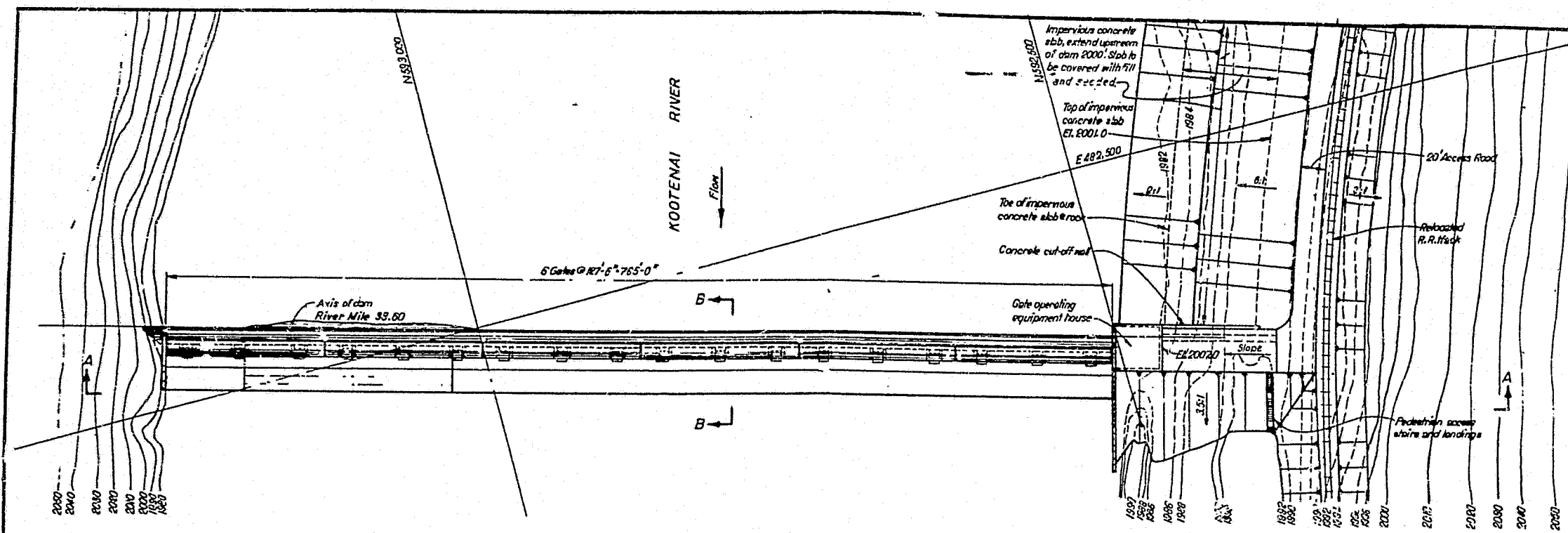
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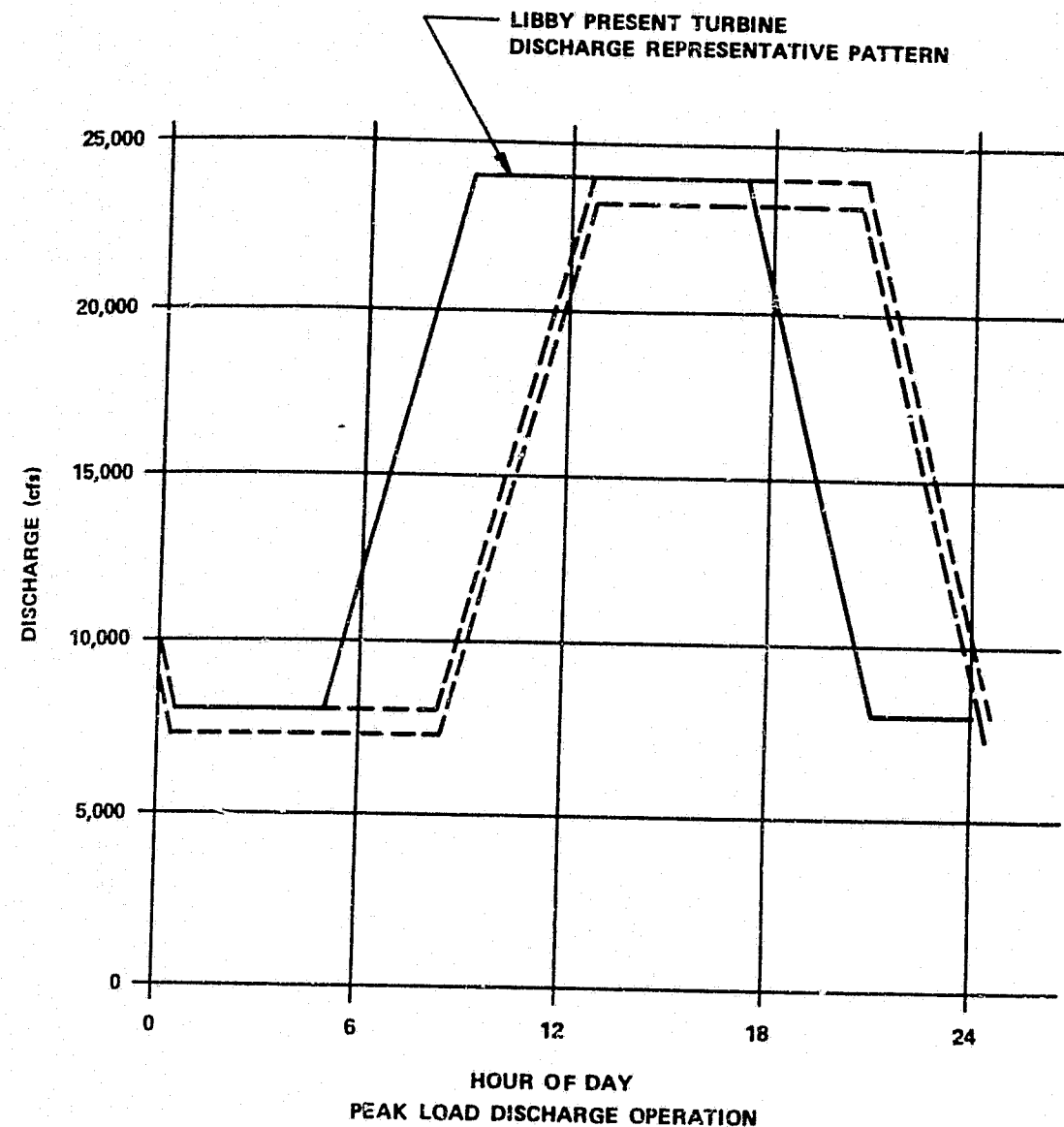
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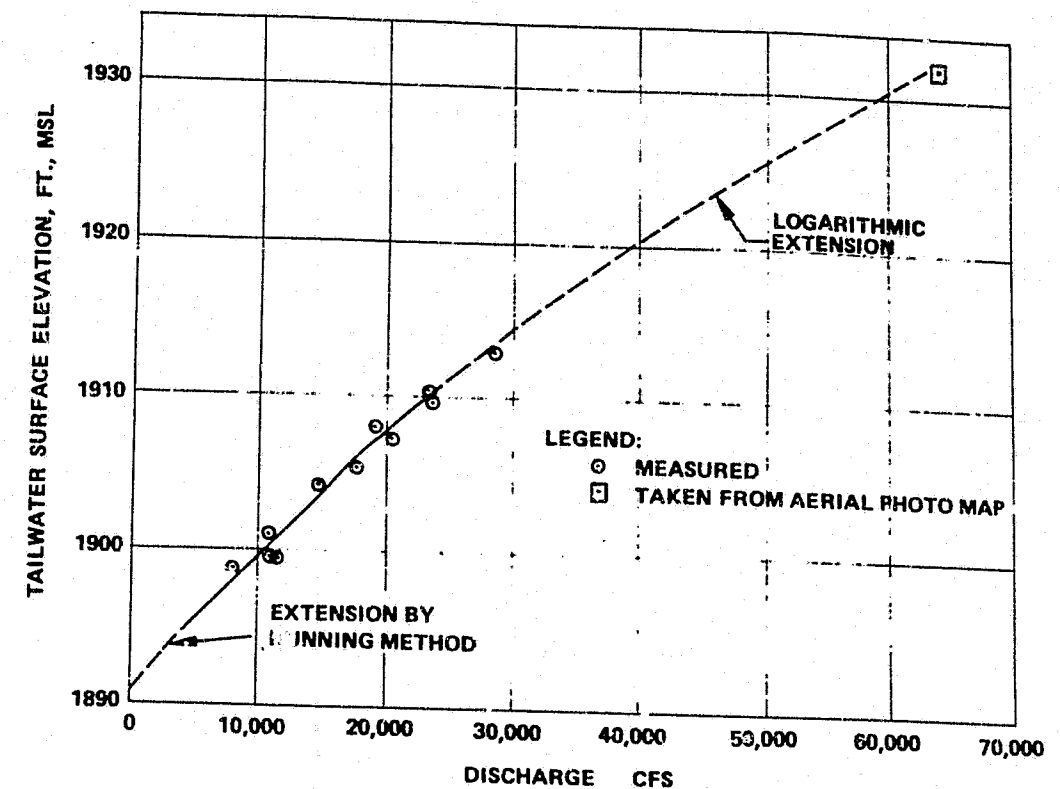
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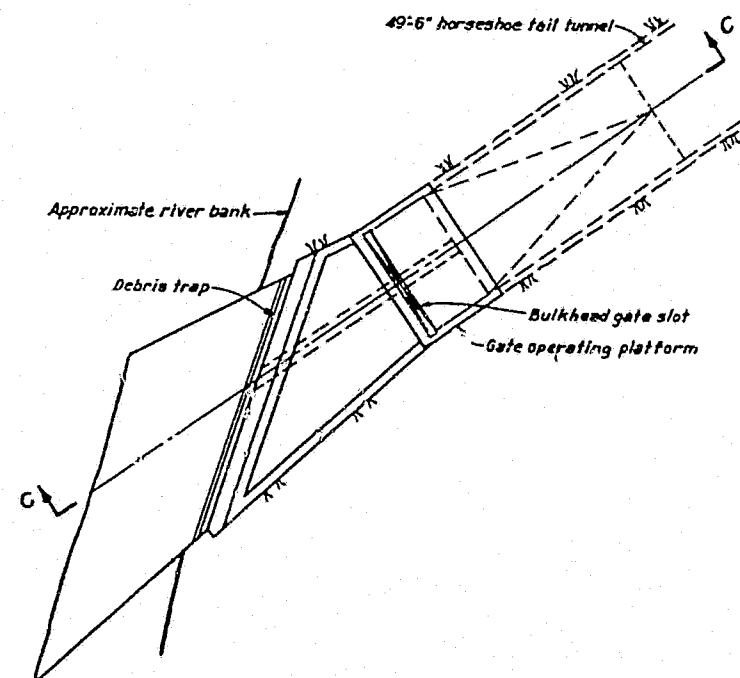
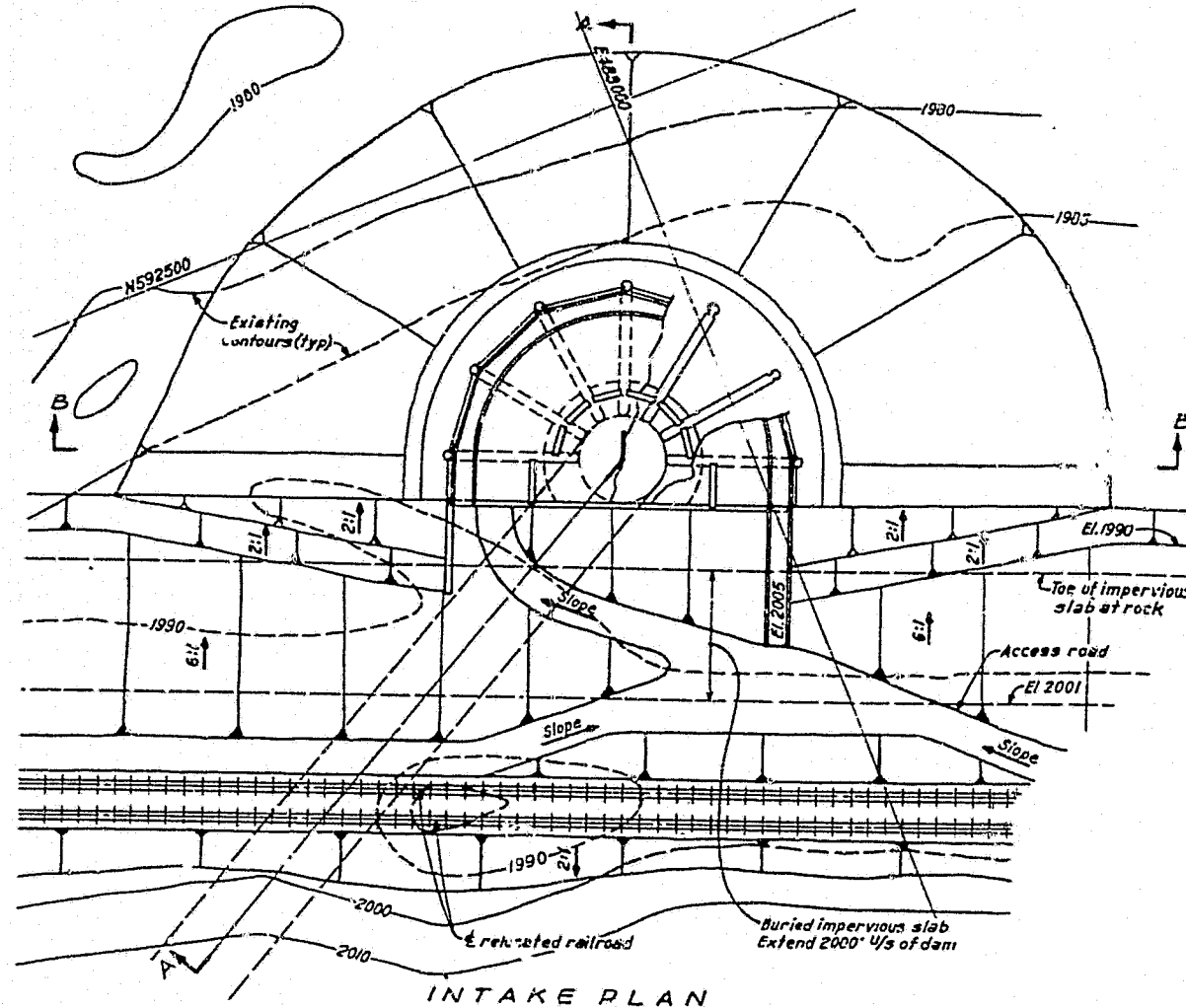
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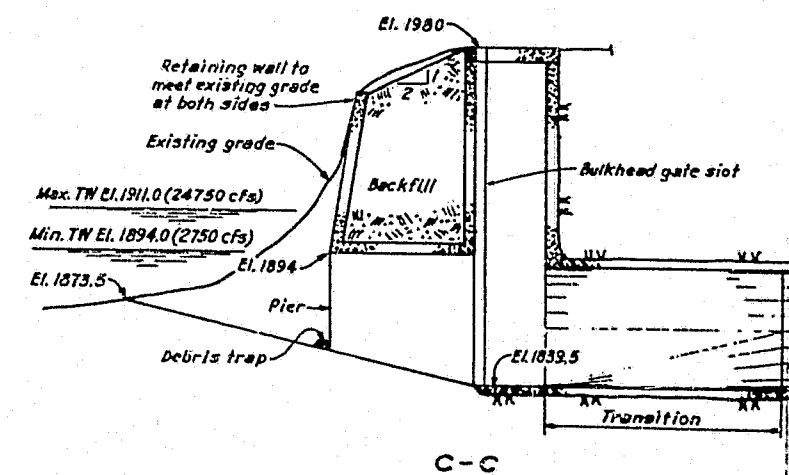
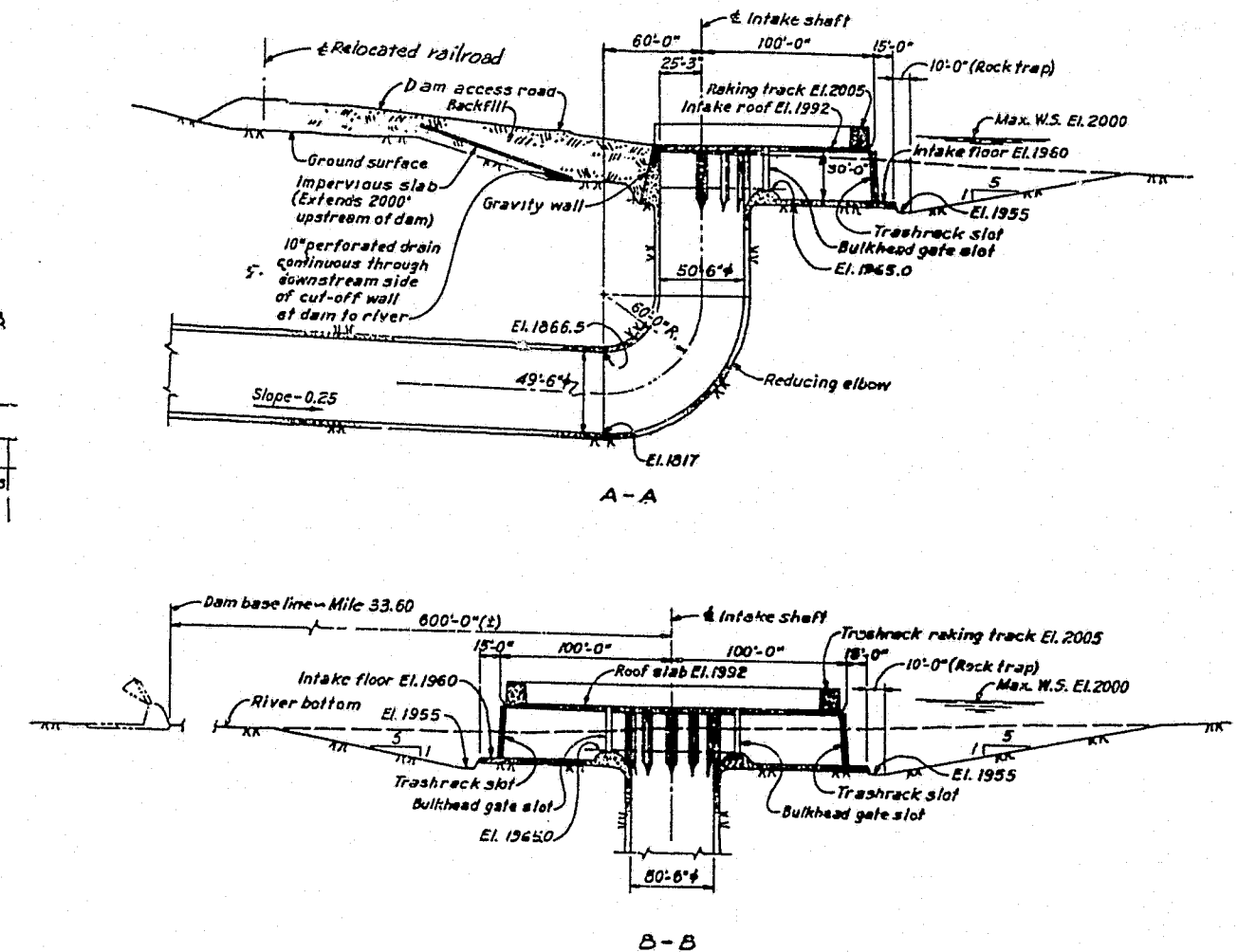
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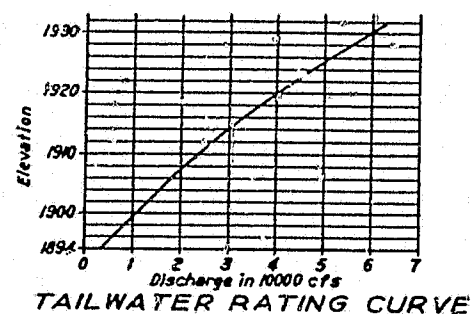
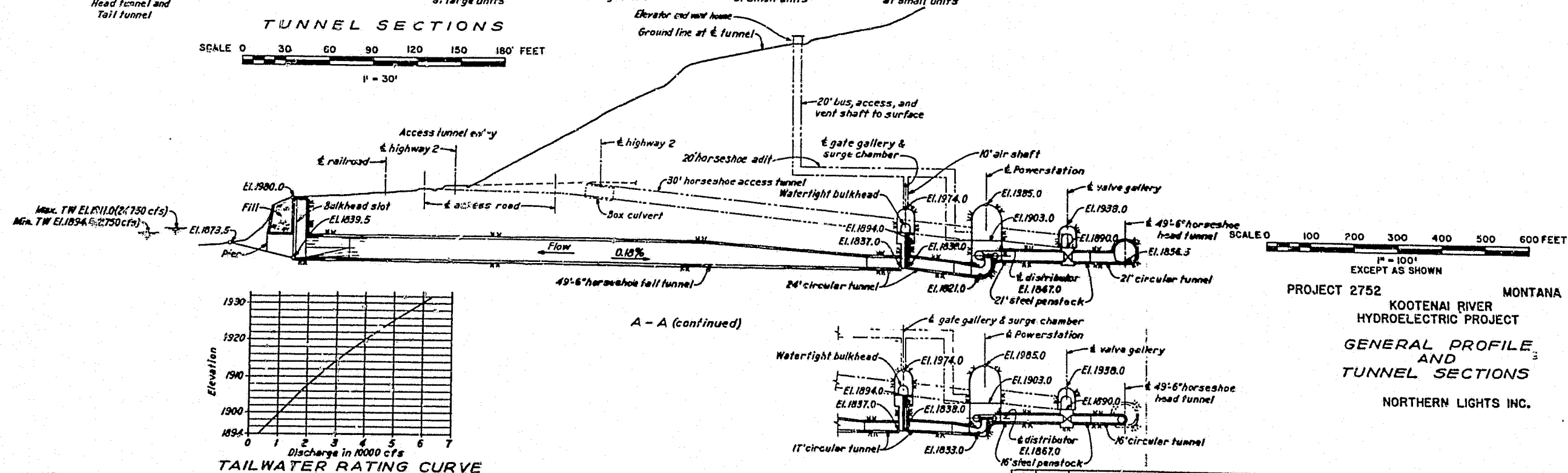
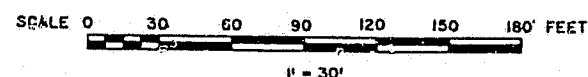
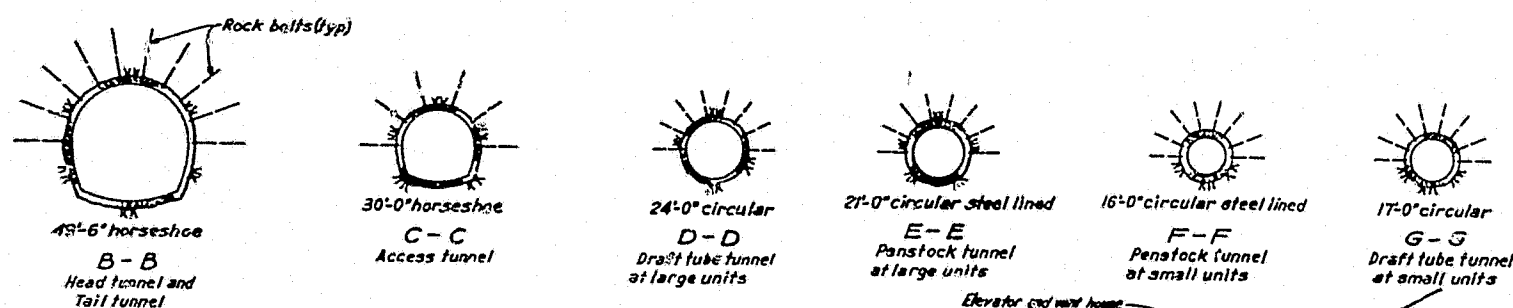
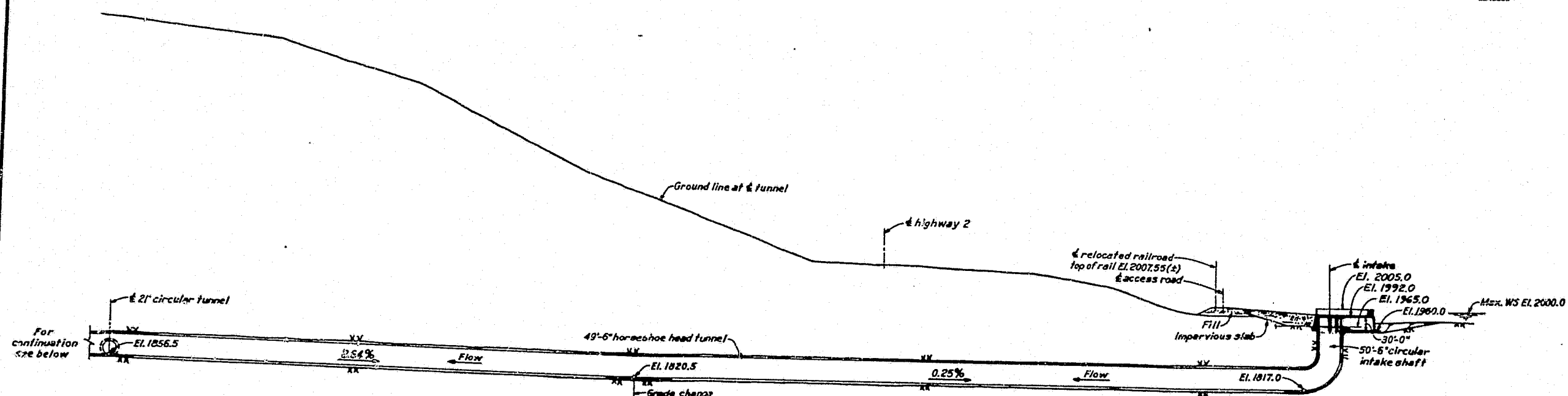


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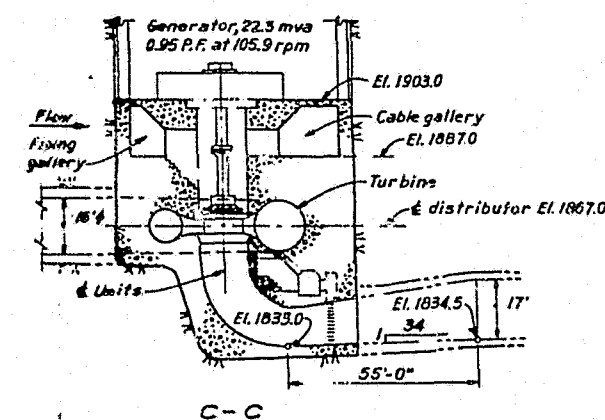
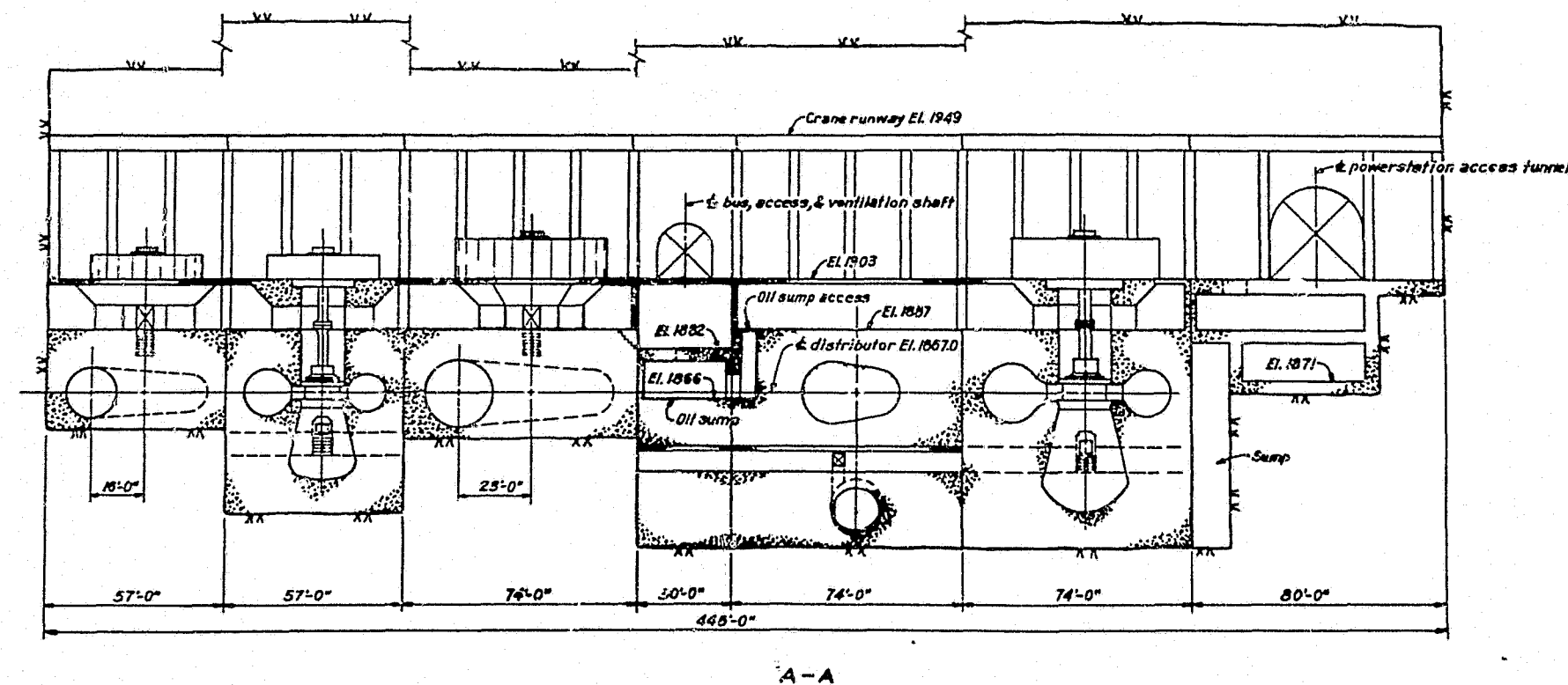
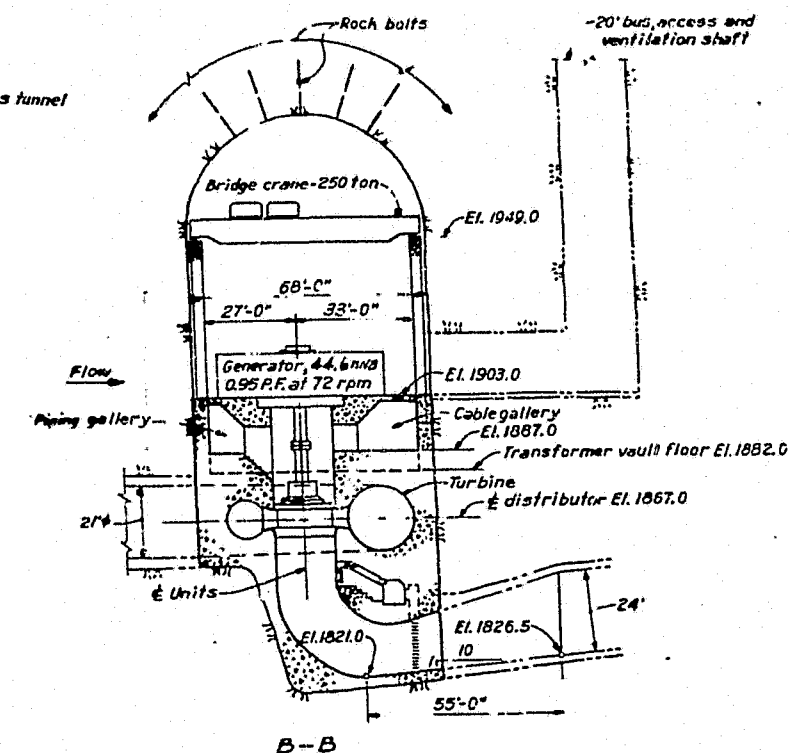
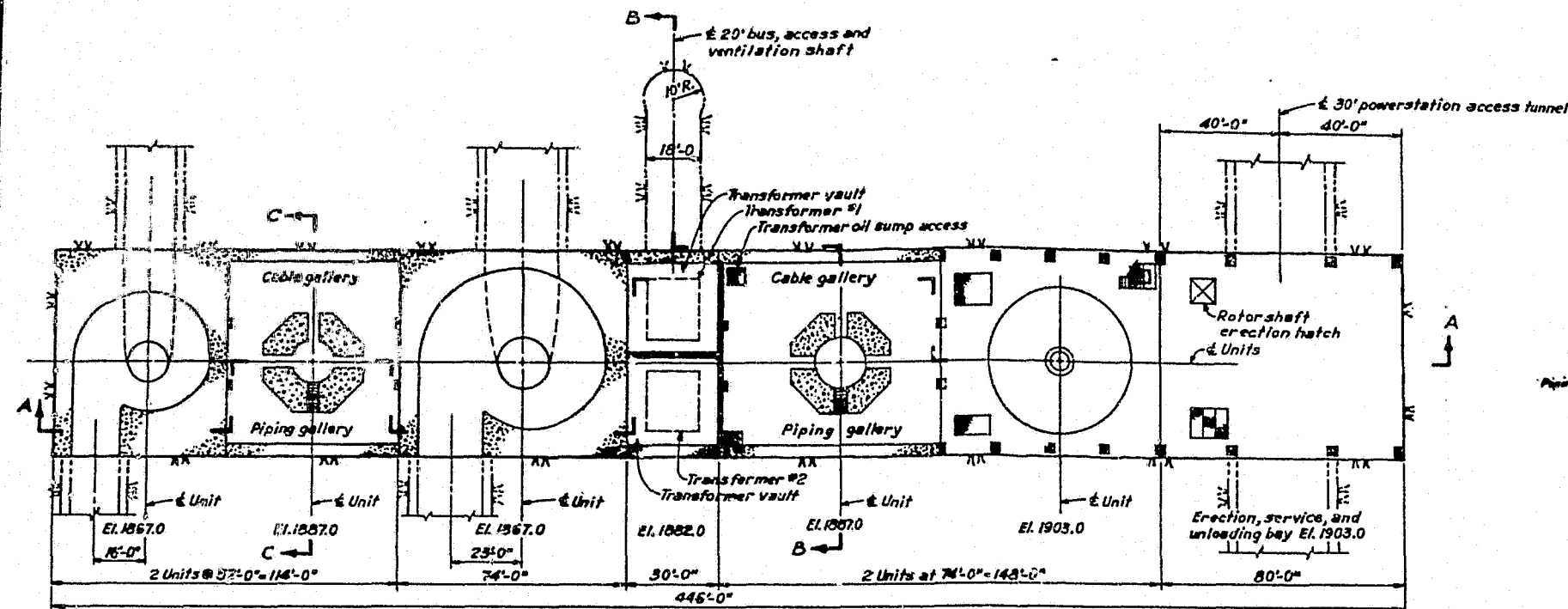
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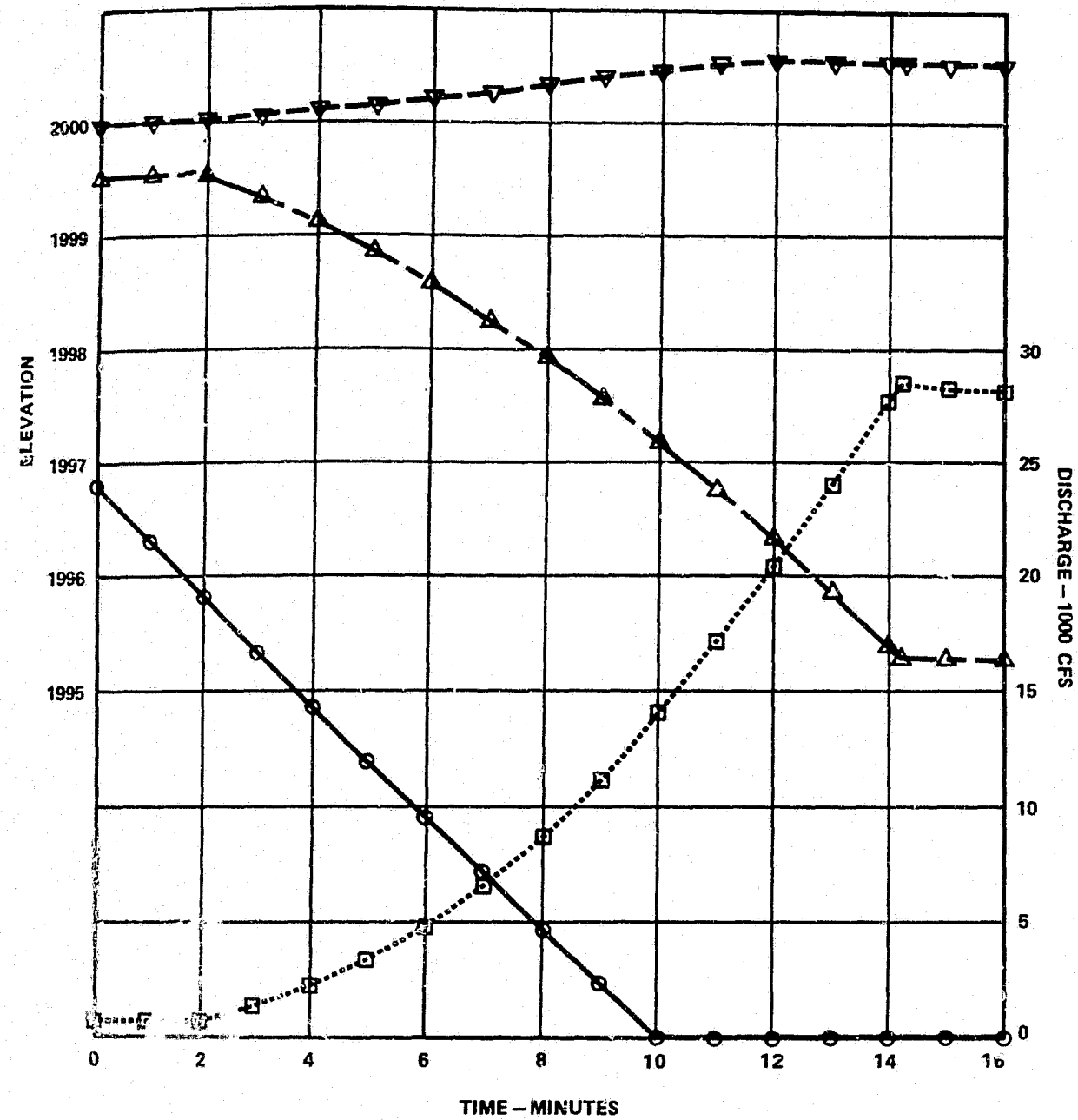
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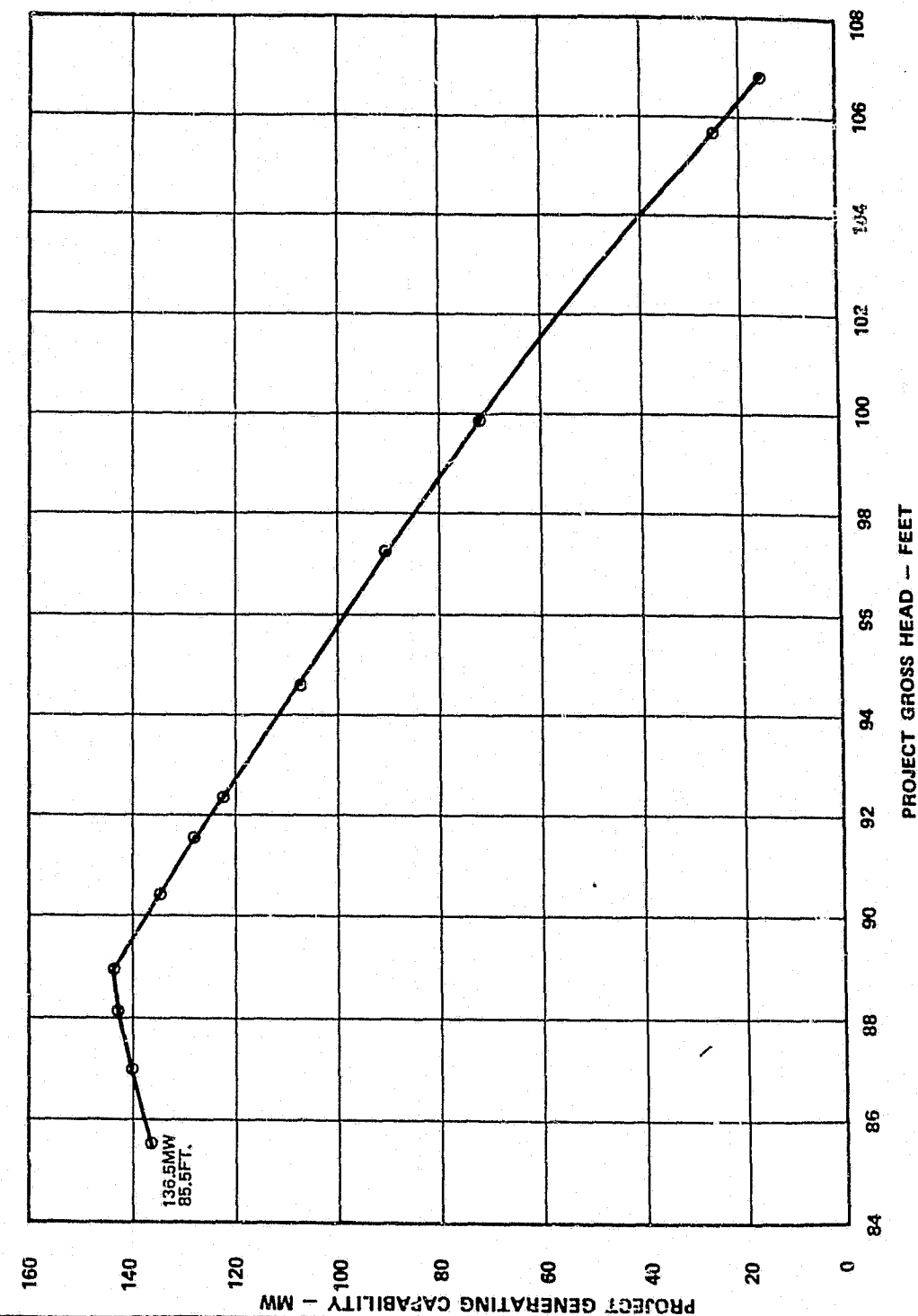
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KOOTENAI RIVER HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT

OPERATION FOLLOWING STATION TRIP-OUT
AT FULL LOAD

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NOTE:
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KOOTENAI RIVER HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT
GENERATING CAPABILITY vs GROSS HEAD

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PROJECT NO. 2752

DIRECT TESTIMONY OF EARL E. KOMIE
ON BEHALF OF NORTHERN LIGHTS

- 1 Q. Please state your name and business affiliation.
2
3 A. My name is Earl E. Komie and I am with the Harza
4 Engineering Company, 150 South Wacker Drive, Chicago,
5 Illinois.
6
7 Q. What is your profession?
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9 A. I am a geologist specializing in engineering geology.
10
11 Q. What is your academic training?
12
13 A. I have a Bachelors degree in Geology from the University
14 of Arizona and a Masters from the University of Texas.
15
16 Q. How long have you been practicing geology?
17
18 A. Since my graduation from the University of Texas, for
19 about 30 years.
20
21 Q. How much of your experience has been directed towards
22 hydroelectric projects?
23
24 A. About 26 years. Eighteen years with the Bureau of Re-
25 clamation and over eight years with Harza Engineering
26 Co. My most recent projects have been Guri in Vene-
27 zuela, Yacyreta and Corpus in Argentina-Paraguay and
28 Pehunche in Chile -- all multi-billion dollar projects.

1 Q. What is your present position?

2

3 A. I am the Principal Geologist of Harza and a member of

4 the Senior Professional Staff.

5

6 Q. What are your responsibilities?

7

8 A. I serve as a consultant for Harza's staff of geologists

9 and for engineering personnel designing dams, tunnels,

10 and other structures in which geologic details are

11 important. Also, I am responsible for the quality of

12 geologic work for Harza projects both domestic and

13 foreign, and for the location siting, design and safety

14 of civil structures relative to the geology of the site

15 during construction and operation. As a member of the

16 Senior Professional Staff, I provide final geotechnical

17 review of all projects and serve as an advisor to the

18 Chief Engineer on geotechnical matters.

19

20 Q. Does this include underground work?

21

22 A. Yes. Many hydroelectric projects include shafts,

23 tunnels and underground chambers. In addition, shafts,

24 tunnels and chambers are common features in water supply

25 and urban runoff projects. The Chicago TARP project, in

26 which I have directed geologic studies prior to and

27 during construction, includes over 30 miles of large-

28 diameter tunnels and large underground chambers.

29

30 Q. What has been your participation in the Kootenai River

31 Project?

32

33 A. I directed the geologic studies for the Kootenai Dam

34 site and Reservoir. I also directed the geologic

35 analysis of the alternative hydroelectric sites on the

36 Kootenai River.

37

38 Q. Relative to the alternative sites, what was the scope of

39 your analysis?

40

41 A. I participated in a reconnaissance inspection and

42 evaluation of four alternative sites, at O'Brien Creek,

43 Ruby Creek, Rocky Creek and Katka.

44

45 Q. Can you describe the regional geologic setting of the

46 alternative sites?

1 A. Yes. All of the sites are in a complex setting, in
2 which large-scale rock movements plus later glacial
3 action and erosion have produced steep mountain sides,
4 deep valleys, broken rock, remains of large landslides,
5 and deep deposits of unconsolidated materials in the
6 valleys. In geologic terms, the four alternative sites
7 are underlain by metasedimentary rocks of the Precambrian
8 Belt Series, or Supergroup. Metasedimentary rocks
9 are rocks that were originally laid down as sediments
10 which hardened into rock and which show evidence of
11 having been subjected later to metamorphic changes. The
12 metamorphic changes involved long-term application of
13 heat, pressure, or chemical action in various combinations
14 by geologic processes. Precambrian rocks are
15 those that were formed or deposited in that period
16 of time from the consolidation of the earth's crust to
17 about 570 million years ago.

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20 The bedrock, i.e., the underlying rock formation, at
21 O'Brien Creek, Ruby Creek, and Rocky Creek, consists of
22 rocks of the Wallace Formation, a subdivision of the
23 Belt Series. Rocks of the Wallace Formation and
24 Prichard Formation, another Belt Series subdivision,
25 occur at the Katka site.

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27
28 The rock types of the Wallace and Prichard Formations
29 are primarily argillites and argillaceous quartzites
30 with intervening beds of carbonate rocks. Argillites
31 are compact rocks derived from fine-grained sediments
32 that have been well consolidated and indurated, and then
33 subjected to slight metamorphic changes through heat
34 and/or pressure. Argillaceous quartzites are dense
35 rocks composed primarily of well cemented silica sand
36 grains (quartz) with a minor component of clay sized
37 particles. Carbonate rocks consist chiefly of limestone,
38 chalk or dolomite.

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40
41 The structural geology of the region is typified by
42 symmetrical and asymmetrical folding and by normal and
43 reverse faulting. By folding I mean the process or the
44 end result which produces flexures, or folds, in rocks.
45 A fold is symmetrical if the plane bisecting the fold
46 into two equal mirror-image components is vertical. A
47 fold is asymmetrical if this plane is inclined. By

1 faulting, I mean a fracture in rock along which an
2 amount of displacement, either horizontal or vertical,
3 can be observed. Faults caused by tensional processes
4 commonly are called "normal faults", and faults caused
5 by compressional forces normally are called "reverse
6 faults".
7

8
9 Predominant structural trends in the area have a north-
10 northwest bearing, with subordinate east and northeast
11 trends as shown on Exhibit _____ (EEK-1). Major geologic
12 structures affecting several of the alternative sites
13 are the Kootenai Anticline and the Leonia Fault. The
14 Kootenai Anticline is a slightly asymmetrical, inverted
15 U-shaped fold of the rocks extending across the Kootenai
16 River in a north-northwest direction for about 40 miles.
17 The Leonia Fault is a major regional reverse fault, and
18 extends from the Kootenai River near Cranbrook, British
19 Columbia to the Clark Fork River south of Bull Lake,
20 Montana. Vertical displacement across this Fault in the
21 Star Creek-Ruby Creek area along the Kootenai River is
22 believed to be over 32,000 feet. There are also other
23 smaller faults that occur in local areas of the river
24 reach encompassing the alternative sites. The physical
25 character of the underlying bedrock at all of the power
26 sites on the Kootenai River is intimately related to the
27 major and minor geologic structure of the region.
28

29 The Kootenai River flows along or within a short dis-
30 tance of the Leonia Fault for part of its course in the
31 United States. At the alternative sites the river is
32 near the Leonia Fault.
33

34 The overburden, the soil materials overlying the bed-
35 rock in the region, consists of alluvium, glacial
36 deposits, old lake beds, and colluvium. The alluvium
37 consists of clay, silt, sand, gravel, or similar
38 unconsolidated detrital material deposited by streams or
39 rivers. The glacial deposits are unconsolidated rock
40 materials (clay, sand, gravel, boulders) transported by
41 ice or dropped from the ice, or by running water
42 flowing from melting glaciers. The old lake beds
43 (lacustrine deposits) are unconsolidated material,
44 usually detrital in nature, deposited at the bottom of
45 lakes. These materials are generally fine-grained clay
46 and silt sized material. Finally, the colluvial

1 material consists of loose, heterogeneous and incoherent
2 masses of soil or rock fragments usually deposited at
3 the base of steep slopes as a result of the action of
4 weathering, gravity, and unconcentrated surface water
5 runoff.

6
7 Q. What is the regional seismicity?

8
9 A. The Project and the alternative sites identified by
10 Witness Allen are within an area having a low incidence
11 of seismic events (earthquakes). There is no reported
12 evidence of active faults in the area. An active fault
13 is one along which recurrent movement has occurred or
14 potentially could occur. This is usually indicated by
15 small, periodic displacements or earthquake activity.
16 The most widely used definition in current engineering
17 practice for an active fault is one with evidence of
18 displacements within the last 10,000 years.

19
20 Q. Can you describe the geology at the Katka site?

21
22 A. Yes. The Katka site is a steep-sided, relatively narrow
23 canyon in the portion of the Kootenai River that is most
24 affected by the Leonia Fault. The influence of the
25 Fault on the site is significant. A reconnaissance
26 inspection of the site indicated that the bedrock is
27 primarily argillaceous quartzites, which may be of
28 either or both the Prichard or Wallace Formations.
29 Hornblende diorite rocks of the Moyie Sill are reported
30 in one publication as crossing the river at this site.
31 The Sill was not a readily apparent feature during my
32 brief inspection. A sill is formed by the intrusion of
33 molten or igneous rock into preexisting geologic forma-
34 tions. The sill cools and hardens after the intrusion.
35 The rock in the sill generally will have mineral content
36 totally different than that of the rock into which it
37 was intruded. Hornblende diorite is an igneous rock
38 containing an abundance of dark minerals (hornblende).
39 Hornblende diorite differs significantly from the rocks
40 of the Wallace or Prichard Formations.

41
42 The quartzites at Katka are thin-bedded to medium-bedded
43 (beds generally are between 2.5 inches and 24 inches
44 thick). The beds are highly jointed, that is, they
45 are closely-spaced, although there is no apparent dis-
46 placement along or across such joint planes. The rocks
47 also are strongly fractured. The dominant orientations

1 of the joints are parallel to the bedding and perpendic-
2 ular to the bedding, which causes the rock to tend to
3 break into rectangular blocks. Where the rock beds are
4 exposed to the surface, they show moderate to strong
5 weathering.

6
7 A narrow, low terrace deposit of silt and clay lies
8 immediately above the river channel along both banks.
9 The surface indications of the river channel deposits
10 are that they are sand and gravel. Talus deposits, that
11 is, deposits of loose material that have been moved by
12 gravity down the face of a slope, generally cover the
13 slopes of the steep canyon walls, in some instances
14 extending downward to meet the water in the river.
15 Several blocky rock masses, called slump blocks, have
16 the general appearance of having moved down slope as a
17 mass.

18
19 Q. What is the influence of this geologic structure on the
20 site of a dam?

21
22 A. The Katka site has many features that obviously or
23 potentially are adverse to building a dam. The Leonia
24 Fault, a major regional feature, lies about 1500 feet to
25 2500 feet east of any reasonable dam axis. The strongly
26 fractured rocks reflect this feature and caused us to
27 select a site 1500 feet west of the Fault. At locations
28 farther west the right abutment, particularly, showed
29 excessive fracturing. In addition, it is common for
30 several parallel faults to occur near such a major
31 fault. Since the proposed dam axis is so close to the
32 Leonia Fault such parallel faults may occur under the
33 dam. In 1934 a USGS geologist named Erdmann identified
34 such a parallel fault immediately downstream of the
35 proposed axis. Furthermore, the Moyie Sill also has a
36 structural trend roughly parallel to the Leonia Fault.
37 The contact between the Sill and the Prichard rock may
38 have been brought about by movement associated with the
39 Fault, through a phenomenon known as fault contact.

40
41 Q. How do you evaluate the seismicity of the site?

42
43 A. Although the Katka site is in an area of low seismicity,
44 the proximity of the Leonia Fault (and potential par-
45 allel faults) requires detailed seismic-risk studies to
46 evaluate the probability of damage to a civil structure
47 due to the occurrence of a seismic event. These studies

1 at the Katka site would necessitate a more comprehensive
2 evaluation than is required at a site far removed from
3 the Leonia Fault.
4

5 Q. What is your evaluation of the Katka site from an engi-
6 neering geologic standpoint?
7

8 A. The site has numerous geologic defects and unfavorable
9 characteristics, as follows:
10

- 11 a) The depth of river alluvium may be significant.
12 The water-depth soundings of Erdmann showed only
13 the surface of the river bed as it was at that
14 time, although he interpreted the soundings as
15 showing rock. Drilling would be required to
16 determine if the river is flowing on rock or over
17 alluvium in a deep buried channel filled with
18 alluvium. In earlier geologic history the river
19 may have eroded a channel which later was filled
20 with alluvium. The glacial history of the region
21 supports the possibility that there can be deep
22 alluvium or glacial outwash materials in a deep
23 channel. If there is a deep buried channel, the
24 excavation and associated cost required to reach
25 bedrock for a satisfactory foundation for a dam and
26 positive cutoff to reduce seepage under the dam may
27 be excessive. If an alternative cutoff design
28 involving a slurry trench excavation down to
29 bedrock were adopted, the cost would be equally
30 excessive.
31
- 32 b) The final location of a dam axis would require
33 extensive exploration to confirm that the abutments
34 would be beyond the zones of broken rock. A blocky
35 mass of rock affected by slide movement is totally
36 unacceptable as a dam abutment.
37
- 38 c) The strongly fractured and jointed rock suggests
39 that extensive consolidation and curtain grouting
40 would be required under the dam, no matter what
41 design is used, and in the abutments. Consolida-
42 tion grouting is the injection of cement into shal-
43 low areas of rock to solidify the top portion of
44 the rock that is under a dam. Curtain grouting is
45 injection of cement into rock to form a relatively
46 narrow but deep curtain under the dam. The
47 occurrence of open fractures and joints would pro-

1 vide a short path and steep hydraulic gradient for
2 seepage under and around the dam. These joint and
3 fracture sets also present potential stability
4 problems in excavated slopes that would require
5 extensive support such as rock bolts or rock
6 anchors.
7

8 d) All faults would require extensive water testing to
9 determine their water-transmitting characteristics.
10 Open or permeable zones within, or adjacent to,
11 fault zones may jeopardize the water-holding capa-
12 bility of the reservoir. Such geologic structures
13 can be expected to be preferred paths of seepage.
14

15 e) The development plan for the Katka alternative
16 considers that a concrete dam will be constructed
17 and all unsuitable material above firm rock will be
18 removed by excavation. However, a rockfill dam
19 also was considered. A rockfill dam would be
20 founded on the alluvium, with a narrow trench
21 through the alluvium to bedrock under the dam to
22 reduce seepage. The trench would be backfilled
23 with a slurry impervious material. A major
24 consideration for a rockfill dam is the action that
25 could accompany an earthquake. The closeness of
26 the Leonia Fault to the site makes earthquake
27 damage of much higher probability than if the Fault
28 were more distant. At Katka it would be necessary
29 to investigate if the shaking from an earthquake
30 would liquify, or partly liquify, the alluvium on
31 which the dam would be built. The alluvium would
32 have to be carefully sampled and tested to evaluate
33 this potential risk.
34

35 f) The reservoir may saturate the toes of glacial
36 materials and colluvium deposits that occur along
37 reservoir slopes, creating potential landslide
38 hazards.
39

40 Q. Can you describe the geology at the Rocky Creek site?
41

42 A. Yes. The Rocky Creek site is in a reach of the Kootenai
43 River affected by both the Kootenai Anticline, the axis
44 of which is about 0.5 mile to the east, and the Leonia
45 Fault, the trace of which is about one mile to the west.
46 The bedrock at the site is argillaceous limestone, which
47 is a carbonate rock consisting chiefly of the mineral

1 calcite with a secondary component of clay minerals.
2 The rock is one of the members of the Wallace Formation.
3 The rocks are thin to medium bedded and the rock slopes
4 have steep dips toward the river channel. Similar to
5 the Katka site, the rocks are strongly jointed and
6 moderately fractured, and the dominant joint orienta-
7 tion is parallel and perpendicular to bedding. These
8 joints are near-vertical and near-horizontal and ofte
9 are open. Non-linear sporadic fractures are quartz
10 filled.

11
12 A narrow terrace deposit of alluvial material forms a
13 bench immediately above the river along both banks. The
14 terraces remain from an earlier time when the river had
15 not yet eroded down to its present level. Talus
16 deposits generally cover much of the steep canyon walls.
17 The river channel deposits appear to consist of sand and
18 gravel. Several rock masses have the appearance of
19 slide or slump blocks. Erdmann in 1934 identified a
20 fault at low elevation on the proposed left abutment.
21 Some isolated rock masses which appear to be detached
22 from the canyon wall may be related to the existence of
23 this fault.

24
25 Q. Is the influence of geologic structure on the site
26 significant?

27
28 A. Yes. Although the influence of Leonia Fault is not as
29 significant as at the Katka site, the Kootenai Anticline
30 greatly affects the frequency of joints and fractures.
31 An increased number of joints and fractures along the
32 top portion of a major anticline is common. The joints
33 and fractures do not have the same orientation in all
34 localities since the joints and fractures are closely
35 related to bedding orientation and the bedding
36 orientation varies from point to point because of the
37 anticline.

38
39 Q. How do you evaluate the seismicity of the site?

40
41 A. The Leonia Fault is about one mile from the site.
42 Potential associated faults may be nearby. In terms of
43 seismic risk, one mile is minimal. The site would
44 require detailed seismic risk studies.

45
46 Q. What is your evaluation of the Rocky Creek site from an
47 engineering geologic standpoint?

1 A. The site has numerous geologic defects and unfavorable
2 characteristics as follows:

- 3
4 a) The depth of river alluvium may be significant.
5 Drilling is required to determine if the river is
6 flowing on rock or on a deeper channel filled with
7 alluvium. Since the underlying bedrock is
8 limestone, it is possible that the water has
9 dissolved channels or cavities through it. The
10 cavities could vary in size from an inch to several
11 feet. The occurrence of such channels or cavities
12 would complicate cutoff design and endanger the
13 water-holding capability of the reservoir.
14
15 b) The occurrence of blocky slide material and talus
16 deposits on the abutment slopes is an adverse
17 feature. The reported fault along the left
18 abutment is a major geologic defect relative to dam
19 stability. The foundation of a selected dam axis
20 would require extensive exploration to confirm if
21 the abutment rock masses are satisfactory.
22
23 c) The occurrence of open bedding-plane joints
24 suggests that extensive curtain grouting would be
25 required to control short-path seepage. Any
26 significant solution-activity voids, inherent in
27 limestone, would complicate seepage-control
28 measures.
29
30 d) Dominant joint and fracture trends may contribute
31 to major instability of slopes of excavation. The
32 slopes may require extensive anchorage systems to
33 remain stable.
34
35 e) The reservoir may saturate the toes of glacial
36 materials and colluvium deposits that can occur
37 along reservoir slopes, creating potential land-
38 slide hazards.
39

40 Q. Can you describe the geology at the Ruby Creek site?

41
42 A. Yes. The site is in a reach of the Kootenai River that
43 is dominated by glacial deposits overlying the Wallace
44 Formation bedrock. The Leonia Fault trace is about one
45 mile to the west and the axis of the Kootenai Anticline
46 apparently occurs within the right abutment area.
47 Glacial deposits cover the entire right abutment area

1 and a limited portion of the left abutment area. The
2 glacial deposits may include glaciofluvial materials,
3 which are unconsolidated materials scoured from rock
4 by glaciers and deposited by water resulting from the
5 melting of the glaciers. The river alluvium appears to
6 be sand and gravel.

7
8 Q. Is the influence of the geologic structure significant?

9
10 A. Yes. Similar to the Rocky Creek site, the Leonia Fault
11 trace is about one mile from the site. The Kootenai
12 Anticline occurs within the right abutment area. The
13 rock outcrops that occur in the left abutment are highly
14 fractured and highly jointed, reflecting the effects of
15 the Fault and Anticline.

16
17 Q. How do you evaluate the seismicity of the site?

18
19 A. The Leonia Fault is about one mile from the site.
20 Potential associated faults may be nearby. In terms of
21 seismic risk, one mile is minimal. The site would re-
22 quire detailed seismic risk studies.

23
24 Q. What is your evaluation of the Ruby Creek site from an
25 engineering geologic standpoint?

26
27 A. The site has numerous geologic defects and unfavorable
28 characteristics, as follows:

29
30 a) The thickness of the glacial deposits and river
31 alluvium is unknown. Depths to bedrock may be
32 excessive. Cutoff for seepage control under the
33 dam may be difficult to achieve and entail signifi-
34 cant cost.

35
36 b) Cutoff facilities would require extension beyond
37 the right abutment to insure reservoir water-
38 holding capability. The occurrence of glaciofluv-
39 ial materials would complicate design and construc-
40 tion of cutoff facilities under the dam and into
41 the right abutment.

42
43 c) Highly fractured and jointed bedrock would require
44 extensive curtain grouting. Any civil structure
45 founded on bedrock would require extensive consoli-
46 dation grouting.

- 1 d) Location and design of a spillway is complicated by
2 the thick glacial deposits. Special foundation
3 design would be required to insure the integrity of
4 the structure.
5
- 6 e) The geology of the site is best suited to a dam
7 consisting of a rock and soil embankment. The
8 foundation materials would require flat slopes to
9 provide stability for the dam. This design re-
10 quirement would result in significantly increased
11 volumes of construction materials in an already
12 relatively long dam.
13
- 14 Q. Can you describe the geology at the O'Brien Creek site?
15
- 16 A. Yes. Similar to the Ruby Creek site, the O'Brien Creek
17 site is dominated by glacial deposits. The Leonia Fault
18 trace is about two miles to the west. Glacial deposits
19 generally cover the site, with Wallace Formation bedrock
20 protruding as isolated masses from beneath the glacial
21 materials. Alluvial deposits occur along the left river
22 bank. The river alluvium appears to be sand and
23 gravel.
24
- 25 Q. Is the influence of geologic structure significant to
26 the soundness of the bedrock?
27
- 28 A. Yes. The rock outcrops exhibit a high degree of joint-
29 ing and fracturing.
30
- 31 Q. How do you evaluate the seismicity of the site?
32
- 33 A. In the same category as the other alternative sites.
34 The site would require detailed seismic risk studies.
35
- 36 Q. What is your evaluation of the site from an engineering
37 geologic standpoint?
38
- 39 A. The site has numerous geologic defects. A major defect
40 is the widespread occurrence of glacial and alluvial
41 deposits behind each rock mass that would form the dam
42 abutments. In addition, there would be significant
43 thicknesses of glacial and alluvial materials under the
44 dam. These conditions seriously affect the water-
45 holding capability of the site. The cost of seepage
46 control measures would be a dominant factor in overall
47 project cost.

1 Q. Please describe your involvement in the Kootenai River
2 Project site in further detail.

3
4 A. I directed all geologic investigations ranging from
5 surface geologic mapping to preparing and implementing
6 the subsurface exploration program. From these data and
7 site inspections I assisted in siting all civil struc-
8 tures. Also, I provided geologic input into design of
9 all civil structures, including geologic bases for cost
10 estimating.

11
12 Q. Can you describe the geology at the Kootenai site?

13
14 A. Yes. The description involves discussions of topogra-
15 phy, stratigraphy, rock structure, groundwater, and
16 seismic conditions. The proposed Project is located on
17 the Kootenai River, about eleven miles east of the
18 Leonia Fault.

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20
21 The topography of the site is the result of the river
22 cutting across the geologic structure of the region as
23 it flows from east to west through the gorge dividing
24 the Purcell and Cabinet mountain Ranges.

25
26
27 The river channel at the site falls through a series of
28 water falls and rapids over which the river drops more
29 than 50 feet within the Project area. These are
30 collectively, named "Kootenai Falls". On each side of
31 the river the valley rises to heavily forested peaks at
32 elevations of 7,000 and 8,000 feet through a series of
33 steep slopes and vertical cliffs. The valley sides are
34 dissected by gullies and intermittent streams.

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36
37 Details of the geologic conditions at the site were
38 investigated by site reconnaissance, review of publi-
39 cations, site geologic mapping, and core borings. Site
40 inspections were performed on several occasions to aid
41 interpretation of information.

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43
44 The site reconnaissance confirmed information that is
45 presented in publications. The rocks are members of the
46 metasedimentary Wallace Formation. The rocks are bedded
47 and jointed similarly to the rocks at the alternative

1 sites, except that at the Project site the rock beds
2 generally are much more nearly horizontal. However, the
3 rock beds dip at a different angle at the Dam than at
4 the Tail Tunnel Outlet because of the folded rock struc-
5 ture at the site.
6

7
8 The river flows over rock ledges and between rock out-
9 crops which are along both banks of the river. The
10 exposed rock along the right bank is at the base of a
11 mountain, and except for a few localities the rock
12 stands as near-vertical slopes. Above the near-vertical
13 slopes of the right bank there are steep slopes that are
14 covered with talus material. The talus appears as loose
15 rock fragments standing on a steep slope several hundred
16 feet high. The base of the talus usually is at the top
17 of the rock cliff along the river.
18

19
20 The river is eroding into the right bank. At the head
21 of Kootenai Falls, there is a deep channel on the right
22 side of the river immediately adjacent to the rock wall.
23 The channel is lower in elevation than the remainder of
24 the river bed at that point, and the river discharge
25 concentrates into this channel. This aspect of erosion
26 shows at all discharges of the river.
27

28
29 The left bank of the river has an appearance that is
30 both similar to and different from the right bank. In
31 many places the banks of the river are against steep
32 rock faces, as in the sections through the canyon at the
33 Forest Service foot bridge and at the Tail Tunnel
34 Outlet, but in other places the river bank is sloping or
35 flat. At the head of the Falls the river bank is flat,
36 with rock standing only a few feet above water level.
37 From the head of the Falls and for approximately 1,000
38 feet downstream, the left side of the river's course is
39 a series of rock ledges with vertical faces and hori-
40 zontal ledges.
41

42
43 Along the left side of the canyon between the Dam site
44 and the Tail Tunnel Outlet between the rock faces along
45 the river and the mountain slope south of U.S. Highway
46 2, there are evidences of weathering in the form of
47 numerous detached boulders and loose soil. In a normal

1 reconnaissance, the material appears to be nothing
2 unusual and to be a deposit of the type that normally
3 would be formed at the base of a mountain from erosion.
4 Reconnaissance examination also would result in the
5 inference that rock ledges similar to those along the
6 rock would be under the weathered material at succes-
7 sively higher elevations from the river up the mountain.
8 The reconnaissance by Erdmann in 1934 arrived at the
9 same conclusion.

10
11
12 Borings showed the inference to be incorrect. Borings
13 showed that there is a rock terrace behind the left bank
14 of the river, that extends to the base of the mountain
15 front. Bedrock was found in the borings at depths of as
16 much as 100 feet below the ground surface.

17
18 Q. Could the river channel location have been established
19 by a fault?

20
21 A. The river location and the location of Kootenai Falls do
22 not appear to be the direct result of a fault, but the
23 Falls appear to be associated with the relatively recent
24 glaciation action in the region.

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26
27 Most of the area was mantled by a series of ice sheets
28 during the Pleistocene, the weight of which caused
29 temporary depression of the land surface. This weight
30 was removed as the ice retreated and the land began to
31 rebound. One manifestation of the rebound process was
32 movement along many of the faults in the region, includ-
33 ing, reportedly, the Savage Lake-O'Brien Creek Fault,
34 downstream from the Project site.

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36
37 The vertical displacement of rock along the Savage Lake-
38 O'Brien Creek fault created a rock scarp over which the
39 Kootenai River flowed as it entered Lake Creek Valley.
40 This scarp is thought to be the original location of
41 Kootenai Falls, which has since migrated upstream to its
42 present location by progressive erosion of the scar.
43 Earthquake action or sudden application of seismic
44 forces do not appear to be a factor in forming Kootenai
45 Falls.

1 Q. You stated that there was a geologic mapping program at
2 the Project site. Will you describe it briefly?

3
4 A. The bearings and dips of bedding planes at various
5 locations were measured by hand instruments used
6 conventionally by geologists. The locations of various
7 rock features were measured by surveyors. The charac-
8 teristics of overburden were recorded. From this work,
9 the site geology map, Exhibit ____ (EEK-2), was
10 developed.

11
12 The exhibit shows the bearing (strike) and dip of rock
13 beds and the areas in which there are outcrops of rock
14 of the Wallace Formation, alluvial deposits, alluvial
15 terrace deposits and other overburden units. The map
16 also shows where there are shear zones in the rock, that
17 is, zones which contain crushed rock resulting from past
18 geologic movement.

19
20 The exhibit also shows the location of Project struc-
21 tures. The Powerstation caverns are shown in a
22 relatively undisturbed and strong zone of rock between
23 shear zones, which are shown upstream and downstream of
24 the Powerstation location. The long axis of the
25 Powerstation caverns is set normal, or at 90 degrees, to
26 the strike of the rock. Such a location minimizes the
27 effects of rock jointing on the sides of the caverns.
28 The water conduits cannot be so located, but are of less
29 width than the Powerstation main cavern. Even so, the
30 long Head Tunnel is at a reasonably good orientation.

31
32 The exhibit shows also the locations of core borings.
33 There were six borings, numbered 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, and 8.
34 No. 1 is near the Intake and Intake Shaft; No. 3 is in
35 the talus material near the railroad and the proposed
36 location of the Head Tunnel; Nos. 5, 6, 7, and 8 are
37 along U.S. Highway 2.

38
39
40 Q. What was the purpose of the six drill holes?

41
42 A. The holes were drilled for multiple purposes.

43
44 a) To determine the depth and character of overburden
45 at specific locations.

- 1 b) To characterize subsurface rock conditions. This
2 was accomplished by continuous coring.
3
4 c) To characterize hydrologic properties of bedrock.
5 This was accomplished by water testing in all drill
6 holes.
7
8 d) To confirm the subsurface geologic structure and
9 stratigraphy as indicated by surface geologic
10 mapping.
11
12 e) To provide data for preliminary siting and design
13 of Project features.
14

15 Q. What were the results of the exploration programs?
16

17 A. The surface and subsurface exploration programs
18 documented that the geologic and foundation conditions
19 for all proposed civil structures were suitable. The
20 programs also provided data for preliminary design and
21 cost estimating.
22

23
24 Data from the core borings plus the site mapping provide
25 the basis for locating Project structures.
26

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28 Geologic information relative to Project structures also
29 is shown on three exhibits, Exhibit ____ (EEK-3), Exhibit
30 ____ (EEK-4), and Exhibit ____ (EEK-5). The last three
31 exhibits are sections through various parts of the
32 Project showing geologic conditions relative to Project
33 structures. These exhibits show the elevation of
34 bedrock along the left side of the river and the
35 attitudes of the bedding planes in various locations.
36

37 Q. From your investigations, will you summarize the charac-
38 teristics of the various geologic materials at the
39 Project site?
40

41 A. First, I will discuss soils, followed by rocks, struc-
42 tural characteristics, and groundwater.
43

44
45 Soils at the site include recent alluvial deposits,
46 alluvial terrace deposits, talus, colluvium and residual
47 soil.

1 There is alluvium at the site, consisting of sand and
2 rounded gravel that occurs intermittently in protected
3 coves on the north side of the river. The more exten-
4 sive alluvial deposits on the left bank are shown on
5 Exhibit (EEK-2), and are often intermixed with talus
6 and colluvium. The alluvium often does not occur in the
7 river channel.
8

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10 A large alluvial deposit, possibly mixed with colluvial
11 and glacial materials, occupies a large area between the
12 highway and the river upstream of the footbridge along
13 the left bank, and consists of silt, sand, cobbles, and
14 boulders with thin clay beds as encountered in drill
15 holes. The rock surface underlying the terrace appears
16 to be between El. 1970 and El. 1980, as reflected by a
17 soil thickness of 35.5 feet in Drill Hole No. 3, 114.5
18 feet in No. 5, and 94.5 feet in No. 6.
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21 Talus deposits occur extensively at the base of cliffs
22 on both sides of the river and consist of angular blocks
23 of argillaceous quartzite up to about three feet in
24 diameter. The talus deposits are both active and in-
25 active, the latter being covered with moss and low
26 vegetation. The locations of the more extensive talus
27 deposits in the Project area are shown on the above
28 exhibit. The thickness of these deposits may exceed 100
29 feet along the left river bank.
30

31
32 Colluvium and residual soil, often intermixed, generally
33 mantle bedrock over most of the Project area and consist
34 of thin deposits of silt, sand and gravel. The
35 colluvium and residual soils are not differentiated on
36 the exhibit; however, areas of bedrock not shown as
37 outcrops are generally covered by these soils.
38

39 Q. What rock units are present?

40
41 A. The Project area is underlain by metasedimentary
42 rocks of the Wallace Formation of the Piegan Group of
43 the Precambrian Belt Series or Supergroup. The Wallace
44 rocks crop out extensively in the Project area,
45 particularly adjacent to the river throughout the site,
46 and in cliffs and road cuts south of the highway.
47 Scattered outcrops also occur between the river and the

1 railroad, downstream of the footbridge and along the
2 powerline access road high on the left side of the
3 valley. On the right side of the river, extensive
4 outcrops occur in rock cliffs high on the valley slopes.
5 Surface and subsurface data collected at the site indi-
6 cate that the Wallace Formation underlying the site can
7 be subdivided into three generally distinct rock types,
8 argillaceous quartzite, calcareous quartzite, and
9 carbonates. These rock types are interbedded throughout
10 the local stratigraphic section.
11

12
13 The predominant rock is gray, fine-grained calcareous
14 and argillaceous quartzite, commonly laminated and
15 banded with thin, alternating light and dark gray beds.
16 At the surface, banding thicknesses range from about six
17 inches to one foot locally to about three feet, while
18 the cores from drill holes show the average spacing of
19 the banding to be six inches or less. Bedding surfaces
20 are commonly ripple marked with asymmetric ripples
21 attaining a maximum observed crest to crest frequency of
22 about six inches and a maximum amplitude in excess of
23 one inch. The rock is often cross-bedded. The argill-
24 aceous quartzite is very hard and strong when unweather-
25 ed and cores are often closely fractured along bedding
26 planes with iron staining common. The quartzite is not
27 generally fissile, which is to say very thinly bedded.
28 However, local zones of highly argillaceous quartzite
29 exhibit slightly fissile characteristics. Many exposed
30 bedding planes are open at the surface to widths of
31 several inches, but appear to close with depth. The
32 argillaceous quartzite is widely exposed throughout the
33 site.
34
35

36 The second most common rock type consists of massive,
37 fine-grained, mottled gray to buff calcareous quartzite.
38 This rock is not commonly banded or laminated but fre-
39 quently contains calcite veins and very thin irregular
40 argillaceous partings. Bedding is generally poorly
41 defined and widely spaced and the rock is very hard and
42 strong when unweathered. Cores are closely to
43 moderately fractured along argillaceous partings and
44 veins with iron staining common on the fracture
45 surfaces. Many fractures are healed with silica and/or
46 calcite.

1 The third most common rock type is carbonate, including
2 buff and pink limestone, quartzitic limestone, and
3 dolomitic limestone. Interbeds of these rocks attain a
4 maximum thickness of ten to fifteen feet and commonly
5 contain circular or void shaped algal growths, up to
6 three feet in diameter, and exhibit the "molar tooth"
7 structure termed characteristic of the Wallace
8 carbonates. The algal growths are reflected in cores by
9 numerous thin, green, highly irregular, argillaceous
10 partings. The carbonates are hard and strong when
11 unweathered and are closely to moderately fractured
12 along partings in the cores. Fracture surfaces are
13 often iron stained. Minor solution activity was
14 observed in cores, consisting of small cavities
15 generally filled or partly filled with calcite. The
16 carbonates crop out in several locations along the river
17 and along the highway near the railroad retaining wall,
18 as shown by Exhibit ____ (EEK-2), and were encountered in
19 all drill holes except No. 1. The carbonates comprise
20 about 15 percent of the drilled cores.
21

22
23 In addition to these rock types, interbeds of gray-green
24 to purple siltstone, two to four feet thick, crop out
25 locally in the southwestern reaches of the site. The
26 siltstones are moderately hard and strong but locally
27 exhibit slaking characteristics when exposed to air.
28 The siltstones were not seen in upstream reaches of the
29 site and occurred in drill holes only as scattered, very
30 thin interbeds.
31

32
33 Bedding in the rocks at the site is strongly developed
34 with thicknesses commonly ranging from about six inches
35 to one foot, with beds up to about three feet occurring
36 locally. Bedding planes that are open from one to two
37 inches width at the surface occur frequently throughout
38 the site. Iron staining on bedding planes in core
39 indicates that some bedding planes are open at depth.
40

41 Q. Have the rocks been affected by weathering?
42

43 A. Cores recovered in drill holes were generally hard,
44 strong and fresh or slightly weathered but did contain
45 local leached and decomposed zones. The zoned surface
46 weathering, or weathering of rock underlying deep over-
47 burden, extends to a depth of about 40 feet below the

1 top of rock and does not appear to substantially affect
2 rock quality. Localized zones of deeply weathered and
3 decomposed rock were encountered in most drill holes and
4 as deep as 294 feet in Drill Hole No. 6. Most of these
5 zones are less than one foot thick with several about
6 two feet thick, however, in Drill Hole No. 3 decomposed
7 zones ranged from six to over thirteen feet in
8 thickness. The deeply weathered and decomposed zones
9 are probably controlled by open joints, shears or
10 bedding planes and apparently occur locally throughout
11 the rock mass.

12
13 Weathering phenomena such as these are, more or less, at
14 all dam sites. They do not represent serious flaws.

15
16 Q. What is the prevalent geologic structure?

17
18 A. Three distinct structural zones are apparent at the
19 site. A zone of gently northeast dipping beds occurs in
20 the upstream reaches of the Project area, a folded zone
21 in the central area, and a zone of steeply to moderately
22 northeast dipping beds in the downstream reaches. These
23 zones are reflected by the bedding orientations shown on
24 Exhibit ___ (EEK-3). A generalized geologic section
25 showing inferred bedding traces across the three
26 structural zones is shown on Exhibit ___ (EEK-4).

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28
29 Beds in the upstream structural zone strike about N35°W
30 and dip to the northeast from about 10 to 25 degrees.
31 No significant bedding irregularities were seen in this
32 area.

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34
35 The central structural zone appears to be about 1,700
36 feet wide, extending from about 900 feet downstream to
37 about 800 feet upstream of the footbridge, Exhibit ___
38 (EEK-3). Numerous anticlinal and synclinal folds were
39 identified, with axial trends ranging from about N30°W
40 to N40°W. Most of the folds are approximately symme-
41 trical and gentle, with dips of about 10 to 30 degrees
42 on upstream and downstream limbs. The folds in the
43 downstream part of the zone are locally asymmetrical and
44 many are tight with dips steeper than 75 degrees. Beds
45 exposed in the valley sides above the river indicate
46 that the folded zone extends to significant distances to
47 the northwest and southeast; however,

1 individual folds could not be traced across the
2 intervening areas. Measurements of bedding orientation
3 taken on the fold axes indicate that the folds may
4 plunge to the southeast at 5 to 15 degrees.
5

6
7 Beds in the downstream zone strike about N35°W and dip
8 to the northeast from about 20 to 75 degrees, with an
9 average dip of about 45 degrees. The variation in
10 bedding dips is caused by monoclinal folding.
11

12
13 Rocks of the Wallace Formation reportedly contain
14 numerous shear seams and zones and two such sets were
15 mapped at the site as shown on Exhibit ____ (EEK-2). One
16 set strikes approximately parallel to bedding and is
17 vertical to steeply dipping to the southwest, across
18 bedding. These features generally consist of brecciated
19 zones less than one foot wide with small gouge seams
20 occurring locally. A more extensive sheared zone of
21 this set is exposed on the left side of the river about
22 500 feet upstream of the footbridge. This zone trends
23 about N40°W and consists of a 30-foot wide zone of
24 disturbed rock with local breccia. Displacement along
25 this zone is not evident. In addition, a zone of
26 breccia and gouge 16 feet thick was encountered in the
27 bottom of Drill Hole No. 7. This shear zone is steeply
28 dipping and its thickness is exaggerated in the core.
29

30
31 The second shear set occurs along bedding planes and is
32 associated with the folding of the rocks. These
33 features are most commonly seen in the downstream
34 portions of the mapped area where they occur as gouge
35 seams usually one to four inches wide. Bedding shears
36 also were encountered in addition to clay seams.
37

38
39 No regional fault, comparable to the Leonia Fault,
40 occurs in the Project Area, although the Savage Lake-
41 O'Brien Creek Fault is inferred to cross the Kootenai
42 River about one mile downstream.
43

44
45 Jointing in the quartzites is generally strongly
46 developed and consists of steeply dipping or vertical

1 joints striking parallel, perpendicular and diagonally
2 to the bedding strike.
3
4

5 The joint pattern is best exposed and most strongly
6 developed upstream of the folded zone where the joint
7 pattern consists of four prominent sets intersecting to
8 form rectangular or rhombic-shaped blocks. Joint
9 spacings in the area normally range from about six
10 inches to one foot at the surface. Most of the joints
11 appear open at the surface and many can be traced for
12 significant distances along the exposed bedding planes.
13
14

15 Within the folded zone, jointing is moderately well
16 developed but is generally more random than in the up-
17 stream areas. Most joints are vertical or near vertical
18 and strike parallel and perpendicular to the bedding and
19 to the fold axes. Joint spacing is difficult to deter-
20 mine due to intermittent rock exposures. Fan joints are
21 seen trending parallel to the axes of several folds and
22 spaced from one to about three feet apart across the
23 fold. These joints are generally irregular and rough,
24 and locally open one to two inches at the surface.
25
26

27 Jointing is poorly exposed in the downstream reaches of
28 the mapped area but appears to include joints trending
29 approximately parallel to and perpendicular to bedding
30 and dipping from vertical to about 55 degrees downstream
31 across bedding. These joints appear widely spaced.
32
33

34 Open, vertical joints, probably of stress relief origin,
35 occur locally in the canyon wall immediately upstream of
36 the railroad retaining wall. These joints trend about
37 east-west and are open several inches where exposed.
38 The joint spacing appears to be several feet. These
39 joints do not appear to persist away from the canyon;
40 however, rock exposures are sparse.
41
42

43 Cores from the drill holes were closely to moderately
44 fractured generally through their entire length and most
45 joint surfaces were iron-stained or had thin clay
46 coatings. Many joints appeared healed, or partially
47 healed, with calcite or silica. Thin chlorite films,

1 dendritic manganese, and slickensides along fracture
2 planes occurred in the cores.

3
4 Q. Can you now describe groundwater conditions?

5
6 A. Groundwater data available at the site include water
7 levels in drill holes and limited water pressure test
8 data.

9
10 Water levels in Drill Holes Nos. 1 and 3, completed in
11 the upstream reaches of the site, were at approximate
12 El. 1950, about 30 feet below the river level near the
13 proposed Dam axis. The ground water surface in this
14 area appears to be controlled by the stretch of the
15 river downstream of the falls. Water levels in Drill
16 Hole Nos., 6, 7, and 8, completed in the downstream
17 reaches of the Project, ranged from approximately El.
18 1905 to 1909, or about 20 feet below the river surface
19 downstream of the railroad retaining wall. These levels
20 also appear to be controlled by the river downstream of
21 the mapped area. These data suggest an influent ground
22 water configuration in which the river is losing water
23 to the underlying rock mass at a lesser rate than the
24 downstream drainage. Significant permeability of the
25 rock mass is also indicated. A number of small springs
26 occur along the highway in the downstream reaches of the
27 Project, and cascading water was noted high in
28 Drill Hole No. 7, indicating the occurrence of perched
29 groundwater zones in the rock and terrace materials
30 above the saturated zone. The extent and significance
31 of these perched zones is not currently known.

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33
34 Water pressure tests were attempted in most of the drill
35 holes with generally negative results. Water losses
36 from most of the intervals were too high to build up
37 gage pressure with the available equipment, and measure-
38 ments could not be made. Significant difficulties
39 were also encountered in maintaining the stability of
40 hole walls, to allow passage of the water test
41 equipment.

42
43 Q. What are the seismic conditions at the site?

44
45 A. The site is in a seismic probability area designated
46 Zone 2 (Corps of Engineers, 1977). Zone 2 is defined as
47 one which has a probable seismic coefficient of 0.05.

1 No earthquake epicenters of Intensity V (Modified
2 Mercalli) or greater plot within fifty miles of the
3 site. Intensity is a damage-related characterization of
4 earthquakes. Numerous epicenters of Intensity V to VII
5 (Modified Mercalli) have occurred from 50 to 150 miles
6 of the site. An intensity of VII would result in
7 negligible damage in structures of good design and
8 construction. In addition, Algermissen and Perkins
9 (1976) identified the area as having a 10 percent
10 probability of acceleration exceeding .04 g in a fifty-
11 year interval, on a preliminary basis, Exhibit ____ (EEK-
12 3).

13
14 Q. What were the geologic bases for selection of civil
15 structure sites -- let us start with the Dam.

16
17 A. The Dam was located in an area of uncomplicated geologic
18 structure, well upstream of Kootenai Falls so that deep
19 erosion channels would not be encountered, where a
20 homogeneous lithologic section of bedrock would provide
21 the foundation, and in the rock sequence well upstream
22 of the limestone sequence.

23
24 Q. The Reservoir?

25
26 A. The Reservoir was automatically sited with the selection
27 of the Dam axis and the Dam height. The Reservoir was
28 evaluated, however, for geologic defects.

29
30 Q. Were there any geologic defects?

31
32 A. Yes. A section of permeable overburden (an aggregate
33 term for any unconsolidated material overlying bedrock,
34 either transported or formed in place) was mapped along
35 the left bank for about 2000 feet upstream of the Dam
36 that would affect the water-holding capability of the
37 Reservoir.

38
39 Q. Has this defect been considered in the design?

40
41 A. Yes. A concrete slab constructed into underlying
42 bedrock was included in the design to preclude Reservoir
43 water from entering these permeable materials. An
44 alternative solution would be construction of a slurry
45 trench.

- 1 Q. Let us continue with the Intake and Shaft.
2
3 A. These structures were located with respect to shallow
4 bedrock occurrence to minimize excavation in overburden
5 materials.
6
7 Q. The Head Tunnel?
8
9 A. The Tunnel was sited and aligned to provide for a rock
10 cover of adequate thickness overlying the tunnel.
11 Generally, for most rock types, this thickness is
12 adequate if greater than 1 1/2 times the tunnel
13 diameter, both horizontally and vertically. These
14 dimensions have been satisfied in the tunnel design. In
15 addition, it was aligned to be as near normal as
16 possible to the trend of bedding and major folding and
17 shearing. This alignment will minimize excavation
18 problems.
19
20 Q. The Powerstation?
21
22 A. The Powerstation was sited as far into the mountain as
23 practical, to provide adequate rock cover and to
24 preclude any major deterioration of the rock due to
25 near-surface weathering. The alignment (long axis) was
26 set normal to the trend of major folding and shearing to
27 minimize excavation and stability problems.
28
29 Q. The Tailrace Tunnel?
30
31 A. The location of the Tailrace Tunnel was established by
32 the constraints of the Powerstation location and the
33 river location and configuration.
34
35 Q. Let us turn now to the engineering geologic bases for
36 preliminary design of the civil structures. What were
37 the bases for the Dam?
38
39 A. The Dam will be founded on quartzite bedrock.
40 Overburden depth under the concrete structure will range
41 from zero to five feet. A relatively thick alluvial
42 terrace occurs along the left side of the channel. A
43 gravity wall (a reinforced concrete wall structure
44 designed and so proportioned that it is stable and will
45 resist overturning and sliding forces by its own weight)
46 was incorporated into the design to provide a left
47 abutment in the absence of a rock abutment. Surface

1 examination of the right abutment indicates that bedrock
2 lies at shallow depth and can provide a rock abutment.
3 A concrete slab downstream of the Dam will be anchored
4 to the rock to mitigate uplift pressure at the base of
5 the Dam and appurtenant structures caused by water
6 pressures related to the height of the reservoir water
7 above the Dam base.
8

9 Q. What were the bases for the Intake and Shaft?

10
11 A. The bedding will be dipping into the excavation from a
12 downstream direction. Local unstable zones may be
13 encountered along the downstream portion of the
14 excavation that will require rock bolts (a specialized
15 type of steel bolt which is installed in a drillhole in
16 rock to reinforce and hold together the rock mass where
17 there is a danger of loosening and falling of blocks or
18 slabs of rock) and shotcrete (mortar or concrete
19 conveyed through a hose and pneumatically sprayed at
20 high velocity onto a surface, where it solidifies and
21 forms a hard coating) for stabilization. Wire mesh will
22 also be required as protection against minor rock
23 raveling (a type of potential condition encountered
24 during excavation where small fragments of rock fall
25 from the exposed surfaces). The structures will be
26 concrete lined for structural reasons as well as to
27 control seepage into the relatively pervious rock.
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29 Q. What were the bases for the Head Tunnel?

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31 A. The bedding will occur in the Tunnel with minimal spans
32 because of the alignment. The width of potential weak
33 zones associated with shearing and folding will also be
34 minimized. The tunnel will be in consistently
35 upstream-dipping beds for the initial half of its
36 length. The downstream 50 percent will be in folded,
37 variably dipping beds. Tunneling conditions will vary
38 from blocky to very blocky.
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41 Rock bolt reinforcements in a regular pattern over the
42 excavation surface and shotcrete are planned for support
43 over the entire Tunnel length. Shear zones, which are
44 highly weathered seams and decomposed rock of varying
45 width, will be encountered throughout the Tunnel,
46 primarily in the folded rock section. Such weak zones

1 will require steel arches and columns and shotcrete for
2 support.

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4 Q. What were the bases for the Powerstation?
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6 A. The Powerstation complex is sited within the folded
7 geologic section of the Project area and accordingly is
8 oriented with the long axes of the valve, gate and
9 Powerstation chambers at right angles to the structural
10 trend. The final orientation is subject to adjustment
11 following further underground investigation. The rock
12 units will dip into and away from the long axis. In
13 addition, any shear or highly fractured zones will be
14 approximately normal to the long axis. All rock types
15 of the Wallace Formation will be penetrated. The rocks
16 will be blocky to very blocky.
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19 A system of tunnels will enter and exit from the
20 Powerstation. In order to minimize stress concentration
21 in the rock surrounding the Powerstation, a minimum
22 spacing of two diameters between parallel tunnels was
23 recommended for design purposes. The Penstock Tunnels
24 and Tailrace Tunnel exiting from the gate chamber are
25 oriented parallel to the trend of the geologic
26 formation. In these tunnels the bedding will appear
27 near horizontal but will dip into the Tunnel at various
28 angles and will be truncated by the excavation. Any
29 local instability which may develop along bedding planes
30 within the left sidewalls of these tunnels can be
31 supported adequately with shotcrete and/or rock bolts.
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34 The Powerstation chamber is planned to be supported by
35 30-foot bolts, spaced on 8-foot centers, and 6 inches of
36 reinforced shotcrete. This bolting pattern was selected
37 to assure that all bolts would cross two or more bedding
38 planes.
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41 The gate and valve chambers similarly are planned as
42 being supported with 15-foot bolts spaced on 10-foot
43 centers, and 3 inches of reinforced shotcrete, subject
44 to final design revisions.

1 The Penstock and Tailrace Tunnels are planned to be
2 supported by 10-foot bolts spaced on 6-foot centers and
3 3 inches of reinforced shotcrete. This bolting pattern
4 relies on the increased shear strength on bedding planes
5 due to bolting.
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8 Additional support will be required at intersections of
9 all underground openings. The bus, access and vent
10 shaft from the Powerstation to the surface, will be in
11 the folded rock section. The ground surface in this
12 general area is generally steep and rock crops out
13 intermittently indicating that the soil cover is thin.
14 The support requirements will be similar to the Intake
15 Shaft, which involves rock bolts with wire mesh, and
16 shotcrete in local unstable zones.
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19 Ground water inflow will occur in all structures
20 associated with the Powerstation complex. This inflow
21 will be small except in sheared or high-fractured zones,
22 where cement grouting may be required for seepage
23 control.
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25 Q. What were the bases for the Tailrace Tunnel?
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27 A. The alignment is at an oblique angle with the geologic
28 structure which will result in longer cantilever
29 sections of individual beds. The depth of rock cover in
30 the portal area is minimal and will require a steel-rib
31 support system. The remainder of the tunnel will be
32 supported with rock bolts and shotcrete because of the
33 anticipated blocky rock conditions.
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35 Q. What are your recommendations relative to seismic
36 factors in design?
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38 A. The Project site is much more distant from any major
39 faults such as the Leonia Fault than any of the
40 alternative sites. Although preliminary published data
41 indicated the use of about .04 g horizontal ground
42 acceleration, we preferred to be more conservative and
43 used .10 g for design. In final design studies a MCE
44 (Maximum Credible Earthquake) study will be prepared.
45 The area has low earthquake hazard as previously
46 explained.

- 1 Q. What is your evaluation of the stability of Reservoir
2 slopes?
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- 4 A. There are no active or previously active slides. Other
5 than potential surficial overburden slides, no slope
6 instability is expected upon Reservoir filling.
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- 8 Q. What is your evaluation of Reservoir water-holding
9 capability?
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- 11 A. There is no indication that the rocks underlying the
12 Reservoir would permit more than nominal seepage. The
13 grout curtain under the Dam will control seepage under
14 and around the abutments. The concrete slab along the
15 left bank will control seepage through overburden.
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- 17 Q. What effect will the Reservoir have on natural
18 ground water levels within the river terraces on the
19 right side of the river adjacent to the Reservoir?
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- 21 A. The terraces are indicated generally to have relatively
22 high permeability. Natural ground water levels will
23 rise and more or less approximate the elevation of the
24 Reservoir water surface at any given time. Except for
25 one very local area, higher ground water levels will not
26 result in boggy conditions within these deposits as
27 shown in Witness Lindsey's testimony.
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- 29 Q. How would you compare the Kootenai site to the four
30 alternative sites?
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- 32 A. The comparison has to be made on several bases --
33 geology, engineering geology and seismic conditions. I
34 will address all of these.
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- 36 a) Geology -- the bedrock at all alternative sites has
37 been significantly affected by the Leonia Fault
38 and/or the Kootenai Anticline. In the case of the
39 Ruby Creek and O'Brien Creek sites the geology is
40 complicated by glacial and/or terrace deposits.
41 Deep alluvial-field channels may occur at any or
42 all of the alternative sites.
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- 44 b) Engineering geology -- The layout and design of
45 engineering structures would be difficult at the
46 Katka and Rocky Creek sites. In addition, it is

1 questionable whether rock masses forming the
2 abutments are stable. At the Ruby Creek and
3 O'Brien Creek sites the glacial and alluvial
4 deposits would provide an inferior foundation,
5 necessitating special embankment design and special
6 spillway foundation design. The layouts and design
7 at the Kootenai site are relatively simple and
8 straightforward.

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10 Reservoir water-holding capability is potentially a
11 serious defect at the Ruby Creek and O'Brien Creek
12 sites and to a lesser degree at the Katka and Rocky
13 Creek sites.

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15 c) Seismic conditions -- The Leonia Fault has an
16 immediate influence on all alternative sites. The
17 Kootenai site has no major regional fault in such
18 proximity.

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20 Q. How would you rate the Kootenai site in comparison with
21 the alternative sites?

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23 A. The alternative sites are inferior sites. Because of
24 their inherent defects, and potential defects, the
25 alternative sites are much less suitable for construc-
26 tion in the near future. There is no question in my
27 mind relating to the geotechnical feasibility of the
28 Kootenai site.

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30 Q. Are there any special considerations of the Kootenai
31 site -- for example is there anything unique about the
32 geology that would be lost due to Project construction.

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34 A. There is nothing geologically unique that would be
35 lost. The Wallace Formation crops out over a wide area
36 along the Kootenai River and elsewhere. Any geologic
37 attribute inherent to the Wallace can be seen in other
38 areas.

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40 Q. Do you have any technical concerns with any of the
41 underground structures?

42
43 A. None. We have tried to minimize potential construction
44 problems by siting and alignments. With proper support
45 systems the integrity of all underground structures

1 should be sound. There are precedents for underground
2 structures in the Belt Series (Supergroup) rock units.
3 No undue difficulties were reported during construction
4 of these underground structures and the structures are
5 operating as designed.
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7 Q. Does this complete your prepared direct testimony?
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9 A. Yes.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BEFORE THE
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

MATTER OF)
NORTHERN LIGHTS, INC.)

PROJECT NO. 2752

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF Illinois)
COUNTY OF Cook) ss.:

Earl E. Komie, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he has read the foregoing prepared direct testimony of Earl E. Komie, that he would respond in the same manner to the questions if so asked upon taking the stand, and that the matters of fact set forth therein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

Earl E. Komie
Earl E. Komie

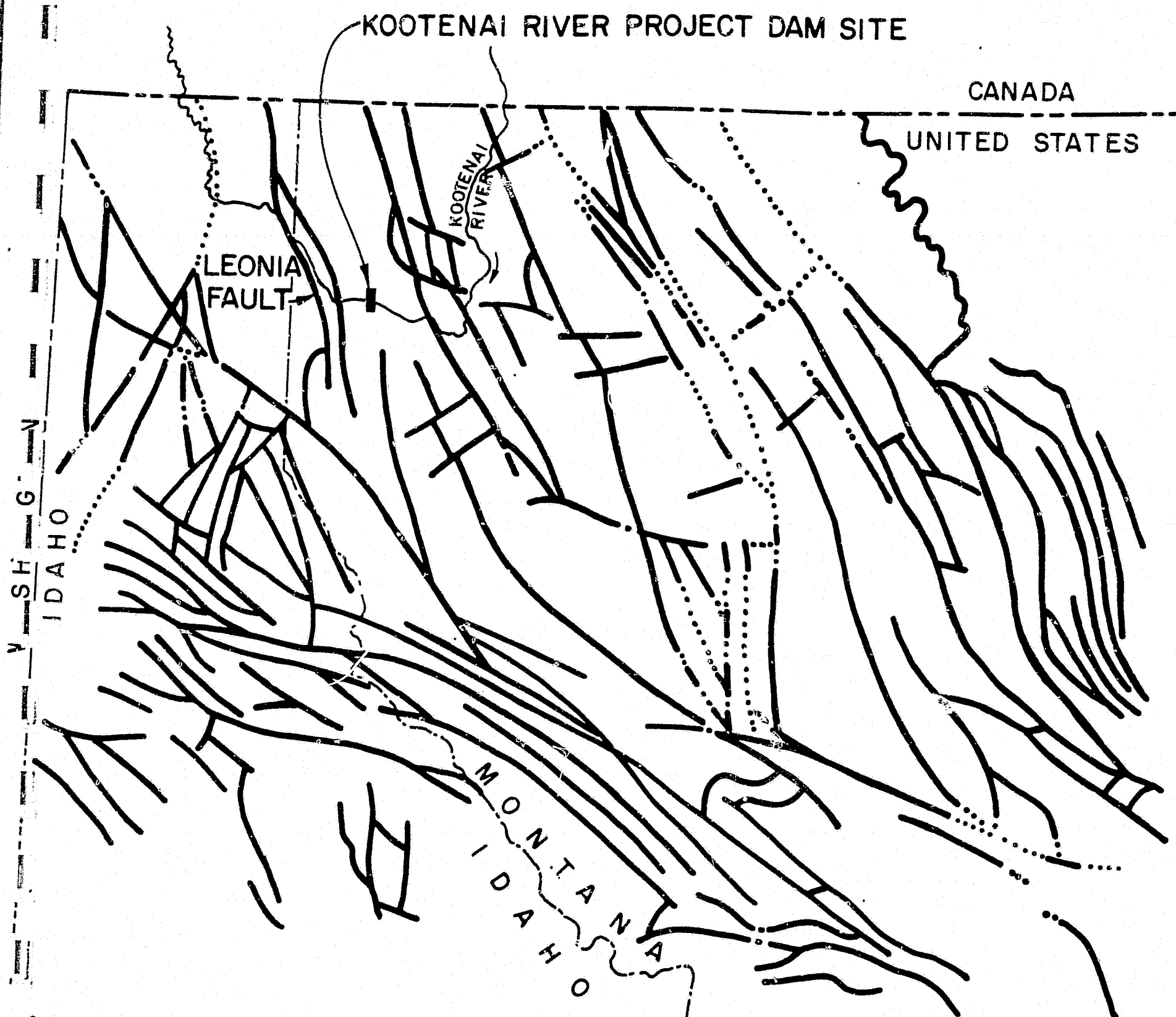
Subscribed and sworn to before me,
this 18th day of January, 1982

Marian J. Higgins
Notary Public

My commission expires 7-27-85

List of Exhibits

<u>Title</u>	<u>Exhibit No.</u>
Regional Structural Trends - Major Faults	____ (EEK-1)
Site Geology Map	____ (EEK-2)
Geologic Section A-A'	____ (EEK-3)
Geologic Sections B-B' and C-C'	____ (EEK-4)
Geologic Section D-D'	____ (EEK-5)
Preliminary Map of Horizontal Acceleration (Expressed as Percent of Gravity) in Rock with 90 Percent Probability of Not Being Exceeded in 50 Years.	____ (EEK-6)



Adapted from: U.S.G.S. Geologic Map of the United States, 1974

Scale 0 40 Miles

REGIONAL STRUCTURAL TRENDS
MAJOR FAULTS



EXPLANATION

SOIL UNITS

Q1a **RECENT ALLUVIUM DEPOSITS**: Rounded river deposited sand and gravel.

Q1a **TALUS DEPOSITS**: Angular blocky, slightly weathered to fresh;

Q1-Qc **TERRACE DEPOSITS**: Alluvial material possible glacial deposits.

ROCK UNIT

pCw **PRECAMBRIAN WALLAGE FORMATION**: Interbedded limy and argillaceous quartzites, limy argillites, limestones.

SYMBOLS

- Dip and strike of beds
- Dip and strike of vertical joint
- Dip and strike of inclined joint
- Approximate contact, queried where inferred.
- Approx. axis of Anticline queried where inferred.
- Approx. axis of Syncline, queried where inferred.
- Strike of vertical shear zone, queried where inferred.
- Dip and strike of inclined shear zone, queried where inferred.
- Approximate outcrop area; may coincide with geologic contact in local areas; minor outcrops not shown.
- Location of vertical drill hole.
- Location of inclined drill hole, showing inclination and bearing.
- Location of section

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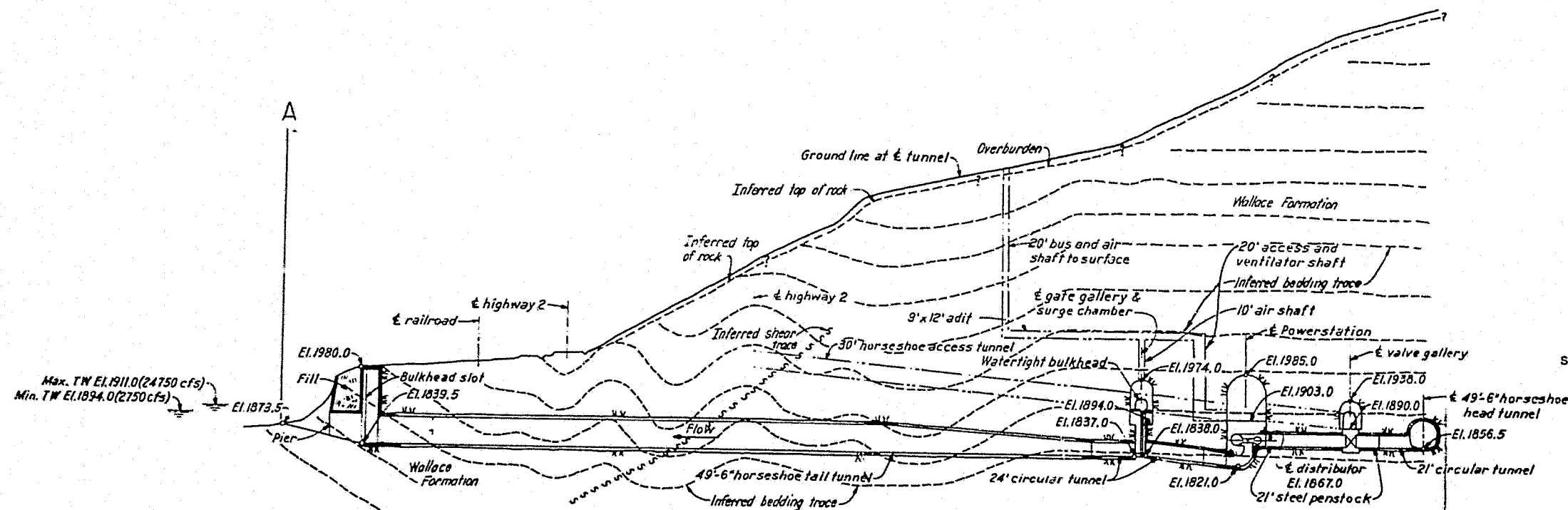
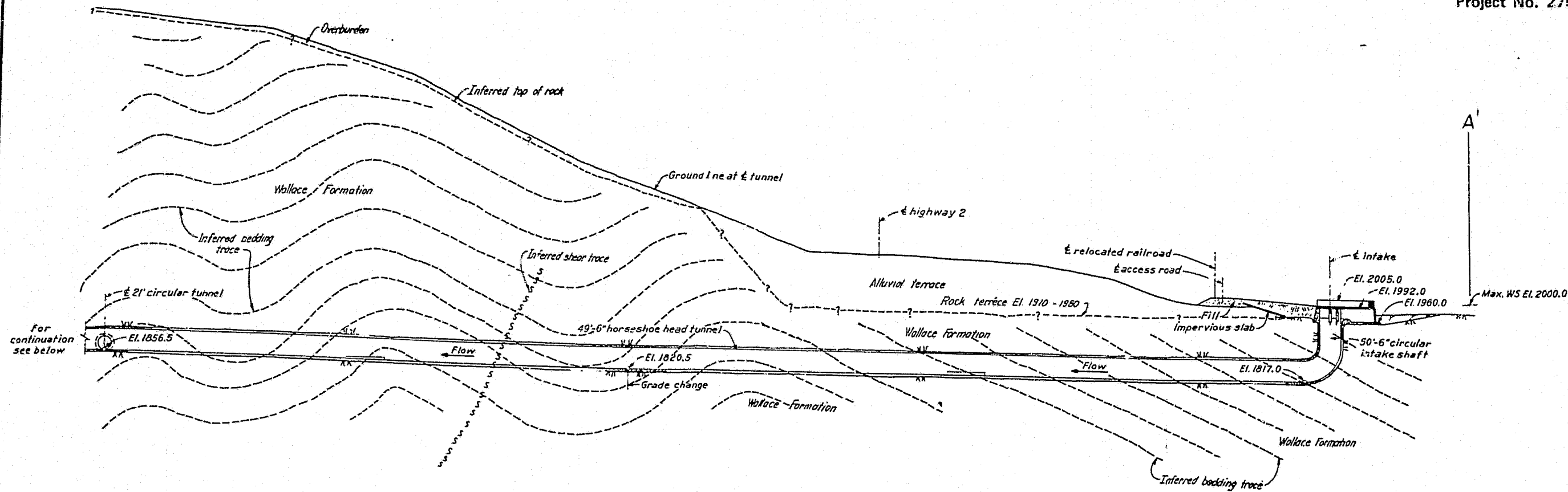
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KOOTENAI RIVER
HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT
SITE GEOLOGY MAP

NORTHERN LIGHTS INC.

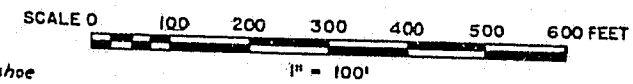
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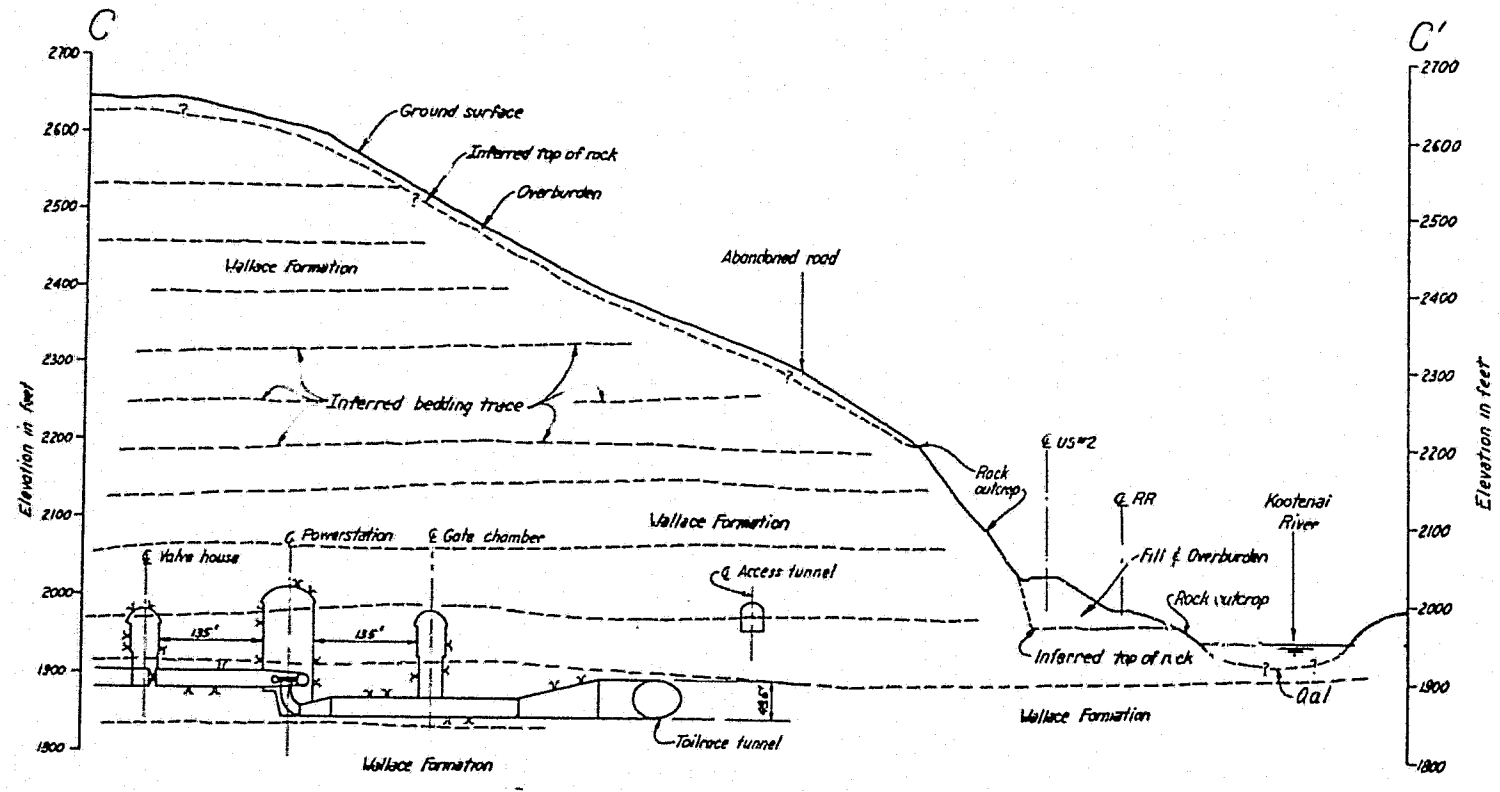
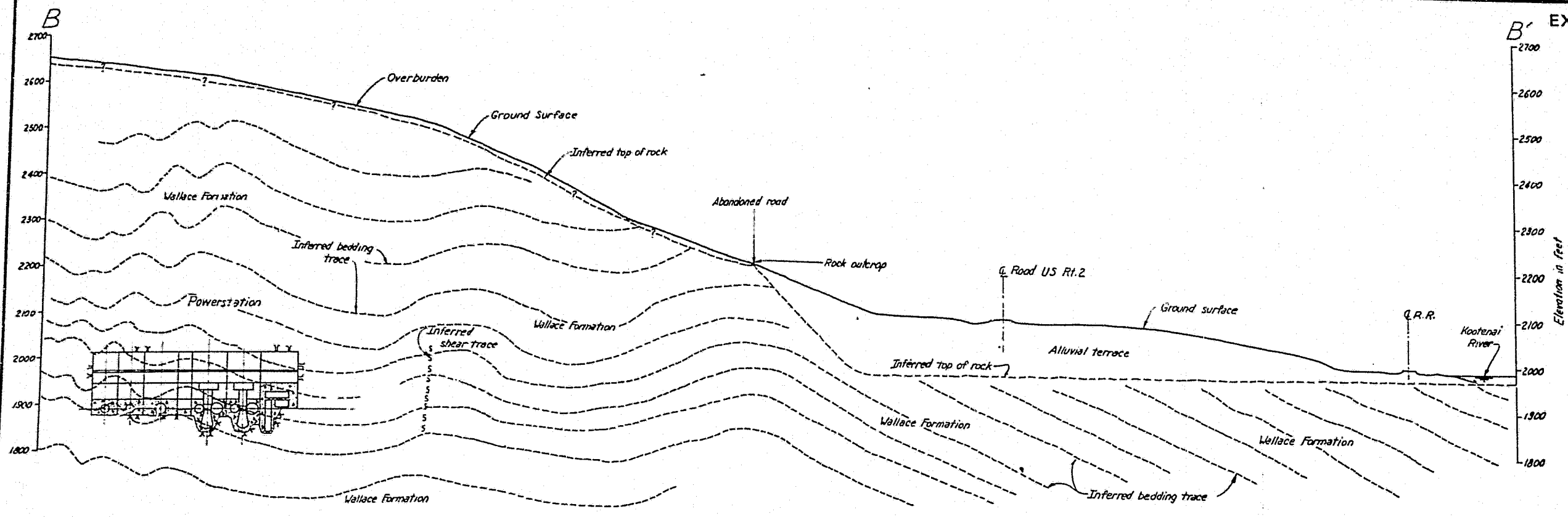
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Recommended *Harza Engineering Company*
Approved *W. J. Weller*
General Manager
Northern Lights Inc.



PROJECT 2752 MONTANA
KOOTENAI RIVER
HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT
GEOLOGIC SECTION A - A'
NORTHERN LIGHTS INC.

REV. NO.	DATE	NATURE OF REVISION	BY	CHKD.	APPD.
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EXHIBIT.....(EEK-4)
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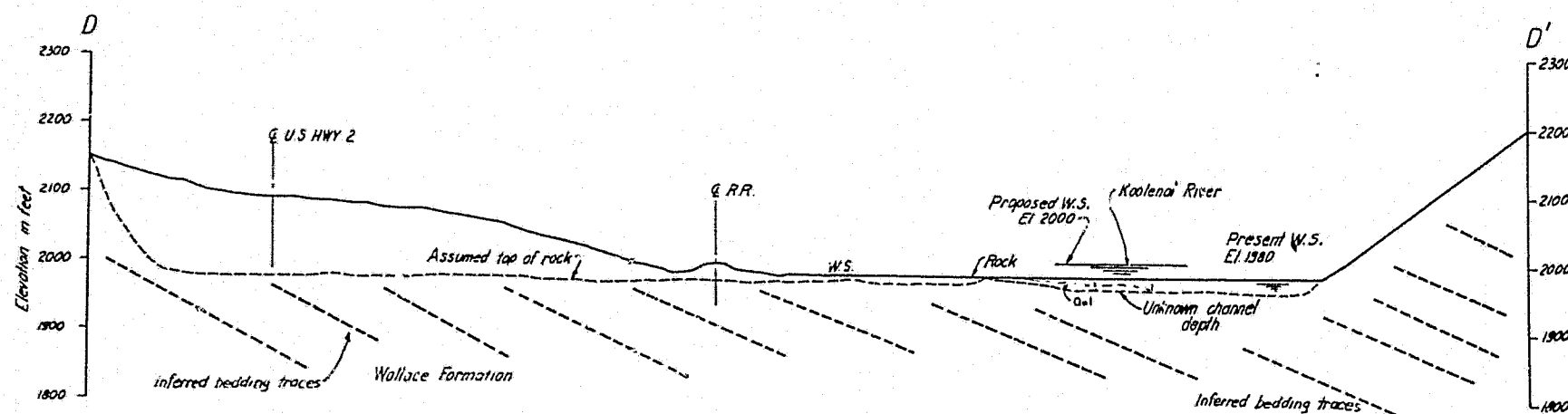
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KOOTENAI RIVER
HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT
GEOLOGIC SECTIONS B-B'
AND C-C'
NORTHERN LIGHTS INC.

REV. NO.	DATE	NATURE OF REVISION	BY	CHKD.	APPD.
1	10-20-81	Powerstation Access, Scale	WKT	AM	



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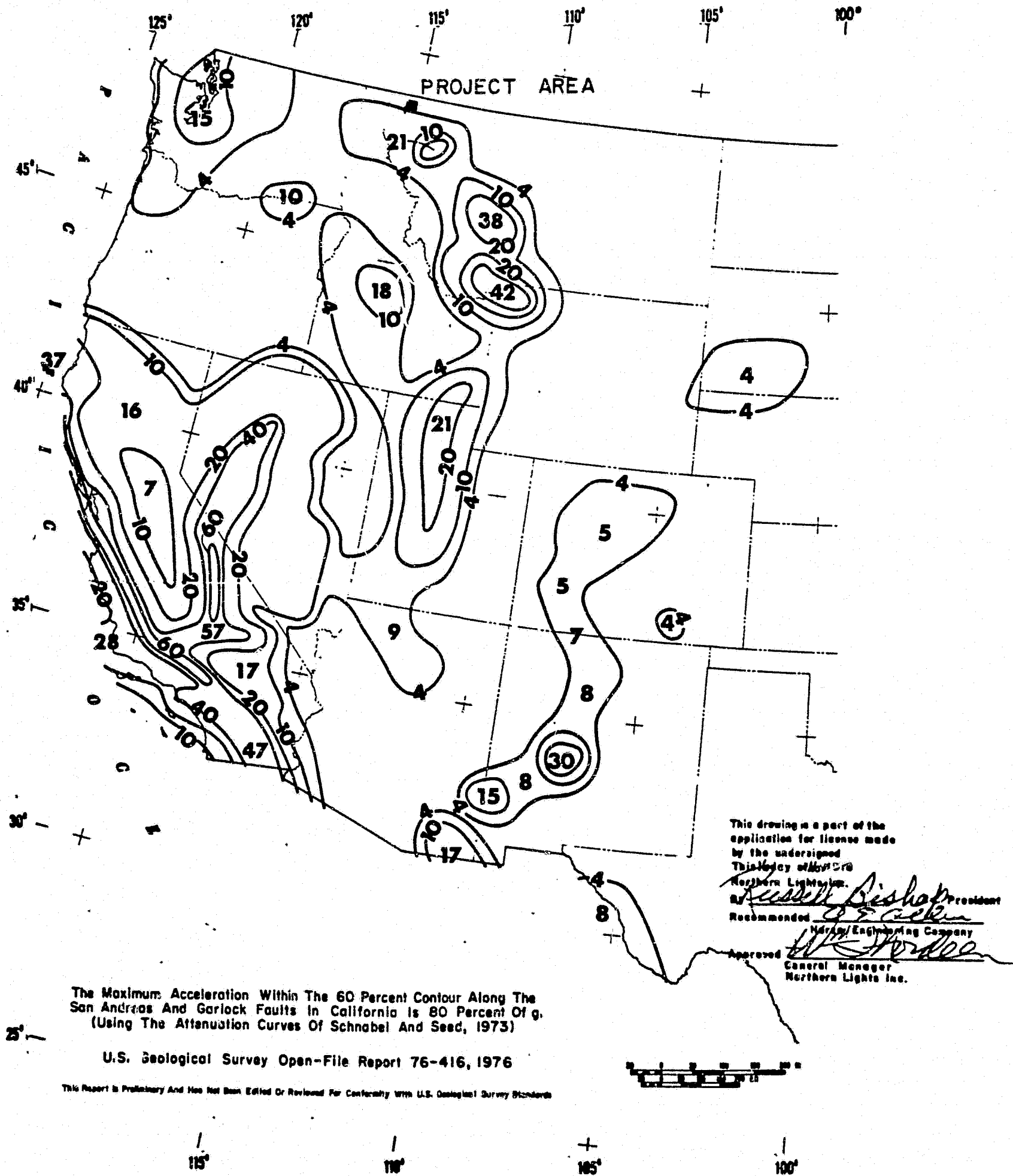
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GEOLOGIC SECTION D - D'

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Preliminary Map of
Horizontal Acceleration (Expressed As Percent Of
Gravity) In Rock With 90 Percent Probability
Of Not Being Exceeded In 50 Years

NORTHERN LIGHTS INC.

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DIRECT TESTIMONY OF SVANTE E. HJERTBERG
ON BEHALF OF NORTHERN LIGHTS

1 Q. Please state your name, title and affiliation.
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3 A. My name is Svante E. Hjertberg, and I am with the Harza
4 Engineering Company, 150 So. Wacker Drive, Chicago,
5 Illinois.
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7 I am Head of the Contracts and Construction Services of
8 the Construction Management Department of Harza Engi-
9 neering Company in Chicago, Illinois.
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11 Q. Please describe your duties with Harza Engineering Com-
12 pany.
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14 A. I direct the work of all Harza field engineers as they
15 administer construction contracts and inspect construc-
16 tion activities. I supervise and assist in evaluating
17 construction procedures, selecting appropriate field
18 staff and directing the administration of construction
19 contracts on behalf of the owner.
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21 Q. Would you briefly describe your experience and training
22 as it relates to the proposed work in the Kootenai River
23 Hydroelectric Project?
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25 A. I received a Diploma in Civil Engineering, the equiva-
26 lent of an American Bachelor's Degree, from the Insti-
27 tute of Technology in Gothenburg, Sweden in 1946.
28 I have two years experience with the State Board of
29 Waterfalls in Sweden and twenty-eight years as an engi-
30 neering employee of Harza Engineering Company in Hydro-
31 electric Construction. I have served as Field Engineer,
32 Chief Engineer and as Resident Engineer on numerous
33 hydroelectric projects throughout the world. Recently I
34 served as Chief Engineer for the construction of the
35 TARP "deep tunnel" project in Chicago. This is a series
36 of tunnels under the City of Chicago leading to an un-

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derground pumping station. Many of the underground features of TARP compare in width and height with underground structures of the Kootenai River Project.

Other relevant experience includes the construction of the underground powerstation at Harspranget, 50 miles north of the Arctic Circle in Sweden; the field investigation and planning of the underground powerstation at Ligga, a few miles downriver from Harspranget; Resident Engineer during construction of the 210 MW Burfell hydroelectric project in the interior mountains of Iceland; on-site planning and construction of dam and tunnel projects in the rugged mountains of the Kurdistan Province of Iraq. I have participated in construction of underground projects in Latin America and in Africa.

Q. Have you inspected the site of the proposed Kootenai River Hydroelectric Project?

A. Yes. After spending considerable time evaluating the reports prepared by others in the Harza organization, I visited the site.

I studied the topography and general layout of the Project. I also visited the towns of Troy and Libby to ascertain how the construction might be coordinated with housing and storage facilities there.

Q. Please briefly describe the Project from the standpoint of construction magnitude and difficulty.

A. Major facilities to be constructed include the Dam, Intake, Head Tunnel, Underground Powerstation, complete with draft tubes, penstocks and surge gallery and the Tail Tunnel and Tail Tunnel Outlet. The work will require clearing of approximately 13 acres of land above normal high water, excavation of 850,000 cubic yards of rock and placement of approximately 180,000 cubic yards of concrete.

Construction of Project components is closely inter-related with relocation of the Burlington Northern mainline track which will be relocated to a higher elevation and relocation of the passing siding entirely to the west of the Project. A permanent access road will be constructed along the existing railroad right-of-way from a point upstream from the Dam to the Intake and to the left abutment of the Dam.

1 The construction will require close coordination and
2 planning between the various construction activities
3 so that the proper materials for construction and in-
4 stallation are scheduled appropriately. There will be
5 only limited space at the Project site for storage,
6 warehousing and parking. Planning of construction faci-
7 lities requires recognition of the limits of available
8 space and much of the auxiliary work will be done in
9 off-site locations near Troy or Libby.
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11 Q. I show you a drawing marked as Exhibit ____ (SEH-1). Can
12 you identify this Exhibit?
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14 A. Yes. Exhibit ____ (SEH-1) is a drawing of the construc-
15 tion layout, illustrating the various features of the
16 construction facilities and methods proposed. I will
17 refer to this exhibit from time to time during my tes-
18 timony.
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20 Q. Now I show you a drawing marked as Exhibit ____ (SEH-2).
21 Can you identify this Exhibit?
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23 A. Yes. Exhibit ____ (SEH-2) is the Construction schedule.
24 It is a bar graph of the time required to start and
25 finish the various major portions of the construction of
26 the Kootenai Project. Construction of the Project is
27 expected to require about four and one-half years after
28 the work begins. The time presented here does not in-
29 clude time for an exploratory adit and final design
30 resulting from the adit. This will be done before the
31 major work begins.
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33 Q. Are there unusual aspects affecting the schedule during
34 stages of the construction?
35

36 A. Yes. Four factors combine to cause Project construction
37 to develop slowly during the early stages. These are as
38 follows:
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- 40 1. The very large percentage of underground work and
41 the limited access to the underground work from the
42 Intake or from the Access Tunnel.
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- 44 2. Except for the Intake Shaft, no work can be done on
45 the underground structures until the exploratory
46 adit has been driven and final rock characteristics
47 determined. The work on the exploratory adit, in
48 turn, cannot begin before completion of a permanent
49 bridge across the access route along Highway 2.

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3. The Burlington Northern Railroad track must be relocated early in the construction to provide areas for construction near the Dam and Intake.

4. Fill materials required for construction of the Stage I cofferdam and for the construction plant area must come from underground excavation.

Q. What major construction facilities did you consider necessary for this Project?

A. I considered the need for offices, shops, a rock crusher, a concrete plant, storage facilities and parking.

Q. Is there an appropriate location for the Contractor's office and shops?

A. Yes. The terrain adjacent to the Kootenai River is steep in the area of the Project and potential construction facility sites are limited. Certain areas have been excluded from use as construction sites by the Applicant. Among these is the area downstream from the Dam, between the railroad and the bank of the river. Using this site for construction would require filling the rough terrain and rock exposures with materials excavated elsewhere. The present topography would be completely changed in character and altered irretrievably. The potential site was rejected.

There are two possible areas that might be used for the construction plant, as follows:

(a) In part of the riverbed beginning approximately 600 feet upstream of the Intake and extending approximately 800 additional feet upstream and 250 feet from the left shoreline. The site would be developed by filling to Elevation 1993 and protected by the extension of the Stage I cofferdam.

(b) Upstream from the Dam between the railroad and the left shoreline. The site is very narrow and it would be extremely difficult to construct the necessary facilities along this area. The exposure of the river to deposition of construction debris in general would be excessive.

The most desirable site for construction facilities is the first; i.e. a site constructed in the area that now is riverbed. Additionally, the proposed site will not require any disturbance to the natural terrain above final operating water level of Elevation 2000. The fill material for the site will remain in place as part of the shoreline mitigation plan being developed by the Applicant.

Q. Where do you expect to obtain the material for the construction site fill?

A. The construction site fill will be obtained from broken rock excavated early in the construction. The first material will be obtained during excavation for the Powerstation access road including the underpass for Highway 2 and this mixture of soil and rock will be used for a temporary cofferdam around the Intake. This will require about 4000 cubic yards. Thereafter, Intake shaft and exploratory adit excavation will proceed simultaneously.

The complete fill for the construction site is estimated to require 120,000 c.y. solid rock measurement. The assumed weight of rock "in place" is 140 pounds per cubic foot; however, the compacted weight of the broken, excavated material placed in the construction site is expected to be only 115 pounds per cubic foot. For that reason, the 120,000 cubic yards of solid rock is expected to fill 146,000 cubic yards for the construction site. Sources of excavated material for this purpose are as shown in Table 1.

Table 1

SOURCES OF EXCAVATED FILL MATERIAL

<u>Source</u>	In-Place Quantity-c.y. (@ 140 pcf) ^{1/}	Fill Quantity (@ 115 pcf)
Access Tunnel	64,200	78,000
Intake shaft	16,400	16,500
Head Tunnel-Top heading	34,400	41,900
Construction tunnel #1	14,000	17,000
Total	129,000	153,400

^{1/} Pounds per cubic foot.

1 The time required to provide the excavation material for
2 the complete construction site is estimated to be
3 approximately six months; however, a portion of the site
4 will be available for use as fill is provided. The
5 space required for the concrete plant and the rock
6 crusher will not be needed until concrete work begins,
7 which is estimated to be about 9 months after the start
8 of the work.
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10 Q. What buildings or structures are expected to be
11 constructed on the filled-in site?
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13 A. I expect the Contractor to have a trailer complex for
14 first aid, superintendent offices, engineering office,
15 and an office for a time-keeper and a personnel manager.
16 Three 10 x 40 trailers are envisioned for this purpose.
17 Any additional temporary office facilities for
18 accounting, other personnel people and additional
19 supervisory people that might be required will be
20 obtained off-site by the Contractor.
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22 A carpenter shop, a repair shop, concrete test
23 laboratory and a reinforcing steel fabrication area will
24 be required. One or two small warehouses will be
25 necessary for small tools, such as welding equipment,
26 miscellaneous supplies and speciality tools such as
27 concrete vibrators, pavement breakers and rock drills.
28

29 A major portion of the space will be needed for the
30 erection of a concrete batch plant and a rock crusher.
31 Stockpiles of raw excavation will be located slightly
32 upriver of the plant site and processed aggregate will
33 be stockpiled near the crusher and concrete plant.
34 Their locations are shown on Exhibit __ (SEH-1).
35

36 Q. Your previous response mentioned a concrete batch plant
37 and a rock crusher. Will you elaborate on that subj-
38 ect?
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40 A. The Project requires an estimated 180,000 cubic yards of
41 concrete. As is shown by the Schedule, Exhibit
42 (SEH-2), most of this concrete will be placed over a 36-
43 month period beginning early in the second year of con-

1 construction. This averages 5000 c.y. per month. During
2 the second and third construction year concrete place-
3 ment will be 10,000-15,000 cubic yards during some
4 months. This averages 400 to 600 c.y. per day. A 100-
5 c.y.-per-hour batch plant delivery capability is
6 required for construction of that magnitude. It will be
7 necessary to have at least one bulk cement bin
8 associated with the batch plant. Additionally, both
9 sand and rock for concrete will be required for
10 stockpiles. Concrete aggregate stockpiles should
11 reflect more than one month's supply to provide adequate
12 supplies for large placements. Approximately 20,000
13 c.y. of concrete aggregate should be in stockpile.
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15 Based upon preliminary observations, the rock excavation
16 for the Project will be suitable for concrete aggregate.
17 The material will be crushed for use on site. Addition-
18 ally, all aggregate for site road construction and rail-
19 road ballast will be processed on site. Other possible
20 uses for excess rock excavation will require some pro-
21 cessing. For this reason, it will be necessary to con-
22 struct a rock crusher of about 600 tons per hour ca-
23 pacity on site. This unit is expected to be operated a
24 maximum of 16 hours a day to furnish all manufactured
25 aggregate and ballast.
26

27 Aggregate materials will be transported from processing
28 to concrete batch plant aggregate stockpile by covered
29 belt to reduce the amount of dust and to prevent accumu-
30 lation of ice and snow on belts.
31

32 Q. You mentioned the requirements for concrete aggregate in
33 answer to the previous question. Where do you propose
34 to locate these stockpiles?
35

36 A. At least three stockpiles will be required. Fine
37 aggregate (sand) will be piled separately from coarse
38 aggregate (gravel). Coarse aggregate will be separated
39 into 3/4" maximum size aggregate and 1-1/2" maximum size
40 aggregate. The sand pile should contain about 6,000
41 c.y. and each of the coarse aggregate stockpiles should
42 be about 7,000 c.y. The piles should be located
43 conveniently in relation to the concrete batch plant.
44 The logical location for these stockpiles is in the
45 space between the road to the Intake and the edge of the

1 river near the proposed construction site. This is
2 shown on Exhibit _____ (SEH-1). Material can easily be
3 delivered to the rock crusher from the excavation, then
4 the processed aggregate will be stockpiled in the
5 vicinity by use of overhead conveyor belt and further
6 delivered to the concrete plant by underdraft conveyor
7 belt.
8

9 Q. What is proposed for disposal of material or waste from
10 the excavation?
11

12 A. Much of the excavation will be used in the construction
13 of the Project. The largest requirements are for
14 concrete aggregate, construction of the cofferdam,
15 filling for the construction site, relocation of the
16 railroad, construction of access roads, improvements to
17 the Lions Club Park and for regrading and improving the
18 left bank. Any remaining material will be hauled off-
19 site.
20

21 Q. Will it be necessary for you to establish spoil piles
22 for storing excess excavation before needed for the
23 Project?
24

25 A. Yes, the majority of the excavation work is scheduled to
26 take place during the initial 20 months, while the
27 material will be used in the construction over
28 approximately 44 months.
29

30 A spoil pile will be required. At present, much of this
31 material is planned to be stored behind the cofferdam,
32 near the left bank upstream from the construction site,
33 as shown on Exhibit _____ (SEH-1).
34

35 Q. The work involved in relocating the railroad and for
36 improving the left bank of the river will require
37 restoration. How do you propose to salvage topsoil for
38 use when the site is restored?
39

40 A. Topsoil salvaged between the upstream end of the
41 construction site and the dam will be stockpiled and
42 grassed to reduce erosion and dust. On completion of
43 the Intake and the left side of the Dam, the left bank
44 between the Dam and the construction site will be
45 regraded using rock excavation, and topsoil will be
46 placed on top of the fill material all along the left
47 bank to permit the establishment of shoreline grasses.

- 1 Q. What is planned for the shoreline upstream?
2
3 A. Upstream of the construction site, topsoil will be
4 removed and temporarily piled while excavation material
5 is spread along the left bank to provide shoreline
6 mitigation. The stored topsoil then will be spread on
7 top of the rock material. This will be done on short
8 stretches of the bank in one continuous operation. In
9 that way, no large topsoil piles will be required.
10
11 Q. Where do you propose to park construction equipment and
12 employee vehicles?
13
14 A. All construction workers will be bussed to the site from
15 Libby and Troy. On-site parking will be allotted to the
16 Superintendent, the Resident Engineer and for emergency
17 vehicles. These spaces will be in the vicinity of the
18 Contractor's job office. Construction vehicles will be
19 parked in the tunnels, the Powerstation, and the
20 approach to the Access Tunnel when not in use. Disabled
21 vehicles will be hauled to off-site repair shops.
22
23 Q. What level of construction traffic do you expect on
24 Highway 2?
25
26 A. The Applicant has determined to restrict construction
27 traffic as much as is economically feasible. For this
28 reason, much of the underground excavation will be
29 removed through the Intake Shaft, and as stated,
30 employees will be bussed to the site.
31
32 During construction it will be necessary to haul some
33 excavated material, concrete and equipment along Highway
34 2. Vehicles used by the Contractor for this purpose
35 will be of legal size and weight. This traffic is
36 expected to require 80 trips a day for an average of
37 four trips per hour during the excavation. The
38 Contractor will be required to provide all necessary
39 flagmen and warning devices required by the Montana
40 Department of Transportation.
41
42 Q. Please describe the conceptual plan for construction
43 roads required to build the Project.
44
45 A. Access from Highway 2 to the construction plant area,
46 Dam and Intake will be by a road obtained by improving
47 an existing road. The location is shown on Exhibit
48 (SEH-1). The road will cross the railroad. Details of
49 the crossing and the warning system to protect trains

1 and construction traffic will be developed in coordina-
2 tion with the Burlington Northern Railroad. North of
3 the railroad crossing, a paved road will be constructed
4 parallel to the railroad along the left (south) shore
5 about 2200 feet from the railroad crossing to provide
6 construction access to the concrete plant, the Intake,
7 the left abutment of the Dam and other construction
8 areas along the Reservoir. The paved access road to the
9 Intake and Dam will remain on completion of the work.

10
11 The construction of the access to the Powerstation will
12 include an open cut from the north side of Highway 2
13 eastward approximately 600 feet to an underpass under
14 Highway 2 which will lead into the Access Tunnel. This
15 road and tunnel will remain as the permanent access to
16 the Powerstation on completion of the work. An existing
17 transmission line access road passing near the Bus
18 Access and Ventilation shaft will provide construction
19 access to make the connection between the project
20 transmission facilities and the existing facilities
21 transmission line.
22

23 Q. Describe the plan for railroad relocation.
24

25 A. Relocation of the railroad and siding is planned early
26 in the work (during the first 18 months). The procedure
27 will require construction of the new mainline with use
28 of the existing siding for mainline traffic. On comple-
29 tion of the new main line, the existing siding will be
30 used for construction purposes. A new passing siding
31 will be constructed downstream (west) of the existing
32 siding.
33

34 The mainline railroad track will be relocated approxi-
35 mately fifty feet south of its existing alignment at the
36 Dam and is variable elsewhere for a distance of approxi-
37 mately 12,000 feet. The relocation extends from a point
38 4000 feet west of the construction road crossing to a
39 point 8000 feet east of the crossing. Approximately 10
40 acres of railroad right-of-way will be disturbed by this
41 work.
42

43 A portion of the existing siding will be used during the
44 construction for delivery and storage of materials, and
45 will be removed on completion of the work.
46

47 Q. Do you propose to alter the flow of water in the river
48 for the construction?

- 1 A. Yes, it will be necessary to divert water from the site
2 of the Dam and the Intake during construction. Exhibit
3 _____ (SEH-1) shows the locations of the cofferdams.
4
- 5 Q. How do you propose to accomplish this?
6
- 7 A. The Contractor will build temporary dams - called cof-
8 ferdams - in two stages. The Stage I cofferdam will
9 divert the flow to the north side of the river and per-
10 mit work on the left side of the Dam and the Intake. On
11 completion of the Intake and approximately 510 feet of
12 the Dam and the left abutment of the Dam, material in
13 the Stage I cofferdam will be removed and used in a
14 different location to construct the cofferdam which will
15 extend North-South across the river, upstream of the
16 uncompleted 255 foot portion of the Dam. This work will
17 be scheduled to permit river overflow over the left por-
18 tion of the Dam during the construction of the remainder
19 of the Dam, so that the flow downstream will be undimin-
20 ished.
21
- 22 Q. What materials will be used to construct the cofferdam?
23
- 24 A. The cofferdam will be constructed of a mixture of dumped
25 material from underground excavation and a subsoil clay
26 or silt if found on site during early excavation. If no
27 fine grained material is naturally available, it may be
28 necessary to import material or to develop an alternate
29 membrane for sealing the Dam. This may be by use of
30 cement or plastic fabric.
31
- 32 Q. Do you expect this work to increase the turbidity of the
33 river water?
34
- 35 A. Yes, there will be some temporary increase in turbidity
36 of the river water as a result of cofferdam construction
37 and removal. The Contractor will be required to mini-
38 mize turbidity and meet the requirements of the permit
39 to be issued by the Montana Department of Health and
40 Environmental Sciences. Lost materials represent
41 additional costs to the Project and certainly the
42 Contractor and the Applicant will keep this to a minimum
43 for economic reasons.
44
- 45 Q. During your reply to the discussion of construction
46 roads and railroad relocation, you mentioned that sub-
47 stantial areas are to be reshaped. Do you have a plan
48 to prevent erosion of soil into the river?

- 1 A. Any disturbed site will be evaluated for potential ero-
2 sion and proper precaution will be required. The
3 construction specification will require that the Con-
4 tractor submit a plan for erosion control in an area
5 before construction begins in that area. Standard pro-
6 cedures for reducing erosion and preventing sediment
7 from reaching the river will be required of the Contrac-
8 tor. For example, topsoil piles will be grassed when
9 the piles are complete. All spoil piles will be en-
10 circled by some form of barrier to provide settling time
11 for rain and snow melt. Extensive use of straw bales in
12 vales and depressions will filter runoff before it is
13 deposited into the river. The replaced top soil along
14 the left bank will be seeded and mulched to reduce ero-
15 sion to a minimum.
- 16
- 17 Q. The construction will require use of water for cleaning
18 construction joints, and for other uses. Will this
19 water become contaminated by its use?
- 20
- 21 A. Construction water is used primarily for purposes of
22 cleanup. Concrete trucks, concrete plant and construc-
23 tion areas will be cleaned by high pressure construction
24 water. Considerable water will be needed for curing
25 concrete. Seepage water from the tunnels will contri-
26 bute additional water. All of this water will become
27 highly turbid from construction debris.
- 28
- 29 Q. How do you plant to treat this water to prevent river
30 contamination?
- 31
- 32 A. Since most of the turbidity of the construction water is
33 expected to be of the fine sand size (0.1 mm) with a
34 settling velocity of 1 to 10 cm per sec, a detention
35 time of 4 hrs appears satisfactory. A pond will be
36 constructed to handle twice the average inflow. For
37 this purpose a settling pond of approximately 100 feet
38 by 200 feet will be required. Two 200 gallon-per-minute
39 units are planned so that either can be cleaned at any
40 time.
- 41
- 42 In the event that unexpectedly large inflows of ground-
43 water are encountered, a sump will be constructed in
44 the Head Tunnel for primary settling of sand. Plans for
45 the construction of the sedimentation ponds will place
46 them just upstream of the railroad crossing and south
47 of the construction site. The construction water will
48 be delivered to the settling ponds by use of temporary
49 pipe and pumps.

1 In the unlikely event silt or clay deposits are found
2 and additional treatment is necessary, a filter can be
3 used to further clarify the effluent from the settling
4 ponds.
5

6 Q. What is planned for reducing the contamination of the
7 air from construction dust?
8

9 A. As previously discussed, any portion of the site to be
10 exposed for any length of time will be stabilized with
11 mulch and seeded for resistance to erosion. This will
12 also reduce the amount of dust from the Project. Also,
13 as for most construction sites, graveled roads and ex-
14 posed stockpiles will be sprinkled as required to con-
15 trol dust. Cement bins will be fitted with a dust col-
16 lector. Fine aggregate conveying belts will be covered
17 to prevent blowing dust from that source. Main con-
18 struction roads will be paved.
19

20
21 Special care will be required of the Contractor in the
22 operation of the rock crusher. It may be necessary to
23 pre-wet all aggregate.
24

25 Any additional steps necessary to meet the Air Quality
26 requirements of the Permit to be issued by the Montana
27 Department of Health and Environmental Sciences will be
28 required by the specifications.
29

30 Q. What procedures are planned to prevent contamination of
31 the river from fuel oil and lubrication products?
32

33 A. No on-site bulk storage of gasoline, fuel oil or grease
34 will be permitted. Fueling will be done by use of fuel
35 delivery trucks. A service truck will be used for lu-
36 brication. Fueling and lubrication will be accomplished
37 in one location which may be the Powerstation Access
38 Road or another convenient location away from the river.
39 In this way any inadvertent spills will be contained.
40

41 The contractor will be required to protect the area used
42 for fueling with a sump to collect any inadvertent
43 spills and will be required to immediately clean up any
44 lubrication spills. Additionally, all waste oil will be
45 collected in containers and transported to an acceptable
46 off-site disposal facility.
47

48 Q. How will drinking water be provided for the construction
49 people?

1 A. All drinking water for use on the Project will be
2 brought from a potable water source in Libby or in Troy.
3 No effort will be made on the site to construct a well
4 or wells for drinking water use.
5
6 Q. Where do you propose to obtain construction water?
7
8 A. All construction water will be pumped from the river.
9 This will be water required for mixing concrete and for
10 curing concrete. Construction water will also be
11 required for rock drilling, final clean-up of
12 foundations and construction joints in concrete before
13 concrete placement.
14
15 Q. How do you propose to handle sewage from the site?
16
17 A. Human wastes from the Project will be collected from
18 portable toilets and transported to approved treatment
19 facilities off-site by tank truck.
20
21 Q. Where will the Contractor store explosives?
22
23 A. The Contractor will be required to obtain off-site
24 storage for explosives for two reasons; one, because of
25 the limited space available, and two, to reduce the
26 chances of inadvertent river water contamination. Only
27 one or two day's supply of explosives will be permitted
28 on site.
29
30 Q. I show you a drawing marked Exhibit _____ (SEH-3). Can
31 you identify this drawing?
32
33 A. It was prepared under my supervision to illustrate the
34 layout of the various tunnels and their relationship to
35 the Powerstation.
36
37 Q. Briefly describe the method and procedure for excavation
38 of the tunnels and the Powerstation.
39
40 A. Very early in the construction schedule, an exploratory
41 adit will be driven from Highway 2 to the Powerstation
42 location with several laterals in the Powerstation to
43 determine rock orientation and structure.
44
45 As soon as this exploratory adit is completed and the
46 Powerstation orientation is established, the intake
47 Shaft and the Access Tunnel will be constructed. The
48 Access Tunnel entrance will pass under Highway 2 by the
49 cut and cover method. Two-way traffic will be main-

1 maintained throughout the construction of the Access Tunnel
2 Bridge by detouring one lane of traffic through the
3 Access Tunnel entrance.
4

5 Excavation will be removed simultaneously from the In-
6 take Shaft and from the Access Tunnel. Material will be
7 delivered to stockpiles by conveyor belt or by trucks.
8 During the early stages, this material will be used for
9 the Stage I cofferdam and for construction site fill.
10 Later it will be used for processing through the rock
11 crusher.
12

13 Excavation from the Access Tunnel will supplement mate-
14 rial from the Head Tunnel in the construction of the
15 Stage I Cofferdam and the construction site fill. At a
16 later time Powerstation excavation will be used for
17 railroad relocation.
18

19 The excavation for the draft tubes, Draft Tube Tunnels
20 and Tail Tunnel will be through a 18 foot construction
21 tunnel, shown on Exhibit _____ (SEH-3) as construction
22 tunnel No. 2, connecting the downstream end of the Head
23 Tunnel to the upstream end of the Tail Tunnel.
24

25
26 Simultaneously, following completion of the Stage I
27 cofferdam and the construction site, work will begin on
28 the Intake, the left side of the Dam, railroad reloca-
29 tion, and concrete membrane along the left bank.
30

31 Finally, the right side of the Dam will be constructed
32 and the Tail Tunnel Outlet excavated and completed.
33 Concrete work will begin in the various tunnels and in
34 the Powerstation as excavation is completed. Final
35 concrete work includes the lining of the Access Tunnel.
36

37 Q. What is the purpose of the Exploratory Adit.
38

39 A. Construction of an Exploratory Adit will be required for
40 evaluation of rock characteristics.
41

42 Q. What will become of the Exploratory Adit.
43

44 A. The Exploratory Adit will be drilled along the lines
45 proposed for the permanent Access Tunnel and will be
46 enlarged to form a 30 foot horseshoe-type access
47 tunnel.

1 Q. Will you describe the procedure for the construction of
2 the Intake Shaft?
3

4 A. As completed, the shaft will be 50 feet in diameter and
5 will be excavated downward using a drill and blast pro-
6 cedure. Material will be removed from the Shaft by use
7 of a crane.
8

9 Q. What procedures will be used to excavate the rock in the
10 Head Tunnel and the penstocks?
11

12 A. As stated earlier, the Intake Shaft will be excavated as
13 soon as a cofferdam is constructed and a Head Tunnel
14 heading will extend from the bottom of the Intake Shaft
15 with the excavation removed through the Shaft. A small
16 (18 foot) diameter heading in the Head Tunnel will be
17 driven past the penstocks and around to the upper end of
18 the Tail Tunnel. Simultaneously, a 30 foot construction
19 tunnel, shown as construction tunnel No. 1 on Exhibit
20 _____ (SEH-3), extending 600 feet from the Powerstation
21 will connect the Access Tunnel to the Head Tunnel
22 through the Powerstation. Excavation will proceed from
23 both the Intake Shaft and the Access Tunnel.
24

25 On completion of the work on the Head Tunnel, work will
26 begin on the five penstocks. All of this material may
27 be removed through either the Intake Shaft or the con-
28 struction tunnel No. 1 and Access Tunnel.
29

30 Q. How will excavation for the Powerstation be accom-
31 plished?
32

33 A. Work will begin on the Powerstation immediately follow-
34 ing excavation for the Access Tunnel. Upward driven
35 shafts will provide access to the top headings for the
36 Surge Gallery and the Powerstation. On completion of
37 the crown headings, the remainder of the material will
38 be removed by drilling and blasting using horizontal
39 benches. The roof of the Powerstation will be stabi-
40 lized by use of rock bolts and shotcrete as soon as the
41 crown is excavated.
42

43 The Access Tunnel will be extended into the valve galle-
44 ry and the valve gallery will be excavated by heading
45 and bench. All excavated material will be removed
46 through the Access Tunnel initially; then later, through
47 both construction tunnel No. 1 to the Head Tunnel and
48 through the Access Tunnel.

- 1 Q. The Bus and Air Shaft extend about 600 feet from the
2 surface downward to the Powerstation. How is this exca-
3 vation proposed to be accomplished?
4
- 5 A. This 21-foot diameter shaft will be excavated beginning
6 at a point within the Powerstation and will extend
7 approximately 200 feet vertically, 380 feet
8 horizontally, and then 300 feet vertically to exit near
9 the existing transmission line. Rock will be removed
10 from below and transported through the Access Tunnel.
11 This will reduce the impact on the road structures and
12 environment as compared to excavation from the surface.
13
- 14 Q. How will excavation of the draft tubes and tunnels lead-
15 ing to the Tail Tunnel be accomplished?
16
- 17 A. As presently planned, the invert of the bottom of the
18 draft tube is 35-1/2 feet below the floor of the Power-
19 station and the invert of the Head Tunnel. The upper
20 end of the Tail Tunnel is lower than the Head Tunnel.
21 Therefore it is necessary to construct a method for
22 getting to a lower level for the work.
23
- 24 Consideration was given to driving through the Power
25 Station via one of the units. Comparative costs indi-
26 cate that the 1000-foot construction tunnel No. 2
27 bypassing the Powerstation is equally viable and has the
28 benefit of providing additional headings for Tail Tunnel
29 and Draft Tube Tunnel construction.
30
- 31 For the foregoing reason, it appears evident that con-
32 struction tunnel No. 2 will be adopted. From construc-
33 tion tunnel No. 2, headings can begin in one direction,
34 terminating at the draft tubes and in the other direc-
35 tion downstream in the Tail Tunnel, terminating at the
36 Tail Tunnel Outlet.
37
- 38 Q. As you previously discussed, you plan to excavate the
39 Tail Tunnel through construction tunnel No. 2. Is there
40 any other special feature of this Tail Tunnel that
41 should be discussed?
42
- 43 A. The Tail Tunnel is designed to slope from the Outlet
44 to the Powerstation. It will be necessary to construct
45 a concrete bulkhead with steel guides and gates. The
46 bulkhead and gates will serve to exclude river water
47 from the Tunnel as excavation approaches breakthrough.

- 1 The work will be accomplished by excavating a shaft
2 downward from the top of the river bank to form a con-
3 crete slot for the gates. This work may be done at any
4 time before the Tail Tunnel nears the river.
5
- 6 Q. How do you plan the excavation from the Tail Tunnel
7 Outlet to the river?
8
- 9 A. The river is too narrow at that point to permit con-
10 struction of a cofferdam. For this reason, it will be
11 necessary to do the excavation and construction within
12 the river. Rock will be loosened by line drilling and
13 light blasting to crack and break the rock into large
14 block sections. This material will be removed by lift-
15 ing and disposed of by hauling down Highway 2. Any
16 cobble or smaller sized material entering the river will
17 be dredged for removal. Some smaller fragments will
18 remain in the river; however this is not expected to
19 be enough material to noticeably affect river flow or
20 greatly increase turbidity.
21
- 22 Q. What work, if any, will be necessary to the south shore
23 of the Project Reservoir in addition to the construction
24 previously mentioned?
25
- 26 A. Studies have revealed that there is a deep bench of
27 alluvium extending from the river 2500 feet toward the
28 slope. Impounding the river to Elevation 2000 will
29 create head on this alluvium. Water will percolate
30 through the alluvium and its amount must be controlled
31 to prevent excessive loss of reservoir water and to
32 prevent the creation of swampy conditions alongside the
33 railroad.
34
- 35 For this reason, it will be necessary to construct an
36 impervious concrete slab from the Dam to a point about
37 2000 feet upstream where solid rock is encountered above
38 Elevation 2000.
39
- 40 Q. When will the slab be constructed?
41
- 42 A. The construction of the slab will begin as soon as the
43 left bank of the river is dewatered by the Stage I cof-
44 ferdam.

- 1 Q. How will the work be done?
2
3 A. The slab will be constructed of concrete and will be
4 completed before the construction of the Stage II cof-
5 ferdam.
6
7 Q. Please explain the procedure proposed for constructing
8 the Dam and Spillway.
9
10 A. The plan is to construct the concrete Dam in two stages.
11 The left or south portion will be constructed first,
12 while the Stage I cofferdam is being used to divert flow
13 along the north shore.
14
15 Excavation will begin after the completion of the Stage
16 I cofferdam and construction road to the left bank of
17 the Dam. This excavation is expected to be minimal -
18 about 4000 cubic yards -and should be completed within a
19 month. Simultaneously, examination of the rock will
20 reveal the extent of consolidation grouting that may be
21 required. Also work will begin on the grout curtain and
22 dental concrete to prepare for placement of concrete.
23
24 The actual placement of concrete is planned to begin
25 within about 9 months after start of the work. This
26 Stage I work will include Spillway Bays One through
27 Four, and will extend 510 feet across the 765 feet of
28 the Spillway. The concrete work on Stage I of the Dam
29 is expected to require about four months.
30
31 Following completion of Stage I, material will be taken
32 from the Stage I cofferdam to construct the Stage II
33 cofferdam on a N-S axis across the remaining north side
34 of the Dam. Access to Stage II cofferdam will be by way
35 of a prefabricated construction bridge approximately
36 600-foot long from the construction road upstream of the
37 dam.
38
39 Stage II Dam and Spillway construction will require
40 about three months and is planned for the middle of the
41 third year.
42
43 Q. When will the Spillway gates be added to the top of the
44 Dam?
45
46 A. These gates will be installed for each stage on
47 completion of that portion of the Dam.

1 Q. There appears to be a great deal of loose rock on the
2 slope above the right bank of the river. Do you antici-
3 pate any problems with this during construction?

4
5 A. Examination of the area above the right Dam abutment and
6 of the right abutment itself does not reveal that a
7 problem exists. If necessary, however, this loose mate-
8 rial can be stabilized.

9
10 Q. How will you maintain flow down the river while doing
11 the construction?

12
13 Since the Stage I cofferdam will direct the flow to the
14 north bank, during Stage I construction all river water
15 will continue over the north side of the Falls. At the
16 time the water is diverted from the north bank over the
17 top of the partially completed Dam, the water level will
18 be raised to slightly above Elevation 1988 (top of the
19 concrete portion of the Dam), while the water is allowed
20 to pass downstream through the channel being closed by
21 the Stage II cofferdam.

22
23 Calculations have been made to determine a schedule for
24 the construction of the closure of the Stage II coffer-
25 dam that will ensure continuous river flow downstream.
26 The calculations show that during the Stage II cofferdam
27 closure, flow down river will always exceed 3500 cubic
28 feet per second, based on the minimum release of 4000
29 cubic feet per second from Libby Dam.

30
31 Q. What is the time table and procedure for the construc-
32 tion of the Intake?

33
34 A. As previously discussed, excavation from the bottom of
35 the river for the construction of the Intake will begin
36 early in the work. The Shaft will be concreted during
37 the middle of the second year and construction of the
38 Intake will begin shortly thereafter. The Intake must
39 be completed with gates before the Stage II cofferdam is
40 constructed to divert the river flow to the south bank
41 in the third year of the work.

42
43 Q. Will any work be done to the walls of the tunnels before
44 concrete lining is placed?

45
46 A. Yes. The arch of the tunnels will be reinforced with
47 long embedded tensioned rods (rock anchors) that are
48 designed to stabilize the arch surface and transform the
49 rock face into a structural supporting arch.

1 After the appropriate number of rock anchors are placed,
2 as determined by examination of the exposed rock, the
3 entire surface will be coated with a thick - one or two
4 inch - concrete lining applied as "shotcrete", which is
5 a pneumatically applied sprayed-on concrete.
6

7 In some cases, excavation may reveal faulty rock. In
8 that case, steel arches will be placed as required to
9 support the tunnel roof.
10

11 Q. There are many tunnels planned for this Project. Will
12 they all be lined with concrete?
13

14 A. Yes, on completion, all of the tunnels will be concrete
15 lined including the Access Tunnel. The penstocks will
16 be lined with steel between the Valve Gallery and the
17 Powerstation.
18

19 Q. When is that work planned?
20

21 A. Much of the excavation will be removed through the In-
22 take Shaft at the end of the Head Tunnel, and for this
23 reason, it may be desirable to delay paving the tunnel
24 invert until the Shaft is no longer needed for excava-
25 tion. In that case, concrete work may initiate in the
26 Powerstation and other areas first.
27

28 In any event, the tunnel concrete work will be done in
29 two parts; that is, the invert and the arch placements
30 will be done separately. The bottom of the tunnel will
31 be paved by use of a sliding (or sled) paving machine
32 and steel forms will be used to complete the tunnel
33 lining. Typically, these forms are especially con-
34 structed to collapse to permit a length of formwork to
35 be jumped ahead of a length being used to shape con-
36 crete. In this way, the placement of tunnel concrete
37 can continue for a long period. Usually, tunnel con-
38 crete is placed continuously, round the clock, for a
39 normal work week.
40

41 Concrete will be pumped in place for the construction of
42 the arch of the tunnel, and may be pumped in place for
43 the construction of the invert.
44

45 Q. The penstocks are to be steel lined. How will the con-
46 crete be placed between the steel lining and the rock
47 surface of the penstocks?
48

- 1 A. In effect, the steel liners of the penstocks become the
2 forms for the concrete. No invert is poured. The steel
3 liners are welded together and securely fastened and
4 braced in place to prevent them from being dislodged or
5 forced out-of-round while the concrete is being placed.
6 Concrete is pumped in place along the top of the pen-
7 stock and worked first from one side and then the other
8 to assure that all voids are filled under the penstock
9 liners.
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11 Q. How will concrete be placed in the Powerstation itself?
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- 13 A. The Powerstation is to be constructed underground and
14 the excavation will delineate the rough outline of the
15 shape of the station. The finished excavation will be
16 covered with shotcrete immediately after the necessary
17 rock bolting is completed.
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19 It is probable that most of the concrete for the Power-
20 station will be placed by pumping. Concrete aggregate
21 will be 1-1/2 and 3/4 inch maximum size.
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23 For the most part, massive concrete will be limited to
24 the embedment of turbine and accessories.
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26 Q. Are there other particular requirements for the con-
27 struction of the draft tubes and the embedment of the
28 spiral case?
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- 30 A. Yes, this work is very critical to proper operation of
31 the Powerstation. The concrete surface of the draft
32 tubes must be formed especially smooth and dense because
33 of the velocity of water passing through. Embedment of
34 the draft tube liner requires care in controlling the
35 rate of placement to prevent displacement and to control
36 the temperature rise of the concrete.
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38 Q. How will the Bus Shaft linings be constructed?
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- 40 A. The Bus Shaft will be lined with shotcrete blown onto
41 the exposed rock wall. Present indications are that
42 formed concrete lining will not be necessary.
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44 Q. The Tail Tunnel Outlet will be constructed in the river.
45 Will that present any particular problems?
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- 47 A. Forms will be prefabricated complete with the piping in
48 place for underwater placement of concrete and the
49 concrete will be pumped into the forms. Care will be

1 taken during placement to maintain the ends of tremie
2 pipe within the mass of concrete. The work will be
3 scheduled for construction during the summer months when
4 river flows are lowest. Divers will be used when needed
5 to assist in the work.
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7 Q. Would you describe the magnitude, source and disposition
8 of the excavated material?
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10 A. The quantities below will reflect the level of magnitude
11 of excavation we are dealing with.
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13 Major sources of excavation are grouped as follows:
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15 A. Underground Excavation
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17 1. Powerstation including Penstocks, Valve
18 Gallery, Draft tubes, Gate Gallery and Bus
19 Shaft totalling250,000 c.y.
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21 2. Head Tunnel, Tail Tunnel, Access Tunnel and
22 Intake Shaft totalling.....410,000 c.y.
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24 3. Construction Tunnels
25

26 No. 1. - 14,000 c.y.
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28 No. 2. - 16,000 c.y.

30,000 c.y.

29 Total A - Excavation from Underground 690,000 c.y.
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31 B. Aboveground Excavation
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33 1. Intake, Access Tunnel
34 Entrance totalling.....113,000 c.y.
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36 2. Tail Tunnel Outlet
37 and Dam Excavation..... 47,000 c.y.
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39 Total B - Excavation from aboveground 160,000 c.y.
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41 Total for aboveground and below ground
42 excavation (Total A and B)850,000 c.y.
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44 In summary, excavation will require approximately
45 850,000 c.y. measured in place.
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47 It has been found that when rock is broken and excavated
48 the volume increases by about 50 percent to 60 percent
49 and generally, in order to obtain the full "neat line"

1 excavation, extra rock is removed. This is called
2 "overbreak". Applying these factors, and including
3 other small quantities of excavation, we can expect a
4 total volume of material to be handled in a loose form
5 to be approximately 1,360,000 c.y. Calculations reveal
6 that there will be an accumulation of about 750,000 c.y.
7 (loose measurement) more excavation after 20 months than
8 has been used in the construction.
9

10 Q. In what manner will excavated material be used for fill
11 at the Project?
12

13 A. Early in the construction, a great deal of material will
14 be needed for fill material along the left bank of the
15 river to provide the construction site area shown on
16 Exhibit _____ (SEH-1). Additionally, a large quantity
17 of material will be needed to build the Stage I coffer-
18 dam and for the relocation of the railroad. The quanti-
19 ties listed are presented in two forms; i.e., first as
20 an estimate of the quantity required based upon the
21 expected density of the material when used as fill for
22 the construction plant area, the cofferdam and for rail-
23 road relocation; and secondly, as an estimate of the
24 solid rock excavation at a higher density (140 pounds
25 per cubic foot) to produce the fill material.
26

27 Present estimates of the required quantities of material
28 for the above are as shown in Table 2.
29

30 Table 2
31

32 QUANTITIES OF MATERIAL REQUIRED
33

	<u>Fill Quantity</u> <u>cubic yards</u>		<u>In-Place</u> <u>Quantity</u> <u>cubic yards</u>
34 Constuction Plant area	146,000	@115 pcf ^{1/}	120,000
35 Cofferdam (Stage I)	63,500	@130 pcf	59,000
36 Railroad Relocation:	<u>223,000</u>	@120 pcf	<u>191,000</u>
37 TOTAL:	428,500 c.y.		370,000c.y.

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46 ^{1/} Pound per cubic foot.
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48 Q. How much of the excavation do you expect to utilize for
49 concrete?

1 A. Estimates of the total amount of concrete required for
2 the entire construction is 180,000 c.y. Each cubic yard
3 of concrete will require about 22 cubic feet of aggre-
4 gate as measured in place. A good estimate of the bulk
5 use of stock pile is approximately 1.25 cubic yards of
6 bulk aggregate for each cubic yard of concrete. The
7 total of excavation (loose measurement) required for
8 concrete is estimated to be 225,000 cubic yards obtained
9 from 150,000 cubic yards of solid rock.

10
11 Q. It appears from your previous testimony that a great
12 deal more excavation of rock is produced than is re-
13 quired for use in the construction. How do you visua-
14 lize the stockpile of materials required or available at
15 any time during the construction?

16
17 A. Our studies show that the materials produced in excava-
18 tion exceed the amount required for construction.

19
20 It appears that there will be about 750,000 c.y. of
21 excess excavation (loose measurement) to be stockpiled
22 or partially disposed of late in the second year of
23 construction. About 100,000 c.y. of this material will
24 be needed later for concrete aggregate. On completion
25 of the second stage of the spillway, it will be neces-
26 sary to remove the cofferdam, which will add to the
27 stockpile, and the final bulk quantity of excess excava-
28 tion appears to be near 700,000 c.y.

29
30 Q. Have you given any thought to a possible use of the
31 excess material?

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33 A. Yes, thought has been given to methods for utilizing
34 excess excavation. The rock crusher could be operated
35 to process the material for railroad ballast, public and
36 private road surfacing, and possibly for use as concrete
37 aggregate on other jobs that might be underway at the
38 time. Convenient access to the railroad should extend
39 the radius of interest for this material. The Burling-
40 ton Northern Railroad has evidenced interest in acqui-
41 ing some surplus material for railroad ballast and dis-
42 cussions are underway on that subject.

43
44 Finally, any remaining unused or unneeded rock could be
45 used in the Reservoir as part of the fish mitigation
46 plan. Estimates indicate that 450,000 c.y. (loose
47 measurement) of clean broken rock excavation could be
48 used for shallow substrate. The rock plant would be
49 adjusted to provide the desired grading.

- 1 Q. How do you plan to receive cement and fly ash for the
2 Project?.
- 3
4 A. Cement and flyash can come by truck or by rail. It is
5 probable that both will be used. Early in the construc-
6 tion during railroad track relocation, there will be no
7 parking siding at the Project so cement will be
8 delivered by truck. The amount required in the first
9 year is small and will not exceed 5,000 c.y. Toward the
10 beginning of the second year, however, concrete work
11 will increase rapidly and the amount of cement needed
12 will also increase. During some months the schedule
13 requires 12,000-14,000 c.y. of concrete, using 3800
14 tons of cement and flyash. This would require about 190
15 semi-trailer loads of cement and fly-ash per month. At
16 that time it would be best to receive cement by rail.
17 Rail cars could be used as surge storage bins to reduce
18 the size and number of cement silos, and to reduce the
19 space required for silos near the concrete plant.
- 20
21 Q. Will reinforcing steel be delivered by truck or by rail?
- 22
23 A. Both methods will be used. Requirements for reinforcing
24 steel are large during the second and third years, and
25 much of the reinforcing steel will be delivered by rail
26 at that time. During periods of limited demand, rein-
27 forcing steel will be delivered by truck. The space for
28 storage of reinforcing steel on site is so limited that
29 the contractor will not be able to purchase and store a
30 large inventory on site. Much of the fabrication for
31 reinforcing will be done in the concrete placement loca-
32 tions.
- 33
34 Q. Where do you plan to store materials for concrete forms?
- 35
36 A. Special forms and blockout forms may be fabricated in
37 a carpenter shop at the Project, or at an alternate shop
38 in either Libby or Troy. These forms will be stacked
39 near the carpenter shop or offsite until needed.
40 Reusable steel forms will be required for the Dam and
41 the Powerhouse and will be stored and cleaned near their
42 point of use.
- 43
44 A major portion of the forms are those required for
45 tunnels. Components will be trucked into the tunnel
46 and assembled there.

- 1 It will be necessary to obtain a storage yard off-site
2 to collect and store forming and other materials ahead
3 of need.
- 4
- 5 Q. There will be large manufactured parts in the Project.
6 How will these be delivered and where will they be as-
7 sembled?
- 8
- 9 A. Much of the heavy equipment, such as parts of the tur-
10 bine, the spiral case, draft tube liners, generator
11 stators and rotors, cranes, transformers and similar
12 large equipment would best be delivered by rail. The
13 demand for this equipment, late in the construction
14 schedule, best fits the availability of the railroad
15 siding. The embedment of the draft tubes should begin
16 during the middle of the second year and the railroad
17 relocation is expected to be complete by the end of the
18 first year.
- 19
- 20 Considerable space will be required for assembly of some
21 of these units. A fabrication welding shop and storage
22 space could be established within the 50-foot diameter
23 horseshoe-shaped Head Tunnel. This would be convenient,
24 from the standpoint of placing the penstock liners.
25 Penstock valves could also be stored in the Power
26 Tunnel.
- 27
- 28 Care would have to be given to adequate ventilation but
29 the advantage of having a reasonably controlled tempera-
30 ture and protection from precipitation would be very
31 helpful for winter time fabrication and assembly.
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- 33 Q. Please identify the major milestones in the construction
34 schedule.
- 35
- 36 A. The schedule is set forth in Exhibit _____ (SEH-2). It
37 anticipates completion of the work and power generation
38 by all units within 4-1/2 years after "notice to pro-
39 ceed". The first year is primarily mobilization, exca-
40 vation and railroad relocation. The second year in-
41 cludes excavation, concrete construction and installa-
42 tion of equipment. The final 18 months includes the
43 completion of all civil work, completion of mechanical
44 and electrical work to obtain power from the No. 1 unit
45 towards the middle of the fourth year. The activation
46 and testing of the remaining units are scheduled over
47 the remaining year.

1 Q. What magnitude of labor and supervisory forces do you
2 anticipate for the Project?
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4 A. Present estimates indicate that the number of super-
5 visory people needed will range from 10 or 12 during the
6 early months to a maximum of 70-80 during the second
7 year and third year of construction.
8
9 The number of skilled workers and laborers also vary.
10 Initially, the work force will require approximately 100
11 workers and will increase to approximately 500 by the
12 middle or end of the second year. This number will
13 remain fairly static, on average, throughout the Project
14 until the civil work nears completion. During the last
15 12 months, the work force is expected to be reduced to
16 less than 100. A skeleton crew of about 20-30 workers
17 will remain during the final month to complete testing,
18 clean-up and turnover of the works to the Applicant.
19
20 Q. If the Project ever had to be abandoned what would be
21 required?
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23 A. Abandonment of this Project is expected to be relatively
24 simple. The major portions of the Project are under-
25 ground and of adequate strength to remain in place.
26 Submerged concrete continues to gain strength. Abandon-
27 ment would leave a cavern deep underground filled with
28 water to the elevation of the tailwater.
29
30 Q. What in particular do you foresee for abandonment proce-
31 dures at the Dam site?
32
33 A. It would not be desirable to remove the concrete portion
34 of the Dam and release a large volume of sediment down-
35 stream, temporarily filling downstream pools. The low
36 concrete Dam itself and abutments would be left in
37 place. All metallic objects, such as gates, handrails,
38 hydraulic lines, and other such non-concrete materials
39 would be completely removed. Over the years the river
40 bed would fill with sediment and the low Dam would be-
41 come for all practical purposes a waterfall. With the
42 passage of centuries, the abrasive overflow would erode
43 the top of the Dam, gradually reducing the height of the
44 Falls and eventually the river flow will assume charac-
45 teristics similar to those prior to construction.
46
47 In the event the Project has been operating for a very
48 long time, sediment may have built-up against the steel
49 gates. If the Project is abandoned in that condition, a

1 concrete section would be added downstream from the Dam
2 to the elevation of the crest of the gates. Old con-
3 crete and new concrete would be joined by a drilled-in
4 anchor system. The Dam in that condition would become a
5 permanent feature.

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7 Q. Would there be extensive termination work on the Power-
8 station?

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10 A. All salvageable materials or materials that might pro-
11 duce toxic products during decay would be removed;
12 however, embedded steel items such as penstock liners,
13 draft tubes, and gate guides would be left in place.
14 The Bus Shaft would be sealed by a concrete plug at-
15 tached to the surrounding rock.

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17 The Powerstation would then be allowed to fill with
18 water from the tailrace.

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20 Q. Would you expect to fill the tunnels with solid mate-
21 rial?

22
23 A. No. The Head Tunnel and Tail Tunnel would be allowed to
24 fill with river water from the Tailrace. The Tail
25 Tunnel would be plugged for a distance of approximately
26 100 feet upstream from the river by use of gravel fill
27 and pressure grout. The Intake could be demolished, the
28 remnants dropped into the Intake Shaft and a concrete
29 slab placed on top.

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31 The entrance to the Access Tunnel would be filled with
32 boulders and gravel for a distance of approximately 100
33 feet to discourage entry, but to permit air movement
34 through the tunnel.

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36 Q. Have you prepared a construction cost estimate for the
37 Kootenai River Hydroelectric Project?

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39 A. Yes. It is shown on my Table 3.

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Table 3
COST ESTIMATE SUMMARY NOV. 1981

<u>FERC Account Number</u>	<u>Item</u>	
330	Land and Land Rights	\$5,390,000
331	Power Plant Structures and Improvements	34,089,000
332	Reservoir, Dams, and Waterways	81,932,000
333	Water Wheels, Turbines, and Generators	42,503,000
334	Accessory Electric Equipment	6,273,000
335	Miscellaneous Power Plant Equipment	2,583,000
336	Roads, Railroads, and Bridges	523,000
353	Substation and Switching Station Equipment	5,149,000
	Subtotal Direct Cost	178,442,000
	Contingencies 15% (Items 330,331,332, 336)	18,290,000
	Contingencies 8% (Items 333,334,335, 353)	<u>4,521,000</u>
	Total Direct Cost	\$201,253,000
	Administration and Engineering (12% of Direct Cost)	<u><u>24,150,000</u></u>
	PRESENT DAY CONSTRUCTION COST (rounded to nearest million dollars)	<u><u><u>\$225,000,000</u></u></u>

- Q. Describe the procedures used in arriving at this cost.
- A. Costs were estimated in a manner similar to that which a Contractor would use to prepare a bid for construction, but with a lesser level of detail appropriate to the present stage of design. That is, a plan and schedule

1 for the work was selected, as presented in previous
2 testimony, and based upon the plan, certain types and
3 pieces of equipment will be required to accomplish the
4 work. Calculations reveal the number of trucks, drills
5 and other equipment needed to meet the schedule. Costs
6 for using and operating the equipment can be obtained
7 from the Construction Equipment Reference Guide,
8 prepared by the National Research and Appraisal Co.
9 Estimates of current wage requirements can be obtained
10 from the Labor Rates for the Construction Industry,
11 prepared annually by the R. S. Means Company. This
12 publication provides rates for recognized trades in each
13 state.
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15 Costs computed in this way were then adjusted to reflect
16 overhead and profit required by contractors, and include
17 such items as fringe benefits, overhead personnel, and
18 camp operation. These prices are then reduced to unit
19 prices, where applicable, and compared to recent prices
20 of competitively bid projects of a similar nature. Any
21 significant differences were reevaluated.
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23 Q. What does the estimate include?

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25 A. The estimate includes the following items:
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- 27 (1) Direct cost to perform all the work and furnish and
28 install all equipment to make the Project opera-
29 tional. This also includes an estimate for acquir-
30 ing the necessary land and land rights and Contrac-
31 tor's overhead and profit.
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33 (2) A contingency is added to all civil construction
34 (15 percent) to reflect unexpected difficulties and
35 changed conditions that might be encountered during
36 excavation and construction.
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38 (3) A contingency (8 percent) is added to the cost
39 estimate for furnishing and installing all mechani-
40 cal and electrical items. This contingency re-
41 flects experience in constructing other hydroelec-
42 tric projects.
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44 (4) An estimate of the cost for administering the con-
45 tract(s) and for engineering work to design and
46 inspect the construction. This figure is estimated
47 at 12 percent of the direct cost including contin-
48 gencies.

1 Q. What is the estimated cost?
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3 A. The estimated construction cost is \$225,000,000.
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5 Q. What is the date of this estimate?
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7 A. The original costs were computed at November, 1978
8 prices. These costs were escalated to reflect interven-
9 ing inflation in accordance with the U.S.B.R. Index -
10 Powerplant Buildings and Equipment and the figures I
11 have given you are for November, 1981.
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13 Q. What is not included in the estimate?
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15 A. The estimate just given does not reflect any estimate of
16 future cost changes due to inflation (or perhaps defla-
17 tion), and does not include interest during construction
18 which is addressed by Witness H. Chen.
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20 Q. Does this conclude your prepared direct testimony?
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22 A. Yes.

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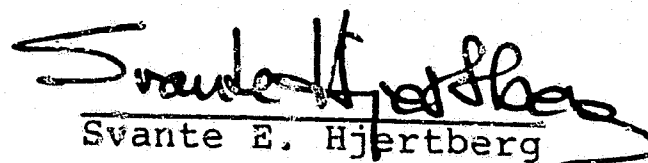
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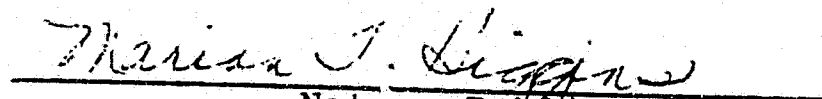
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Svante E. Hjertberg, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he has read the foregoing prepared direct testimony of Svante E. Hjertberg, that he would respond in the same manner to the questions if so asked upon taking the stand, and that the matters of fact set forth therein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.


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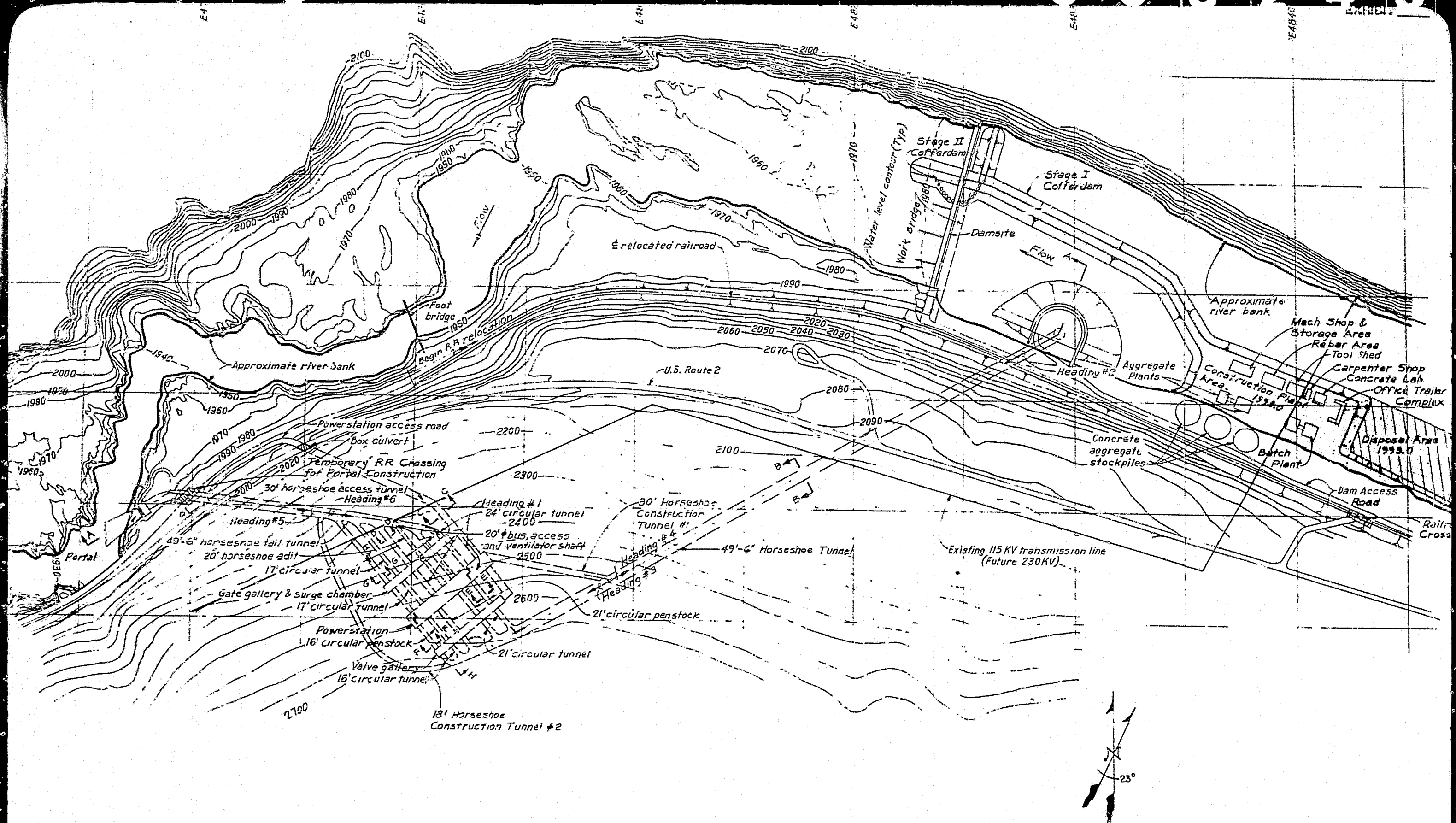
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List of Exhibits

<u>Title</u>	<u>Exhibit No.</u>
Construction Layout	___ (SEH-1)
Preliminary Construction Schedule	___ (SEH-2)
Isometric Powerstation Excavation	___ (SEH-3)

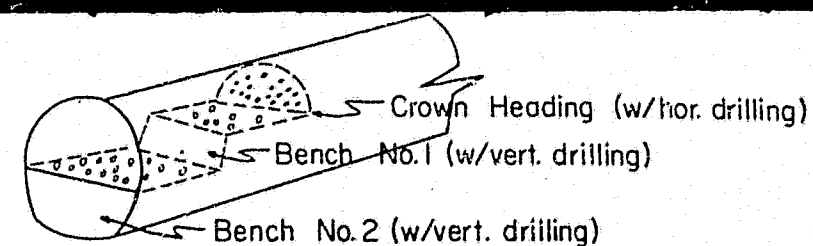
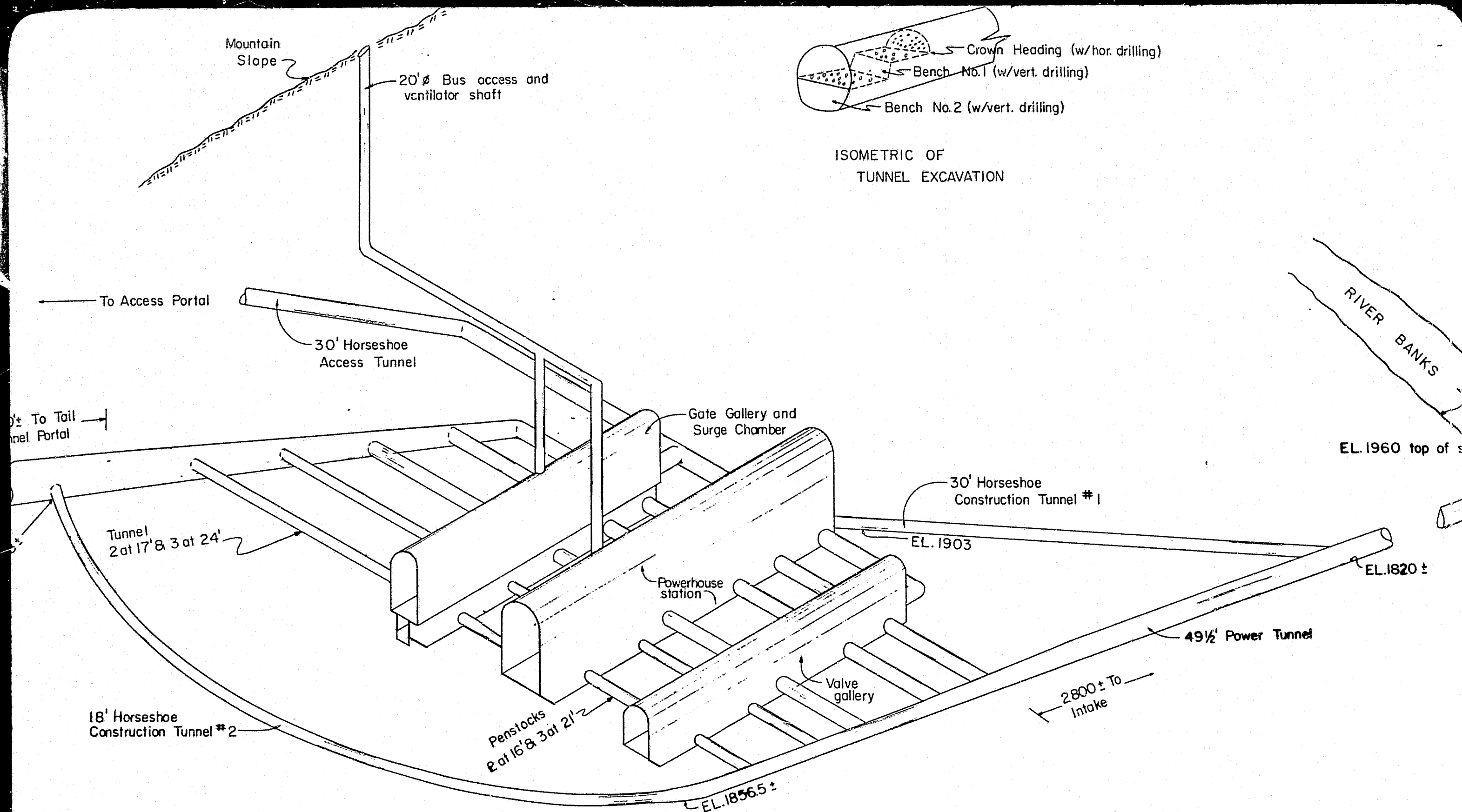


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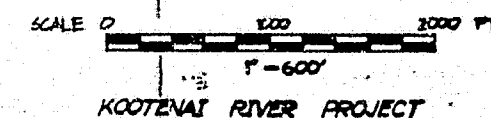
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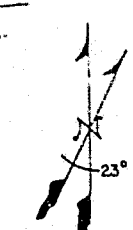


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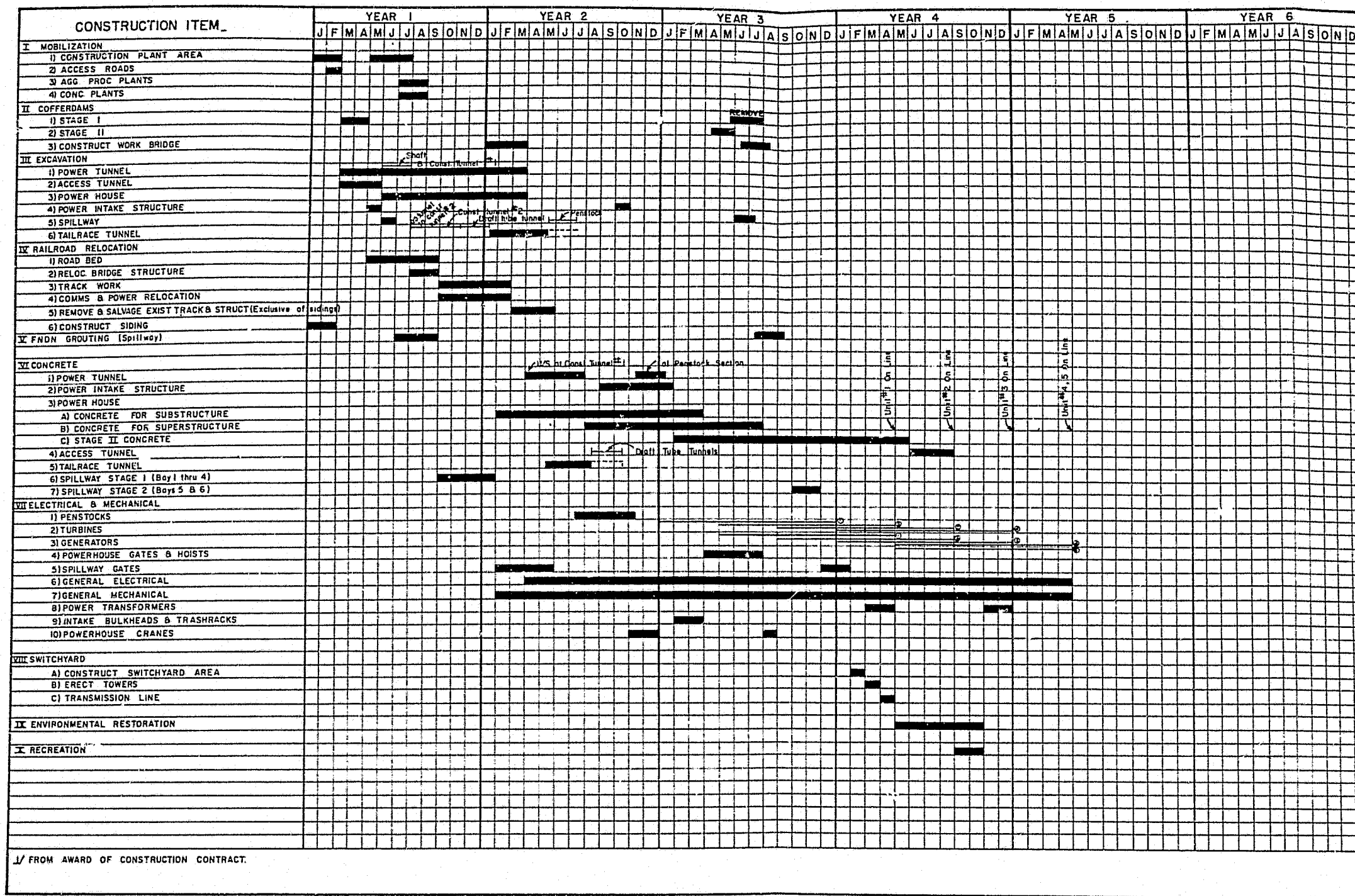




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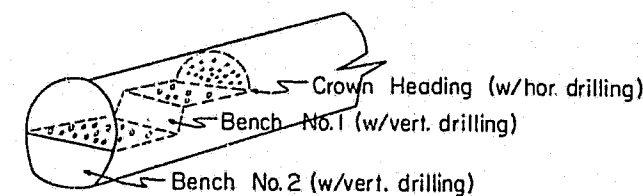
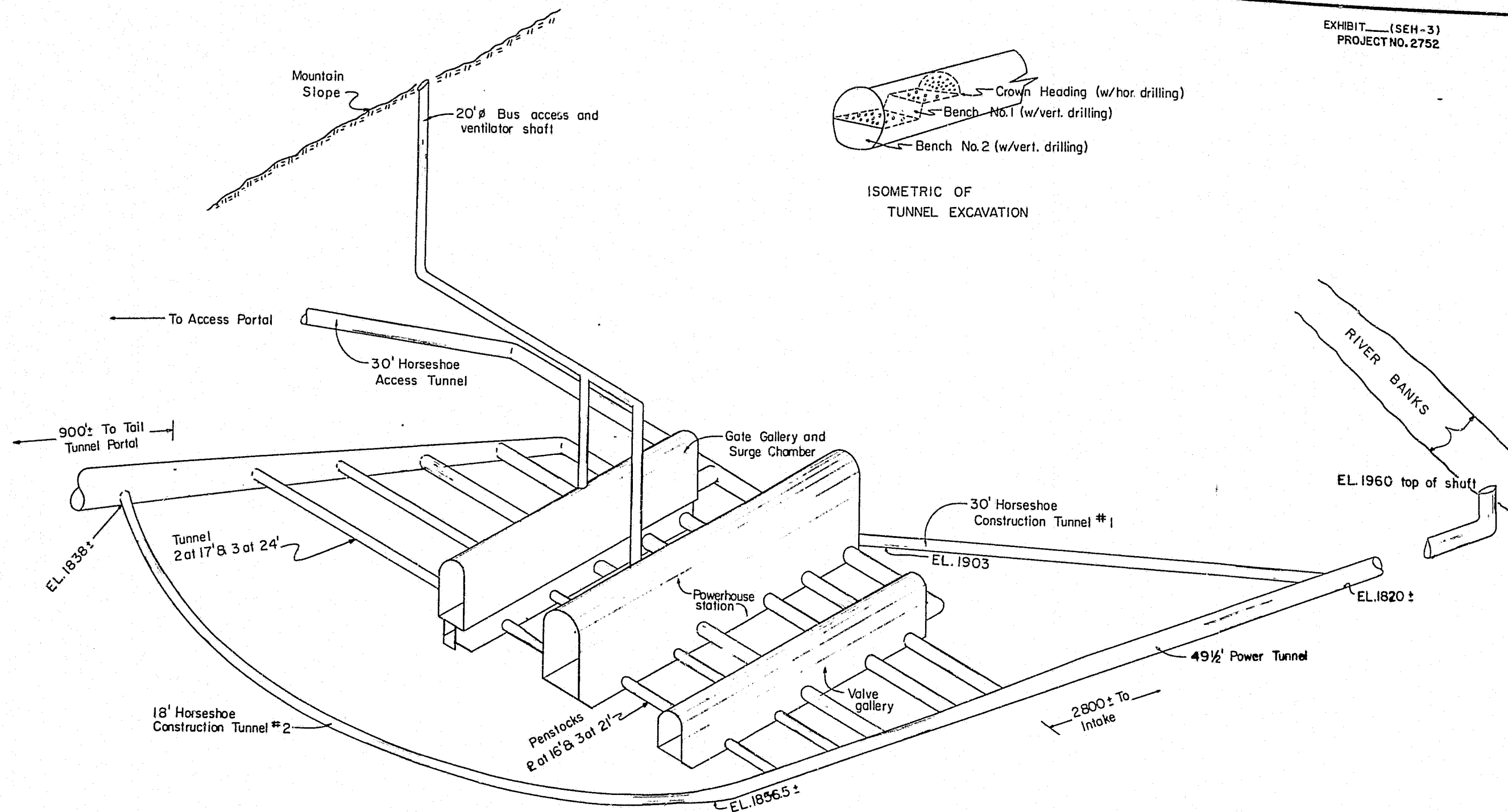


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NORTHERN LIGHTS, INC.)

PROJECT NO. 2752

DIRECT TESTIMONY OF HENRY H. CHEN
ON BEHALF OF NORTHERN LIGHTS

- 1 Q Please state your name and business address.
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3 A. My name is Henry H. Chen. My business address is 150 S.
4 Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60606.
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6 Q. By whom are you employed and in what capacity?
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8 A. I am a Senior Associate and head of the Water and Energy
9 Planning and Design Department of Harza Engineering
10 Company.
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12 Q. What is your education and professional background?
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14 A. I graduated from Hong Kong University in 1956 with a
15 Bachelor of Science in Engineering. I have 25 years of
16 experience in hydroelectric engineering and related
17 fields. I have been with Harza Engineering Company for
18 22 years. During this time I have been involved in
19 studies for electric power system expansions and
20 planning of hydroelectric powerplants. I am registered
21 as a professional engineer in the State of Illinois.
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23 Q. What is your connection with the Kootenai River Hydro-
24 electric Project?
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26 A. I directed and participated in studies of alternative
27 energy resources, including studies of the Kootenai
28 River Project economics and alternative hydroelectric
29 sites.

- 1 Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?
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- 3 A. I will describe the studies comparing the Kootenai
- 4 Project with alternative hydroelectric projects. Next,
- 5 I will describe the studies of alternative reservoir
- 6 elevations and minimum spillway releases at the Project.
- 7 Finally I will describe the studies comparing the
- 8 Kootenai River Project with non-hydro alternatives.
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- 10 Q. Please summarize first the results and conclusions of
- 11 your studies comparing the proposed Kootenai River
- 12 Project with alternative hydroelectric projects.
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- 14 A. The cost of energy production from the proposed Kootenai
- 15 River Project is lowest when compared with alternative
- 16 hydro- electric projects that might be built by the
- 17 Applicant. I conclude, therefore, that the proposed
- 18 Kootenai River Project is the most economic hydro
- 19 installation for the Applicant.
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- 21 Q. Which alternative hydroelectric projects have you
- 22 studied in arriving at this conclusion?
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- 24 A. I studied the Katka Project and the Rocky Creek Project.
- 25 Both of these projects are located on the Kootenai River
- 26 and are described by Witness Allen. I also studied a
- 27 smaller Kootenai River Project with a lower reservoir
- 28 elevation than the proposed Project. These projects
- 29 were selected after consideration of a longer list of
- 30 hydroelectric projects, as explained in Witness Allen's
- 31 testimony.
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- 33 Q. Please describe your studies of the alternative
- 34 hydroelectric projects.
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- 36 A. Exhibit ___ (HHC-1) shows the comparative cost estimates
- 37 of alternative hydroelectric projects. Exhibit
- 38 (HHC-1) consists of two sheets, the first of which
- 39 summarizes the three alternatives and the proposed
- 40 Project.
- 41
- 42 Q. Please describe these alternatives.
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- 44 A. Alternative I consists of the 138-MW Katka Project with
- 45 reservoir elevation at 1862. Alternative II consists of
- 46 a combination of two projects, the 50-MW Katka Project
- 47 with reservoir elevation at 1817, and the 80-MW Rocky
- 48 Creek Project with reservoir elevation at 1868.

1 Alternative III consists of another combination of two
2 projects, the 59-MW Rocky Creek Project with reservoir
3 elevation 1857, and the 125-MW Kootenai River Project
4 with headwater Elevation 1990. The proposed Kootenai River
5 Project is shown in the last column of the exhibit. This
6 is the 144 MW Project with reservoir Elevation 2000.
7

8 Q. Before moving on to the rest of the exhibit, please
9 explain how you have formulated these alternatives.

10
11 A. As explained in Witness Allen's testimony, these alterna-
12 tives were formulated so that each would have about the
13 same generating capability and energy production as the
14 proposed Kootenai River project. It was necessary to
15 combine two projects in forming a single alternative in
16 the cases where the generating capability of a hydro
17 project was too small.
18

19 Q. How did you establish the generating capability at each
20 site?
21

22 A. The generating capability at Kootenai River is the maxi-
23 mum output from the plant installation with a discharge
24 of approximately 24,000 cubic feet per second. At each
25 alternative site we added the mean runoff between it and
26 the Kootenai River site to establish the appropriate
27 turbine discharge capacity, as explained in Witness
28 Allen's testimony.
29

30 Q. Please proceed with your explanation of the Exhibit —
31 (HHC-1).
32

33 A. I next show the average annual energy production from
34 each alternative on Lines 8, 9 and 10 of Sheet 1 of the
35 exhibit. Energy production is based on streamflow,
36 operating head, and plant turbine capacity.
37

38 Q. Your Exhibit — (HHC-1) next shows estimated capital
39 costs of the alternatives. Please describe how these
40 estimates were derived.
41

42 A. Given the headwater elevations and the required plant
43 capabilities for each site, we prepared layouts and
44 established design concepts. We then prepared quantity
45 estimates and developed ratings and types of machinery.
46 The final step was the preparation of the cost
47 estimates. The method of developing the cost estimates
48
49

1 is similar to the preparation for the Kootenai River
2 Project and the cost estimates have been prepared to
3 include all the items contained in the proposed Kootenai
4 River Project.

5
6 Q. What are the items that have been included in the cost
7 estimates?

8
9 A. Sheet 2 of Exhibit ___ (HHC-1) shows the cost estimates
10 as of November 1981 by major items, in accordance with
11 the FERC account numbers. Thus FERC Accounts 330, 331,
12 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 353, 354 and 356 are included.
13 To the direct estimated costs of the above items we
14 have added an allowance for contingencies. Furthermore,
15 we have applied an allowance for engineering and owner's
16 administrative costs. The total construction costs
17 derived from Sheet 2 of Exhibit ___ (HHC-1) are entered
18 as line 12 on Sheet 1 of Exhibit ___ (HHC-1).

19
20 Q. Please return to and continue with your explanation of
21 Sheet 1 of Exhibit ___ (HHC-1).

22
23 A. We next determine the total capital cost of the alterna-
24 tives by adding the cost of interest during construction
25 to the estimated construction cost.

26
27 Q. How is interest during construction estimated?

28
29 A. Interest during construction is estimated using an
30 annual interest rate of 10 percent, and a construction
31 period of 4 1/2 years. A uniform expenditure rate and
32 simple interest payments are assumed over the construc-
33 tion period.

34
35 Q. Please continue.

36
37 A. The remaining portion of the exhibit shows the steps
38 leading to the determination of the comparative cost of
39 energy. To do this, we determine the total cost that is
40 required to own, operate and maintain the project.

41
42 Q. Please continue.

43
44 A. This cost is also called total annual cost. It includes
45 the interest on the investment, amortization, taxes, and
46 insurance and other annual costs. The annual cost has
47 been computed as a levelized amount over the life of the

1 hydro project, estimated to be 50 years. We have used
2 an annual interest rate of 10 percent. Amortization is
3 estimated at 0.086 percent of investment. Insurance is
4 estimated from data given in the FERC publication Hydro-
5 electric Power Evaluation, 1979 edition. An adjustment
6 has been made to the estimates from that publication to
7 account for escalation from 1979 to 1981. Taxes are
8 estimated from information gathered from the Lincoln
9 County Assessor's Office.

10
11 Q. What are the other costs and how are they derived?

12
13 A. The only other costs are the operating and maintenance
14 costs. These costs are also based on information given
15 in the FERC publication cited above, and adjusted to the
16 November 1981 price level. Included in the annual costs
17 is an allowance for payment to the United States
18 Government for upstream reservoir regulation.

19
20 Q. How do you then derive the comparative costs of energy?

21
22 A. The comparative costs of energy is expressed in mills
23 per kilowatt-hour. It is derived by dividing the total
24 annual cost by the total annual energy production.

25
26 Q. What are the resulting costs of energy, and what do the
27 results mean?

28
29 A. The cost of the proposed Kootenai River Project is 60
30 mills per kilowatt-hour, while the other alternatives
31 have energy costs ranging from 74 mills to 117 mills per
32 kilowatt-hour. This shows that the proposed Kootenai
33 River Project is the least-cost alternative, or
34 economically most attractive.

35
36 Q. Please describe the studies leading to the selection of
37 the Reservoir Elevation 2000 for the proposed Kootenai
38 River Project.

39
40 A. The selection was made after an evaluation of the energy
41 costs with headwater elevation in the range from 1990 to
42 2005.

43
44 Q. I show you Exhibit __ (HHC-2). Please describe this
45 exhibit.

46
47 A. Exhibit __ (HHC-2) is a tabulation of plant characteris-
48 tics and cost estimates for the Kootenai Project with

1 Reservoir elevation from 1990 to 2000 in two-foot
2 increments, and for the project with Reservoir Elevation
3 2005. The comparative costs of energy are shown on line
4 29.
5
6 Q. How are plant capabilities and annual energy productions
7 determined?
8
9 A. Plant capabilities are determined to correspond to a
10 maximum turbine discharge of about 24,000 cfs. Energy
11 productions are next determined on the basis of water
12 supply and operating head.
13
14 Q. You have shown the railroad relocation requirements in
15 line 7 of this exhibit. Is that significant?
16
17 A. Yes. The cost of most items varies uniformly and by
18 small increments with change in Reservoir elevation and
19 in the rating of the plant. Railroad relocation re-
20 quirements tend to change by relatively small increments
21 between Elevation 1990 and 2000. Above Elevation 2000,
22 railroad relocation increases dramatically. The esti-
23 mated costs of railroad relocations are included in FERC
24 account number 330 and are shown on line 10 of Exhibit
25 (HHC-2).
26
27 Q. What is the basis for your cost estimates?
28
29 A. The cost estimates for the alternative reservoir eleva-
30 tions have been based on layouts and design concepts
31 that are similar to those for the proposed Kootenai
32 River Project. Minor quantity and cost adjustments were
33 made to account for the changes in reservoir elevation
34 and for changes in equipment rating. The major differ-
35 ence in the cost estimates of the alternatives has been
36 due to the variation in railroad relocation require-
37 ments.
38
39 Q. Please discuss the resulting comparative unit costs of
40 energy.
41
42 A. First, the comparative costs of energy have been com-
43 puted in the same manner as has been done for the
44 comparison of alternative hydroelectric projects. The
45 results are given at the end of Exhibit (HHC-3).
46 There is a steady decrease in the energy cost from 65
47 mills per kilowatt-hour at Reservoir Elevation 1990 to
48 60 mills per kilowatt-hour at Reservoir Elevation 2000.

- 1 Above that elevation, energy costs increase slightly,
2 with estimated energy cost 61 mills per kilowatt-hour at
3 Reservoir Elevation 2005.
4
- 5 We conclude, therefore, that a 144-MW Kootenai River
6 Project with Reservoir Elevation 2000 is at the economic
7 optimum point for the site.
8
- 9 Q. How did you establish the minimum discharge over the
10 Spillway?
11
- 12 A. The minimum discharge over the Spillway was established
13 after considering a range of minimum discharges of zero,
14 500 cfs, 750 cfs and 1000 cfs. The minimum discharge of
15 750 cfs was then selected.
16
- 17 Q. Please describe the factors that you considered in the
18 selection.
19
- 20 A. Any discharge over the Spillway bypasses the Powersta-
21 tion and results in a loss of electrical energy that
22 could otherwise be produced by the Project. There is,
23 therefore, a direct reduction in the benefit that the
24 Project could derive.
25
- 26 Q. What are the reductions in energy production due to the
27 minimum discharge provision?
28
- 29 A. The reduction in energy production amounts to 28, 41,
30 and 55 million kilowatt-hours per year, with minimum
31 discharges of 500, 750 and 1000 cfs over the Spillway.
32 These are equivalent to 56,000, 82,000, and 110,000
33 barrels of oil per year being bypassed over the Spill-
34 way. The reductions amount to 5.4 percent, 8.0 percent,
35 and 10.7 percent of the possible energy production of
36 the Project.
37
- 38 Q. How did you arrive at the 750 cfs?
39
- 40 A. The minimum recorded discharge at the Libby gage is
41 slightly lower than 1,000 cfs. A discharge of 1,000 cfs
42 over the Spillway would significantly reduce the econo-
43 mic attractiveness of the Project. At the other
44 extreme, it was obvious that zero discharge over the
45 Spillway, which would maximize the economic benefits,
46 would provide environmentally unacceptable conditions
47 between the Dam and the Tail Tunnel Outlet.

1 Moving from zero discharge towards 1,000 cfs, we con-
2 cluded that 750 cfs would provide environmentally ac-
3 ceptable conditions and be consistent with project
4 economics.

5
6 Q. Have you considered other electric generating plants in
7 your evaluation of the economics of the Kootenai River
8 Project?

9
10 A. Yes. We considered solar power, wind power, biomass,
11 and geothermal powerplants, all for electric utility
12 operation. We also considered coal-fired steam plants,
13 combustion turbine powerplants, and nuclear powerplants.

14
15 Q. Please describe the use of solar energy in generating
16 electricity.

17
18 A. Solar radiation can be converted to electricity by
19 collecting and concentrating the sun's heat to produce
20 steam, which is then used to drive a turbo-generator to
21 produce electricity. The latest technology in solar
22 energy conversion is represented by the Solar One plant
23 being constructed near Barstow, California in the Mojave
24 Desert. The project is funded by the Department of
25 Energy, Southern California Edison Company, and the Los
26 Angeles Department of Water and Power. This is an
27 experimental project, with only 10,000 kilowatts of
28 capacity. The project employs banks of ground-level
29 mirrors that track the sun individually and focus the
30 rays onto an absorber atop a tall tower.

31
32 Q. Is solar energy a practical alternative to the Kootenai
33 River Project?

34
35 A. Not at the present time, for several reasons. First,
36 large scale solar energy utilization for electric power
37 generation in a utility system has not been demonstrated
38 to be feasible, when such factors as operational
39 reliability and serviceability and useful life are
40 considered. Second a great deal of uncertainty exists
41 as to the capital cost of such a project. Third, a
42 solar powerplant by itself produces electricity only
43 when the sun is shining, and backup generating capacity
44 is required. For these reasons the use of solar energy
45 to produce a comparable amount of generating capability
46 and electrical energy is not practical.

- 1 Q. Please describe the use of wind power in generating
2 electricity.
3
- 4 A. Research and development in wind power plants is
5 proceeding with the first 2.5-MW unit at Goodhue Hills
6 on the Columbia River near Goldendale, Washington. The
7 wind turbine is a MOD-2 model built by Boeing Engineer-
8 ing and Construction and operated by Bonneville Power
9 Administration for the Department of Energy. It is the
10 fourth in a series of wind turbines that began with the
11 MOD-0 unit built by NASA in 1975. Expected energy
12 production is 9 million kilowatt-hours per year.
13 Eventually three such turbines are to be built and
14 tested.
15
- 16 Q. Is wind power a practical alternative to the Project?
17
- 18 A. No. Large wind-powered generators, such as the MOD-2
19 design, have yet to be proven in test operations. These
20 machines would have to then be made in commercial
21 quantity to be more cost effective. The Applicant
22 would require 58 of these 2.5 MW units to provide the
23 same generating capability as the Project. However, the
24 generating capability from the wind power plants is not
25 available unless the wind blows at the required design
26 velocity. This lack of reliability is another reason
27 why the wind powerplant is not a practical alternative.
28 For these reasons, it is inappropriate to prepare
29 comparative cost estimates of wind power plants.
30
- 31 Q. Please describe the use of biomass in generating
32 electricity.
33
- 34 A. The major fuels for biomass powerplants are (1) crop
35 residues, (2) municipal waste, and (3) forest residues
36 or wood refuse. The use of crop residues for electri-
37 city generation is usually restricted to regions pro-
38 ducing large amounts of sugar cane, rice, and corn.
39 Even in these regions, the use of crop residues is
40 normally considered for powerplants having only a
41 fraction of the capacity of the proposed Project. The
42 use of municipal waste in a powerplant is normally re-
43 stricted to large metropolitan areas, such as Chicago
44 and St. Louis, which need to dispose of large amounts
45 of waste. Considering these factors, crop residues and
46 municipal waste are obviously impractical as a fuel in a
47 biomass powerplant that could be considered as an
48 alternative to the Project.

- 1 Q. Please describe your evaluation of a wood-fired power-
2 plant as an alternative to the Project.
3
- 4 A. Wood for fuel in a powerplant exists in Western Montana.
5 However, competition for land and forest products in the
6 region, including recreational uses of forest lands, is
7 a serious obstacle to the use of wood, forest residues,
8 or wood refuse as fuel to produce electrical energy.
9 The amount of wood to produce electrical energy equaling
10 the output of the proposed Project is very large,
11 equivalent to about 3000 tons a day, or 1,100,000 tons a
12 year.
13
- 14 Q. What is your conclusion regarding biomass as an
15 alternative to the Kootenai River Project?
16
- 17 A. Considering the lack of crops and crop residues and
18 municipal refuse and the limitations associated with
19 using wood as a fuel source, for the reasons discussed
20 above I conclude that biomass is not a practical
21 alternative to the Kootenai River Project.
22
- 23 Q. Please describe the use of geothermal energy in
24 generating electricity.
25
- 26 A. Geothermal energy is a form of usable heat energy that
27 is contained in subterranean regions of the earth. The
28 most useful form of geothermal energy for power
29 generation is natural steam. This steam can be used
30 either directly, or indirectly through a heat exchanger,
31 to drive a low pressure steam turbine and generator.
32 Such natural steam in large quantities occurs at only a
33 relatively few locations on the earth.
34
- 35 Another form of geothermal energy is superheated water,
36 which is obtained by drilling deep wells into hot zones
37 near the earth's surface and forcibly circulating water
38 through these hot zones. This superheated water is then
39 used for driving steam turbines to produce electricity.
40
- 41 Q. Is the use of geothermal energy a practical alternative
42 to the Kootenai River Project?
43
- 44 A. In a report entitled Energy from the West: Energy
45 Resource Development Systems Report, Volume VI:
46 Geothermal, prepared by Oklahoma University for the
47 Environmental Protection Agency in March, 1979,

1 geothermal resource regions in eight western states were
2 identified. The geothermal options were classified as:

- 3
4 (1) Vapor dominated (steam)
5
6 (2) High temperature hot water system (over 150°C)
7
8 (3) Intermediate temperature hot water systems
9 (90° to 150°C)
10
11 (4) Hot igneous (volcanic) system

12
13 Of the hot water systems only the high temperature
14 system (over 150°C) is currently being considered for
15 electricity generation.

16
17 In the State of Montana, no high temperature hot water
18 systems were identified. In the Yellowstone National
19 Park, in Wyoming, there exists a vapor dominated and a
20 high temperature hot water system. These are potential
21 sources for generating electricity for use within the
22 G&T service area. Commercial development potential of
23 these sources appears impractical for environmental
24 reasons.

25
26 Q. What are the practical alternatives to the Kootenai
27 Project?

28
29 A. The nuclear and coal-fired steam plants are practical
30 alternatives from the standpoint of operating experi-
31 ence, availability in the service area, and economics.
32 Should the Kootenai River Project not be built for any
33 reason, these are the only two alternatives that the
34 Applicant should seriously consider constructing to
35 provide the needed power. For this reason we have
36 conducted an economic analysis to compare these types of
37 powerplants with Kootenai.

38
39 Q. What are the major parameters used in the economic
40 analysis of alternative projects.

41
42 A. Please refer to Exhibit ____ (HHC-3) which shows the
43 economic parameters used in the economic analysis of the
44 Kootenai River Project. The capacity of all projects
45 was taken to be 144 MW, the size of the proposed
46 Kootenai River Project. The annual energy production of
47 515 million kWh is also based on the output of the
48 Kootenai River Project.

1 Q. What is the next parameter that you introduced into the
2 economic analysis?
3
4 A. Item 3 of Exhibit ____ (HHC-3) shows the availability
5 factor. Data on actual operating experience of each
6 type of plant -- hydroelectric, nuclear and coal-fired
7 steam -- were used to estimate the time a given plant
8 can be expected to be unavailable or out of service for
9 planned and forced outages. The time each plant is
10 available to serve on the system is called the
11 availability factor, and is expressed as a percentage.
12 The factor is highest for hydroelectric, with an average
13 of 96 percent, followed by coal-fired at 85 percent and
14 nuclear at 68 percent. A comparative availability
15 factor, using the hydroelectric plant availability
16 factor as a base, is then derived. This factor is then
17 used to adjust the construction cost for the additional
18 steam and nuclear capacity required to provide the
19 equivalent amount of capacity from the Kootenai River
20 Project. The comparative availability factors are 100,
21 72 and 89 percent for the hydroelectric, nuclear and
22 coal-fired plants, respectively.
23
24 Q. You next show as Item 5 of Exhibit ____ (HHC-3) the
25 construction costs of the alternative projects. How
26 were these costs derived?
27
28 A. The construction costs of the nuclear and coal-fired
29 alternatives were based on estimates obtained from
30 published reports. Construction costs of the nuclear
31 and coal-fired alternatives may vary due to unit size,
32 number of units, site conditions, plant design,
33 regulatory requirements, labor costs, etc. To account
34 for such variations, high and low estimates for the
35 nuclear and coal-fired alternatives were developed, as
36 shown on Item 5.
37
38 For the nuclear alternative, it was assumed that the
39 basic plant size was about 1000 MW and that the
40 Applicant could purchase a portion of the power and
41 energy output from this project equivalent to that
42 provided by the Kootenai River Project. Nuclear plants
43 of a size comparable to the Kootenai River Project are
44 not commercially available. For the coal-fired
45 powerplant it was assumed that in the absence of the
46 Kootenai River Project, the Applicant could construct a
47 plant of about the same generating capacity. Coal-fired

1 powerplants in the size range equivalent to the Kootenai
2 River Project are commercially available.

3
4 Q. Please describe your estimate of fuel reserve shown as
5 Item 6 of Exhibit ____ (HHC-3).

6
7 A. For the nuclear alternative the cost for the initial
8 fuel inventory was based on data contained in the FERC
9 report Hydroelectric Power Evaluation, August 1979. The
10 costs adjusted to the November 1981 price level were
11 estimated at 136 dollars per kilowatt. For the coal-
12 fired alternative the cost of a one month's fuel reserve
13 was included.

14
15 Q. Please continue with your explanation of Exhibit ____
16 (HHC-3).

17
18 A. Item 7 shows the adjusted construction costs of the
19 alternatives. The adjusted construction costs are
20 derived by summing the construction costs, divided by
21 the comparative availability factor for each
22 alternative, and the costs for fuel reserve.

23
24 Q. What are the other costs that are involved in the
25 economic analysis?

26
27 A. The other costs which affect the alternatives are
28 incurred annually. They are the fixed operation and
29 maintenance costs, variable operation and maintenance
30 costs, insurance, taxes, generation charge and fuel
31 costs. These are shown as Items 8 through 12 on Exhibit
32 ____ (HHC-3).

33
34 The annual fixed and variable operation and maintenance
35 costs and insurance and fuel costs are based on cost
36 estimates contained in the FERC report, August 1979. An
37 availability adjustment was applied to the fixed
38 operation and maintenance costs of the nuclear and coal-
39 fired alternatives. Administration and general expenses
40 were estimated at 35 percent of the fixed operation and
41 maintenance costs. All values were adjusted to the
42 November 1981 price level. The estimated fixed and
43 variable operating costs are shown as Items 8 and 9 of
44 Exhibit ____ (HHC-3).

- 1 Q. Please describe your estimates of fuel costs.
2
3 A. For both the nuclear and coal-fired alternatives the
4 costs are based on cost estimates contained in the FERC
5 report, adjusted to the November 1981 price level. The
6 nuclear fuel and coal costs are expressed in terms of
7 mills per kilowatt hour, with a coal heat rate of 9600
8 BTU per kilowatt hour. The fuel costs are shown as Item
9 10 of Exhibit _____ (HHC-3).
10
11 Q. Please describe your estimates of the annual costs for
12 insurance, taxes and generation charges.
13
14 A. The annual costs of insurance were based on estimates
15 contained in the FERC report and were estimated to be
16 0.10, 0.30 and 0.25 percent of the construction costs of
17 the hydroelectric, nuclear and coal-fired projects,
18 respectively. Taxes were estimated at 0.725 percent of
19 construction costs, based on information obtained from
20 Lincoln County Assessor's Office. A generation charge
21 of 0.2 mills per kilowatt hour was applied to all proj-
22 ects. The annual costs of insurance, taxes and the
23 generation charges are shown as Items 11 and 12 of
24 Exhibit _____ (HHC-3).
25
26 Q. Does this complete the estimate of the annual unit
27 costs.
28
29 A. Yes. The unit costs identified in Exhibit _____ (HHC-3)
30 as Items 8 through 12 are the costs required to operate
31 and maintain each project during the time it is
32 operating. These unit costs are converted to total
33 annual costs of each project and are shown as Items 13
34 and 14 in Exhibit _____ (HHC-3).
35
36 Q. What was the period used in your economic analysis of
37 the Kootenai River Project?
38
39 A. The period of analysis was taken to be equal to the
40 maximum time required to construct the project with the
41 longest construction period, eight years for the nuclear
42 project, plus the operating period of the most durable
43 project, 45 years for the Kootenai River Project. The
44 total period of analysis, therefore, was 53 years.
45
46 The estimates for each alternative of the construction
47 periods, project economic life, project operating period

1 and the total period of analysis are shown as Items 15
2 through 18 in Exhibit _____ (HHC-3).

3
4 Q. Please describe the major characteristics of the evalua-
5 tion procedure used in the analysis.

6
7 A. The evaluation procedure was based on a life-cycle anal-
8 ysis in which the costs of each project were separated
9 into three components: capital costs, operation and
10 maintenance costs, and fuel costs. For each project,
11 the cost components were estimated for the years in
12 which they were expected to be incurred and projected
13 over the period of analysis. Since the economic life of
14 the nuclear and coal-fired projects is 30 years of
15 operation the construction costs of each project were
16 incurred again at the end of the 30-year operating
17 period. At the end of the 53-year period of analysis, a
18 credit was given for the residual value of the nuclear
19 and coal-fired plants. To account for the possible real
20 cost increases, an annual escalation rate of 7 percent
21 was applied to the construction costs incurred during
22 the initial construction period and to the annual costs
23 incurred during the first 30 years of the operating
24 period. The escalation rate was applied to the costs of
25 all projects.

26
27 The total annual costs of each project were converted to
28 present worth values by discounting the annual costs,
29 using as a discount rate the estimated cost of capital.
30 For this analysis the cost of capital is estimated to be
31 10 percent.

32
33 Q. What were the results of your analysis?

34
35 A. The results of the analysis show that the Kootenai Proj-
36 ect is economically superior to the nuclear and coal-
37 fired projects. For a summary of the results, please
38 refer to Exhibit _____ (HHC-4) . The benefit-cost ratio
39 exceeds unity in all cases. Samples of the life cycle
40 cost streams for three cases are presented in Exhibits
41 _____, _____ and _____ (HHC-5, HHC-6 and HHC-7). In
42 Exhibit _____ (HHC-5) for example, the alternative is
43 identified as the Kootenai River Project. The escalation
44 rate is assumed to be seven percent and the discount
45 rate is 10 percent. The first column shows the project
46 years included on the period of analysis, which in this
47 study extends for 53 years. The second column shows the

1 annual capital or construction costs as they are
2 estimated to be incurred during the construction period.
3 The third and fourth columns are the estimated annual
4 operation, maintenance, insurance, taxes and fuel costs.
5 All annual costs other than construction costs and fuel
6 costs were included in the column identified by the
7 heading 'O&M Costs'. The fifth column is the sum of all
8 costs incurred in a given year. The sixth column is the
9 cumulative discounted total cost. For the Kootenai River
10 Project under the seven percent escalation case, the total
11 cost on a present worth basis is shown to be 271.0
12 million dollars. Similar cost streams were prepared for
13 the nuclear and coal-fired projects. The project with
14 the lowest total cost on a present worth basis is
15 considered to be the preferred project. The comparison
16 of alternative projects was also made assuming an
17 escalation rate of zero as described previously.
18 The economic comparison of the Kootenai River Project
19 with the nuclear and coal-fired projects was also
20 expressed in terms of a benefit-cost ratio in which the
21 costs of the alternatives were considered the benefits
22 (cost savings) attributed to constructing the Kootenai
23 River Project.

24
25 With no escalation, the benefit-cost ratios range from
26 1.07 when the Kootenai River Project is compared to the
27 coal-fired low cost alternative to 1.68 when the
28 Kootenai River Project is compared to the nuclear high-
29 cost alternative. Where costs are escalated, the
30 benefit-cost ratios range from a low of 1.38 when
31 Kootenai is compared to the nuclear low-cost alternative
32 to 2.01 when Kootenai is compared to the coal-fired
33 high-cost alternative. The relative economic merit of
34 the Kootenai River Project is quite favorable when
35 compared to the projects that were considered possible
36 alternatives for providing the Applicant equivalent
37 amounts of energy.

38
39 The value of the Kootenai River Project may also be
40 assessed in terms of the savings in coal and oil
41 consumption that would be required by coal- or oil-fired
42 plants. The oil-fired project was rejected as a viable
43 alternative due to the high cost of oil. This
44 comparison, however, emphasizes that, from a national
45 viewpoint, the Kootenai River Project will contribute to
46 the overall conservation of vital energy resources.
47 Based on energy conversion rates, the Kootenai Project

1 will save the equivalent of 850,000 barrels of oil or
2 233,000 tons of coal annually.

3
4 Q. What do you conclude from the economic analysis?

5
6 A. The results of the economic analysis show that the
7 Kootenai Project is economically justified and will
8 provide the lowest cost addition to the generation
9 capacity of the Applicant starting in 1989.

10
11 Q. Does this complete your prepared direct testimony?

12
13 A. Yes.

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STATE OF Illinois)
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Henry H. Chen, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he has read the foregoing prepared direct testimony of Henry H. Chen, that he would respond in the same manner to the questions if so asked upon taking the stand, and that the matters of fact set forth therein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

Henry H. Chen
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Subscribed and sworn to before me,
this 21 day of January, 1982

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My commission expires 7-27-85

List of Exhibits

<u>Title</u>	<u>Exhibit No.</u>
Comparison of Alternative Hydroelectric Projects	____ (HHC-1)
Comparative Costs of Kootenai Project at Alternative Headwater Elevations	____ (HHC-2)
Economic Parameters of Alternative Projects	____ (HHC-3)
Summary Life Cycle Analysis	____ (HHC-4)
Life Cycle Analysis Kootenai Alternative	____ (HHC-5)
Life Cycle Analysis Alternative Coal-Fire Project (Low)	____ (HHC-6)
Life Cycle Analysis Alternative Nuclear Project (Low)	____ (HHC-7)

KOOTENAI RIVER HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT
COMPARISON OF ALTERNATIVE HYDROELECTRIC PROJECTS

	Column (a)	Column (b)	Column (c)	Column (d)	Column (e)
1	<u>Description</u>	Alternative I	Alternative II	Alternative III	
2	Hydroelectric Project Name	Katka 1862	Katka 1817 Plus Rocky Creek 1868	Rocky Creek 1857 Plus Kootenai 1990	Proposed Kootenai 2000
3	<u>Plant Capability in MW</u>				
4	First Project	-	50	59	-
5	Second Project	-	80	125	-
6	Total	138	130	184	144
7	<u>Annual Energy Production in Million kWh</u>				
8	First Project	-	216	244	-
9	Second Project	-	323	457	-
10	Total	540	539	701	515
11	<u>Capital Cost in \$ Million</u>				
12	Construction Cost at November 1981 Price Level	375	467	382	225
13	Interest During Construction at 10% per year	84	105.0	86	51
14	Investment Cost at November 1981 Price Level	459	572	468	276
15	<u>Annual Costs in \$1000</u>				
16	Cost of Money at 10%	45,900	57,200	46,800	27,600
17	Amortization at 0.086%	395	492	402	237
18	Insurance at 0.10%	459	572	468	276
19	Taxes at 0.725%	3,328	4,147	3,393	2,001
20	Generation Tax @ 0.2 mills/kWh	108	108	141	103
21	Operation and Maintenance at 4.2 \$/kW/Yr.	580	546	772	605
22	Administration and General at 1.5 \$/kW/yr.	207	195	226	216
23	Total Annual Costs Rounded in \$ Million	51	63	52	31
24	Comparative Cost of Energy in Mills/kWh with 10% Interest Rate	94	117	74	60

EXHIBIT (HHC-1)
Sheet 1 of 2
Project No. 2752

KOOTENAI RIVER HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT
COMPARATIVE INVESTMENT COSTS OF ALTERNATIVE HYDROELECTRIC PROJECTS
(In \$1000 at November 1981 Price Level)

Column (a)	Column (b)	ALTERNATIVE I	ALTERNATIVE II			ALTERNATIVE III			Column (j)	
		Column (c)	Column (d)	Column (e)	Column (f)	Column (g)	Column (h)	Column (i)		
	PERC Amount Number	Item	Katka 1862	Katka 1817	Rocky Creek 1868	Total	Rocky Creek 1857	Kootenai 1990	Total	Proposed Kootenai Proj. 2000
1	330	Land and Land Rights	94,885	63,315	35,770	99,085	35,770	2,030	37,800	5,390
2	331	Power Plant Structures and Improvements	5,600	5,600	38,262	43,862	28,658	34,089	62,747	34,089
3	332	Reservoirs, Dams and Waterways	115,378	95,406	30,916	126,322	29,082	81,844	110,926	81,932
4	333	Water Wheels, Turbines and Generators	45,724	24,500	30,800	55,300	21,700	41,174	62,874	42,503
5	334	Accessory Electrical Equipment	4,347	1,946	3,220	5,166	2,800	5,739	8,539	6,273
6	335	Miscellaneous Power Plant Equipment	5,600	4,984	2,450	7,434	2,100	2,583	4,683	2,583
7	336	Roads, Railroads and Bridges	8,064	8,064	1,008	9,072	1,008	523	1,531	523
8	353	Substation and Switching Station Equipment	4,396	3,360	3,080	6,440	2,660	4,712	7,372	5,149
9	354,356	Transmission line Connection	420	420	420	840	420	1/	420	1/
10		Subtotal Direct Cost	284,414	207,595	145,926	353,521	124,198	172,694	296,892	178,442
Contingencies:										
11		(Items 330, 331, 332, 336) Kootenai 15% - Alternative 20%	44,785	34,477	21,191	55,668	18,904	17,773	36,677	18,290
12		(Items 333, 334, 335, 353, 354, 356) Kootenai 8% - Alternative 10%	6,049	3,521	3,997	7,518	2,968	4,337	7,305	4,521
13		Total Direct Cost	335,248	245,593	171,114	416,707	146,070	194,804	340,874	201,253
14		Engineering and Administrative (12% of Total Direct Cost)	40,230	29,471	20,534	50,005	17,528	23,376	40,904	24,150
15		Construction Cost at Nov., 1981 Price Level	375,478	275,064	191,648	466,712	163,598	218,180	381,778	225,403

1/ Included in Account 353

EXHIBIT (HHC-1)
Sheet 2 of 2
Project No. 2752

COMPARATIVE COSTS OF KOOTENAI
PROJECT AT ALTERNATIVE HEADWATER ELEVATIONS

1	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
2	<u>Description</u>							
3	Kootenai Hydroelectric Project @ elevation	1990	1992	1994	1996	1998	2000	2005
4	<u>Plant Characteristics</u>							
5	Plant Capability in MW	125	129	133	136	140	144	154
6	Annual Energy Generation in GWh	457	469	480	492	503	515	543
7	Railroad Relocation in miles	0.76	0.89	0.98	1.19	1.34	2.03	5.90
8	<u>Cost Estimate in \$1000</u>							
9	Acct. No.							
10	330 Land and Land Rights	2030	2702	3374	4046	4718	5390	14998
11	331 Power Plant Structures and Improvements	34089	34089	34089	34089	34089	34089	34089
12	332 Reservoirs, Dams and Waterways	81844	81862	81879	81897	81914	81932	83242
13	333 Water Wheels, Turbines and Generators	41174	41440	41706	41971	42237	42503	43167
14	334 Accessory Electrical Equipment	5739	5846	5953	6059	6166	6273	6540
15	335 Miscellaneous Power Plant Equipment	2583	2583	2583	2583	2583	2583	2583
16	336 Roads, Railroads and Bridges	523	523	523	523	523	523	523
17	353 Substation and Switching Station Equipment	4712	4799	4887	4974	5062	5149	5368
18	354/56 Transmission Line Connection	1/	1/	1/	1/	1/	1/	1/
19	Subtotal Direct Cost	172694	173844	174994	176142	177292	178442	190510
20	Contingencies (330, 331, 332, 336 @ 15%)	17773	17876	17980	18083	18187	18290	19928
21	Contingencies (333, 334, 335, 353, 354/56 @ 8%)	4337	4373	4410	4447	4484	4521	4613
22	Total Direct Cost in \$1000	194804	196093	197384	198672	199963	201253	215051
23	Engineering and Administration @ 12% of Total Direct Cost	23376	23531	23686	23841	23996	24150	25806
24	Total Construction Cost in \$1000 at Nov., 1981 Price Level	218180	219624	221070	222513	223959	225403	240857
25	Interest During Construction @ 4 1/2 years and 10%	49091	49415	49741	50065	50391	50716	54193
26	Investment Cost Rounded to \$ Million	267	269	271	273	274	276	295
27	Unit Cost of Plant Capability in \$/kW	2136	2085	2038	2007	1957	1917	1916
28	Total Annual Costs Rounded in \$Million at 10%	29.9	30.2	30.4	30.7	30.9	31.1	33.2
29	Comparative Cost of Energy in mills/kWh	65	64	63	62	61	60	61

30 1/ Included in Account 353

EXHIBIT _____ (HHC-2)
Project No. 2752

ECONOMIC PARAMETERS OF ALTERNATIVE PROJECTS

	Proposed Kootenai Project	Nuclear Project	Coal-Fired Steam Project
1. Plant Capacity (MW)	144	144	144
2. Annual Energy (10 ⁶ kWh/yr)	515	515	515
3. Availability Factor (%)	96	68	85
4. Comparative Availability Factor (%)	100	72	89
5. Construction Costs (1981 \$/kW)			
High	1,565	1,281	1,475
Low	1,565	869	950
6. Fuel Reserve (1981 \$/kW)	0	136	7
7. Adjusted Construction Costs (1981 \$/kW)			
High	1,565	1,915	1,664
Low	1,565	1,343	1,074
8. Fixed O&M (1981 mills/kWh) ^{2/}	1.17	3.38	5.63
9. Variable O&M (1981 mills/kWh)	0.0	.08	2.44
10. Fuel Costs (1981 mills/kWh)		7.82	14.78
11. Insurance and taxes (% Construction Costs)	0.825	1.025	0.975
12. Generating Charge (1981 mills/kWh)	0.2	0.2	0.2
13. Operation and Maintenance, Insurance and taxes (10 ⁶ 1981 \$)			
high construction cost	2.9	5.3	7.6
low construction cost	2.9	4.5	6.8
14. Fuel (10 ⁶ 1981 \$)	0.00	4.0	7.6
15. Construction Period (yrs)	4.5	8	4
16. Project Economic Life (yrs)	50	30	30
17. Project Operating Period (yrs)	45	45	45
18. Period of Analysis (yrs)	53	53	53

^{1/} Range of annual costs for the Nuclear and Coal-fired projects reflect insurance and property taxes as a percent of the high and low construction cost estimates. Insurance costs are 0.10, 0.30 and 0.25 percent of the construction costs of the hydroelectric, nuclear and coal-fired projects, respectively. Property taxes are 0.725 percent of construction costs. Annual operation and maintenance costs of the Kootenai Project includes \$286,000 payment to the Corps for reservoir elevation charge.

^{2/} Fixed operation and maintenance costs for the Nuclear and Coal-Fired projects are adjusted by the availability factor.

SUMMARY

LIFE CYCLE ANALYSIS

	Present Worth Values			Benefit Cost Ratio
	Capital Costs	Annual Costs	Total ^{1/} Costs	
	(Million dollars)			
<u>No Escalation</u>				
Kootenai River	143.0	14.7	157.7	
Nuclear - Low	152.7	43.0	195.8	1.24
Coal-Fired - Low	96.6	72.9	169.5	1.07
Nuclear - High	218.1	47.0	265.2	1.68
Coal-Fired - High	149.7	77.0	226.6	1.44
<u>Escalation @ 7.0%^{2/}</u>				
Kootenai River	211.1	59.9	271.0	
Nuclear - Low	199.6	175.5	375.1	1.38
Coal-Fired - Low	149.4	297.4	446.8	1.65
Nuclear - High	284.9	192.1	477.0	1.76
Coal-Fired - High	231.6	314.0	545.5	2.01

^{1/} Totals may not add due to rounding.

^{2/} Escalation: Construction cost escalated during the initial construction period.

Annual cost escalated during first 30 years of the operating period.

KOOTENAI RIVER PROJECT

LIFE CYCLE ANALYSIS

ALTERNATIVE:

KOOTENAI

EXHIBIT.....(HHC-5)

Project No. 2752

		ESCALATION RATE	PROJECT YEARS		
		PERCENT/YEAR	APPLICABLE		
COST COMPONENT					
CONSTRUCTION		7.	1 TO 8		
O&M		7.	9 TO 38		
FUEL		7.	9 TO 38		
DISCOUNT RATE		10.	1 TO 53		
PROJECT YEAR	CAPITAL COST	O&M COST	FUEL COST	TOTAL COST	CUMULATIVE DISCOUNTED COST
(IN MILLION DOLLARS)					
1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
4	35.4	0.0	0.0	35.4	26.6
5	91.7	0.0	0.0	91.7	89.2
6	98.1	0.0	0.0	98.1	150.2
7	86.9	0.0	0.0	86.9	199.2
8	23.2	0.0	0.0	23.2	211.1
9	0.0	5.3	0.0	5.3	213.6
10	0.0	5.7	0.0	5.7	216.0
11	0.0	6.1	0.0	6.1	218.4
12	0.0	6.5	0.0	6.5	220.7
13	0.0	7.0	0.0	7.0	222.9
14	0.0	7.5	0.0	7.5	225.1
15	0.0	8.0	0.0	8.0	227.2
16	0.0	8.6	0.0	8.6	229.2
17	0.0	9.2	0.0	9.2	231.2
18	0.0	9.8	0.0	9.8	233.2
19	0.0	10.5	0.0	10.5	235.0
20	0.0	11.2	0.0	11.2	236.9
21	0.0	12.0	0.0	12.0	238.7
22	0.0	12.8	0.0	12.8	240.4
23	0.0	13.7	0.0	13.7	242.1
24	0.0	14.7	0.0	14.7	243.7
25	0.0	15.7	0.0	15.7	245.3
26	0.0	16.8	0.0	16.8	246.9
27	0.0	18.0	0.0	18.0	248.4
28	0.0	19.3	0.0	19.3	249.9
29	0.0	20.6	0.0	20.6	251.3
30	0.0	22.1	0.0	22.1	252.7
31	0.0	23.6	0.0	23.6	254.0
32	0.0	25.3	0.0	25.3	255.4
33	0.0	27.0	0.0	27.0	256.6
34	0.0	28.9	0.0	28.9	257.9
35	0.0	31.0	0.0	31.0	259.1
36	0.0	33.1	0.0	33.1	260.3
37	0.0	35.4	0.0	35.4	261.4
38	0.0	37.9	0.0	37.9	262.5
39	0.0	37.9	0.0	37.9	263.6
40	0.0	37.9	0.0	37.9	264.5
41	0.0	37.9	0.0	37.9	265.3
42	0.0	37.9	0.0	37.9	266.1
43	0.0	37.9	0.0	37.9	266.8
44	0.0	37.9	0.0	37.9	267.4
45	0.0	37.9	0.0	37.9	268.0
46	0.0	37.9	0.0	37.9	268.5
47	0.0	37.9	0.0	37.9	269.0
48	0.0	37.9	0.0	37.9	269.4
49	0.0	37.9	0.0	37.9	269.8
50	0.0	37.9	0.0	37.9	270.1
51	0.0	37.9	0.0	37.9	270.5
52	0.0	37.9	0.0	37.9	270.8
53	0.0	37.9	0.0	37.9	271.0
PRESENT WORTH					
TOTALS	211.1	59.9	0.0		271.0

KOOTENAI RIVER PROJECT
LIFE CYCLE ANALYSIS
ALTERNATIVE: COAL-FIRED PROJECT (LOW)

EXHIBIT.....(HHC-6)
Project No. 2752

COST COMPONENT	ESCALATION RATE PERCENT/YEAR	PROJECT YEARS APPLICABLE
CONSTRUCTION	7.	1 TO 8
O&M	7.	9 TO 38
FUEL	7.	9 TO 38
DISCOUNT RATE	10.	1 TO 53

PROJECT YEAR	CAPITAL COST	O&M COST	FUEL COST	TOTAL COST	CUMULATIVE DISCOUNTED COST
(IN MILLION DOLLARS)					
1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
5	32.5	0.0	0.0	32.5	22.2
6	81.2	0.0	0.0	81.2	72.6
7	86.9	0.0	0.0	86.9	121.7
8	39.4	0.0	0.0	39.4	142.1
9	0.0	12.5	14.0	26.5	154.5
10	0.0	13.4	15.0	28.3	166.5
11	0.0	14.3	16.0	30.3	178.2
12	0.0	15.3	17.1	32.4	189.5
13	0.0	16.4	18.3	34.7	200.6
14	0.0	17.5	19.6	37.1	211.4
15	0.0	18.8	21.0	39.7	221.8
16	0.0	20.1	22.4	42.5	232.0
17	0.0	21.5	24.0	45.5	241.9
18	0.0	23.0	25.7	48.7	251.5
19	0.0	24.6	27.5	52.1	260.9
20	0.0	26.3	29.4	55.7	270.0
21	0.0	28.2	31.5	59.6	278.9
22	0.0	30.1	33.7	63.8	287.5
23	0.0	32.2	36.0	68.3	295.9
24	0.0	34.5	38.5	73.0	304.0
25	0.0	36.9	41.2	78.2	312.0
26	0.0	39.5	44.1	83.6	319.7
27	0.0	42.3	47.2	89.5	327.2
28	0.0	45.2	50.5	95.7	334.5
29	0.0	48.4	54.1	102.4	341.6
30	0.0	51.8	57.9	109.6	348.5
31	0.0	55.4	61.9	117.3	355.2
32	0.0	59.3	66.2	125.5	361.8
33	0.0	63.4	70.9	134.3	368.1
34	0.0	67.9	75.8	143.7	374.3
35	32.5	72.6	81.1	186.3	381.6
36	81.2	77.7	86.8	245.7	390.4
37	86.9	83.1	92.9	262.9	398.9
38	39.4	88.9	99.4	228.2	405.6
39	0.0	88.9	99.4	188.3	410.6
40	0.0	88.9	99.4	188.3	415.2
41	0.0	88.9	99.4	188.3	419.3
42	0.0	88.9	99.4	188.3	423.1
43	0.0	88.9	99.4	188.3	426.6
44	0.0	88.9	99.4	188.3	429.7
45	0.0	88.9	99.4	188.3	432.5
46	0.0	88.9	99.4	188.3	435.1
47	0.0	88.9	99.4	188.3	437.5
48	0.0	88.9	99.4	188.3	439.6
49	0.0	88.9	99.4	188.3	441.5
50	0.0	88.9	99.4	188.3	443.3
51	0.0	88.9	99.4	188.3	444.9
52	0.0	88.9	99.4	188.3	446.4
53	-120.2	88.9	99.4	68.1	446.8
PRESENT WORTH					
TOTALS	149.4	140.4	157.0		446.8

KOOTENAI RIVER PROJECT
LIFE CYCLE ANALYSIS
ALTERNATIVE: NUCLEAR PROJECT (LOW)

EXHIBIT.....(HHC-7)
Project No. 2752

COST COMPONENT		ESCALATION RATE	PROJECT YEARS		
		PERCENT/YEAR	APPLICABLE		
CONSTRUCTION		7.	1 TO 8		
O&M		7.	9 TO 38		
FUEL		7.	9 TO 38		
DISCOUNT RATE		10.	1 TO 53		
PROJECT YEAR	CAPITAL COST	O&M COST	FUEL COST	TOTAL COST	CUMULATIVE DISCOUNTED COST
(IN MILLION DOLLARS)					
1	20.7	0.0	0.0	20.7	20.7
2	33.2	0.0	0.0	33.2	50.8
3	35.5	0.0	0.0	35.5	80.2
4	38.0	0.0	0.0	38.0	108.8
5	40.7	0.0	0.0	40.7	136.5
6	43.5	0.0	0.0	43.5	163.6
7	31.0	0.0	0.0	31.0	181.1
8	16.7	0.0	0.0	16.7	189.6
9	0.0	8.3	7.4	15.6	196.9
10	0.0	8.9	7.9	16.7	204.0
11	0.0	9.5	8.4	17.9	210.9
12	0.0	10.1	9.0	19.1	217.6
13	0.0	10.8	9.6	20.5	224.1
14	0.0	11.6	10.3	21.9	230.5
15	0.0	12.4	11.0	23.5	236.6
16	0.0	13.3	11.8	25.1	242.7
17	0.0	14.2	12.6	26.8	248.5
18	0.0	15.2	13.5	28.7	254.2
19	0.0	16.3	14.5	30.7	259.7
20	0.0	17.4	15.5	32.9	265.1
21	0.0	18.6	16.6	35.2	270.3
22	0.0	19.9	17.7	37.7	275.4
23	0.0	21.3	19.0	40.3	280.4
24	0.0	22.8	20.3	43.1	285.2
25	0.0	24.4	21.7	46.1	289.9
26	0.0	26.1	23.2	49.4	294.4
27	0.0	28.0	24.9	52.8	298.8
28	0.0	29.9	26.6	56.5	303.2
29	0.0	32.0	28.5	60.5	307.3
30	0.0	34.3	30.4	64.7	311.4
31	20.7	36.7	32.6	89.9	316.6
32	33.2	39.2	34.9	107.3	322.2
33	35.5	42.0	37.3	114.8	327.6
34	38.0	44.9	39.9	122.8	332.9
35	40.7	48.0	42.7	131.4	338.0
36	43.5	51.4	45.7	140.6	343.0
37	31.0	55.0	48.9	134.9	347.4
38	16.7	58.9	52.3	127.8	351.2
39	0.0	58.9	52.3	111.2	354.1
40	0.0	58.9	52.3	111.2	356.8
41	0.0	58.9	52.3	111.2	359.3
42	0.0	58.9	52.3	111.2	361.5
43	0.0	58.9	52.3	111.2	363.6
44	0.0	58.9	52.3	111.2	365.4
45	0.0	58.9	52.3	111.2	367.1
46	0.0	58.9	52.3	111.2	368.6
47	0.0	58.9	52.3	111.2	370.0
48	0.0	58.9	52.3	111.2	371.3
49	0.0	58.9	52.3	111.2	372.4
50	0.0	58.9	52.3	111.2	373.4
51	0.0	58.9	52.3	111.2	374.4
52	0.0	58.9	52.3	111.2	375.2
53	-124.6	58.9	52.3	-18.4	375.1
PRESENT WORTH					
TOTALS	199.6	92.9	82.6		375.1

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

NORTHERN LIGHTS, INC.)

PROJECT NO. 2752

DIRECT TESTIMONY OF BAUM K. LEE
ON BEHALF OF NORTHERN LIGHTS

1 Q. Will you please state your name, title and affiliation?

2
3 A. My name is Baum K. Lee. I am employed as Senior
4 Hydrologist, Harza Engineering Company, 150 South Wacker
5 Drive, Chicago, Illinois, 60606.
6

7 Q. What are your major responsibilities at Harza?

8
9 A. As Senior Hydrologist, I supervise, coordinate, and
10 perform all surface water hydrologic assignments in the
11 Land Resources and Environmental Sciences Department.
12 Typical surface-water hydrologic assignments include
13 streamflow and flood studies, river and reservoir
14 sedimentation studies, water quality studies including
15 water temperature, and computer application to many
16 river hydraulic problems. I also often serve as project
17 manager for the projects where river hydrology and/or
18 hydraulics are emphasized. For overseas projects, I
19 often serve as resident hydrologist, responsible for
20 entire hydrologic studies and for training local
21 hydrologists.
22

23 Q. Please describe your education.

24
25 A. I obtained my B.S., in 1963 from Seoul National
26 University in Civil Engineering, followed by my M.S. in
27 Hydraulics and Hydrology in 1969 from Colorado State
28 University and my Ph.D. in Hydraulics and Hydrology
29 in 1973 from Colorado State University.
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32 Q. Please describe your activities in professional
33 societies?

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35 A. I am a member of five professional societies, which are
36 American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), American

1 Geophysical Union, American Society of Mining Engineers,
2 Korean Society of Civil Engineers, and Korean
3 Association of Hydrologic Sciences.
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5 Currently I am serving as a Task Committee member for
6 organizing an ASCE Symposium on River Meandering, to be
7 held in New Orleans in 1983.
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9 Q. Please describe your professional experience as a
10 hydrologist.
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12 A. I have worked on more than 50 projects involving dams in
13 the last 17 years. For those projects, I provided
14 hydrologic and hydraulic inputs to planning, design and
15 environmental studies involving flood discharge
16 determination, water surface profiles, water depths,
17 water velocities and water temperatures, of rivers and
18 reservoirs. In addition, my work has included
19 mathematical modeling and related field investigations.
20 The work has involved streams from as small as 5 cfs to
21 as large as 175,000 cfs for the Caroni River in
22 Venezuela. Reservoirs involved ranged from a few
23 hundred acre-feet to as large as 111,000,000 acre-feet.
24 In addition, as part of my professional activities I
25 have published seven technical papers on the hydraulics
26 of sediment transport, which involve stochastic analysis
27 and laboratory work in the movement of sediment
28 particles over a river bed. This represents a continuous
29 updating of a subject in which pioneering investigation
30 was underway for several years.
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32 Currently, I am serving as study manager for a study of
33 sedimentation at 14 locks and dams in six countries in
34 Europe, for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.
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36 Q. Please describe the responsibilities assigned to you for
37 the Kootenai River Hydroelectric Project.
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39 A. I directed, reviewed, and performed hydrologic studies
40 throughout all phases of the Project to provide inputs
41 for design and environmental analysis.
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43 Q. What specific hydrologic studies did you make?
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45 A. I analyzed river discharge conditions, from which I
46 computed water surface profiles, streamflow velocities,

1 water depths, sedimentation, temperature, and the
2 relationships between all of these variables for various
3 reaches of the Kootenai River from the Libby Dam through
4 the proposed Project boundaries under present and
5 proposed conditions.
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7 Q. Would you describe your findings with respect to the
8 present river discharge conditions below Libby Dam on
9 the Kootenai River?
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11 A. The river discharges are almost entirely controlled by
12 releases from Libby Dam. Witness Allen describes the
13 general seasonal flow regulation provided by Libby Dam,
14 and he also lists the locations of stream gages and long
15 term mean runoff at the gages.
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17 Libby Dam releases generally are made in the following
18 manner according to information supplied by Witness
19 Sewell.
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21 a. March 1 to July 31 - Reservoir Refill Season.
22 Releases are maintained to hold the reservoir at or
23 below specified rule curve levels. Discharge may
24 be as small as 4,000 cfs, but is set to obtain a
25 full reservoir level on Aug. 1. Following floods,
26 releases may exceed turbine discharge capacity for
27 short periods. In general, discharges do not vary
28 greatly during a single day. Releases are made
29 through the turbines as much as is feasible,
30 although the sluices may be used to supplement the
31 turbines as necessary.
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33 b. August 1 to February 28 - Storage Release Season.
34 Releases are made during this period for the
35 production of power to help meet the load in the
36 Northwest. During part of this time releases are
37 10,000 cfs to 20,000 cfs during the day from 7 AM
38 to 7 PM and at a usual minimum of 4,000 cfs from 7
39 PM to 7 AM from Monday thru Friday with the usual
40 minimum flows all day on Saturday and Sunday.
41 During heavier load periods the releases may be
42 20,000 cfs to 24,000 cfs continuously or with
43 variations from 16,000 cfs to 24,000 cfs during
44 each weekday with releases varying on approximately
45 the above-mentioned daily schedule. The releases
46 during this period must at least lower the

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1 reservoir to the required flood control elevation
2 on March 1st.

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4 There are occasional periods when discharge is as small
5 as 2,000 cfs, but these occur very infrequently. The
6 flow duration regime under present flow conditions,
7 which is to say, flow conditions before Canada begins
8 annual diversion of 1,500,000 acre-feet from the
9 Kootenai River at Canal Flats, B.C., resulting from the
10 foregoing operation is presented in Table 1 and Exhibit
11 (BKL-1). The data in Table 1 are for hourly average
12 discharges obtained from records of the USGS gaging
13 station at Libby, Montana for the period July 1976 to
14 June 1980.

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16 Several points in Table 1 require particular mention.
17 A discharge of 12,190 cfs is the long-term mean
18 discharge at the Libby Gage. The mean discharge from
19 July 1976 through June 1980 was 10,300 cfs, or 84
20 percent of the long-term mean. Table 1 thus represents
21 a period of below-average runoff.

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23 Table 1
24
25 DISCHARGE DURATION OF KOOTENAI RIVER AT
26 LIBBY USGS GAGE
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30 Discharge	Percent of	Average Hours
31 CFS	Time Equalled	Per Year
32	or Exceeded	Equalled or
		Exceeded
33 42,200	0.0	0
34 36,000	0.1	9
35 30,000	0.4	35
36 26,000	0.5	44
37 25,000	0.8	70
38 24,751	0.9	79
39 20,000	14	1230
40 16,000	26	2280
41 12,190	37	3240
42 10,000	41	3590
43 4,000	88	7710
44 2,000	100	8760

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As Witness Allen explains, the Canadian diversion will average 2,070 cfs, reducing the long-term mean discharge

1 to 10,120 cfs. With there being reduced inflow into
2 Libby Reservoir, the outflow pattern will change. Flood
3 inflows being less, fewer large discharges accompanying
4 flood control operations can be expected. There are
5 limitations governing the hourly change of discharge, so
6 that there will be a practical limit to the difference
7 between off-peak and on-peak discharge. The limit will
8 be set by total amount of water available, the time
9 required to change discharge between minimum and
10 maximum, and the time in which peak discharge can be
11 sustained.

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13 Q. Will the Kootenai River discharges be changed by the
14 proposed Project?

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16 A. The river discharge will not be changed by the Project,
17 except that the use of water for energy will reduce
18 discharge in the reach between the Dam and the Tail
19 Tunnel Outlet.

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21 The Applicant's proposal is to release 750 cfs over the
22 Dam at all times, except under the following two
23 conditions:

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25 (1) When inflow into the Project Reservoir is too small
26 to permit generation by one of the small units
27 with 750 cfs being discharged over the Dam, the
28 entire river flow will be discharged over the Dam.

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30 (2) When inflow to the Project Reservoir exceeds
31 turbine discharge capacity plus 750 cfs, the entire
32 amount by which inflow exceeds turbine discharge
33 capacity will be discharged over the Dam.

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35 The resultant discharge duration between the Dam and
36 Tail Tunnel Outlet is summarized in Table 2.
37 Table 2 is derived from Table 1 on the basis of the
38 proposed Project operation plan to release a minimum of
39 750 cfs through the Kootenai Falls and utilize the
40 remaining river discharge up to approximately 24,000 cfs
41 through the Powerstation.

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43 Q. Please explain why you computed water surface profiles.

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45 A. Water surface profile computations are the basic method
46 for obtaining water levels at various points in a

Table 2
DISCHARGE DURATION IN RIVER BETWEEN DAM AND
TAIL TUNNEL OUTLET

Discharge CFS	Percent of Time Equalled or Exceeded	Approximate Hours Per Year Equalled or Exceeded
750	100	8760
751	0.9	79
2,000	0.5	44
6,000	0.4	35
12,000	0.1	9

flowing stream in which discharge remains constant for a period of time. In a natural stream there are basic water levels that accompany constant natural discharges. At practically all locations in a natural stream the water surface is sloping. If the stream characteristics are changed, the water levels for a particular constant discharge also are changed.

Stream characteristics may be changed by a dam or by diversion of part of the flow of the river at an upstream point and return of the flow to the river farther downstream. Both types of changes are produced by the Kootenai River Project.

The Dam will create a small Reservoir. At the downstream end of the Reservoir the water surface profile is nearly horizontal, and, of course, is at a higher elevation than it would be naturally. Going upstream, the Reservoir water surface begins to slope and remains at higher than natural elevation, although Reservoir water level and natural water level approach each other until eventually they coincide. The water surface profile between the Dam and the point when water level upstream no longer is changed is referred to as "backwater".

The Project, in utilizing water for power, changes stream characteristics in the Kootenai River between the Dam and the Tail Tunnel Outlet. From the Tail Tunnel Outlet downstream total flow in the river and water levels in the river are unchanged from natural

1 conditions. Upstream from the Tail Tunnel Outlet
2 discharge in the River will be reduced, and the water
3 surface profile will be flatter than under natural
4 conditions. The flatter profile extends to a point
5 where it coincides with the natural depth for the
6 reduced discharge flowing in that portion of the river.
7 Therefore, there also is a backwater upstream from the
8 Tail Tunnel Outlet.

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10 Between the Dam and the upstream end of the backwater
11 which extends from the Tail Tunnel Outlet, the water
12 surface profile corresponds to the discharge,
13 constricted sections, rock ledges, and pools in the
14 river channel. The water depths are modified
15 immediately downstream of the Dam by the uniform flow
16 across the full crest of the Dam, which differs from the
17 flow distribution that occurs naturally.

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19 Q. What information do you need to compute water surface
20 profiles?

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22 A. Data required for computing water surface profiles
23 include river cross sections, reach lengths, expansion
24 and contraction loss coefficients, starting water
25 surface elevations, and Manning's roughness coefficients
26 (n).

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28 River cross section is a drawing of river shape at right
29 angle to flow direction. Exhibit ____ (BKL-2) shows a
30 typical cross section. Reach length is a distance
31 between two consecutive river cross sections. Expansion
32 and contraction loss coefficients are measures of river
33 width changes as they affect flow velocity and depth.
34 Starting water surface elevation is the known water
35 surface elevation at a cross section where computation
36 may begin. Manning's roughness coefficient is a measure
37 of resistance to flow, first introduced by Manning in
38 1889.

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40 For the reach upstream from the Dam to Libby, Montana,
41 sixteen cross sections were used. Exhibit ____ (BKL-3)
42 shows the locations of the cross sections. Fourteen of
43 these were surveyed and sounded by Sewell & Associates.
44 The remaining two cross sections were estimated from
45 USGS discharge measurement data and topographic maps.
46 Reach lengths for the left and right overbanks and the
47 channel were measured from 1:1200-scale maps, from the

1 Dam to four miles upstream. Upstream from the four-mile
2 point the reach lengths were obtained from 1:24,000
3 scale USGS maps. Manning's roughness coefficients were
4 estimated on the basis of field investigations and
5 calibration of measured water surface profiles. Profile
6 calibration is a method of estimating roughness
7 coefficients while matching a computed water surface
8 profile with a measured water surface profile for a
9 given discharge.

10 Starting water surface elevations for existing
11 conditions were read from the discharge rating curve for
12 the Dam site which is Exhibit ____ (BKL-4). The
13 location of the Dam site is shown on Exhibit ____ (BKL-3)
14 as Section R-1. A discharge rating curve is a curve
15 showing the relationship between river discharge and
16 water surface elevation. Exhibit ____ (BKL-4) was
17 obtained by using stage measurements at the Dam site and
18 discharges from the USGS gage at Libby. For computing
19 water surface profiles after Project construction, the
20 starting elevation at the Dam is 2,000.
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22 For the reach downstream from the Dam to the Tail Tunnel
23 Outlet, 37 cross sections were used to compute water
24 surface profiles. Exhibit ____ (BKL-5) shows the
25 locations of these cross sections. Because of extremely
26 difficult access, especially in the upper half of this
27 reach, only seven cross sections were surveyed. These
28 seven sections are N3, N2, N1, 40CA, KA, HA, and GA.
29 The other sections were estimated on the basis of nearby
30 sections, field observations, and a profile
31 calibration.
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33 Starting water surface elevations were determined from
34 the discharge rating curve for Section TW shown on
35 Exhibit ____ (BKL-5). Profiles under natural conditions
36 are based on the entire river flow. Profiles after
37 Project construction are based on total river flow below
38 the Tail Tunnel Outlet and discharge over the Dam
39 between the Dam and Tail Tunnel Outlet. In both
40 conditions, the starting point is at Gage TW.
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42 Manning's roughness coefficients were estimated on the
43 basis of field observation and calibration of the water
44 surface profile for river discharge of 3,490 cfs.
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1 Q. Please describe your analysis of the water surface
2 profiles produced by the Dam and Reservoir.

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4 A. Exhibit ____ (BKL-6) shows computed water surface
5 profiles upstream from the Dam to the point where
6 backwater produced by the Dam coincides with natural
7 water level. The profiles at the downstream end are
8 produced by Reservoir water surface elevation 2000.
9

10 The backwater effects of the Kootenai River
11 Hydroelectric Project will extend about 3.5 miles
12 upstream from the Dam when streamflow through the
13 Reservoir is between 2000 cfs and 50,000 cfs. A
14 discharge of 2000 cfs is about the minimum discharge
15 under existing operating criterion, while 50,000 cfs
16 corresponds to the 20-year flood. However, the
17 discharge for the 100-year flood is only slightly higher
18 at 52,000 cfs.
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20 Sheet 1 of Exhibit ____ (BKL-6) shows water surface
21 profiles for existing conditions and with the Project
22 prior to sediment deposition. Sheets 2 through 5
23 compare water surface profiles for existing conditions
24 with conditions after the Project is in operation for 5,
25 10, 25, and 50 years.
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27 Q. How will the Project affect water surface elevations at
28 the Sheppard Property?
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30 A. The Sheppard Property, consisting of three terraces, is
31 located between about 7000 ft to 13,000 ft upstream from
32 the Dam. Witness Lindsay identifies the terraces as the
33 first (western-most), second (middle), and third
34 (eastern-most). Table 3 shows the locations and
35 elevations of the terraces, and water surface elevations
36 at the terraces under various discharges after the
37 Project is in operation. Witness Lindsay discusses the
38 significance of the water levels on river terrace vege-
39 tation.

Table 3
RIVER TERRACES: WATER LEVELS WITH
PROJECT IN OPERATION

		Reservoir Elevation, 2000 ft, msl		
		Terrace		
		First	Second	Third
Location	7,100 to 8,300	9,500 to 10,200	11,300 to 12,800	
(feet upstream from Dam)				
Terrace Elev. (ft,msl)	2,001 to 2,005	2,006 to 2,014	2,006 to 2,012	
Discharge, 4,000 cfs				
Water Surface Elev. (ft,msl)				
Downstream end	2,000.0	2,000.0	2,000.0	
Upstream end	2,000.0	2,000.0	2,001.0	
Discharge, 25,000 cfs				
Water Surface Elev. (ft,msl)				
Downstream end	2,000.0	2,000.8	2,001.5	
Upstream end	2,000.2	2,001.0	2,002.0	
Discharge, 50,000 cfs				
Water Surface Elev. (ft,msl)				
Downstream end	2,001.0	2,001.5	2,004.0	
Upstream end	2,001.0	2,002.0	2,006.0	

- Q. What analysis was made of the existing streamflow velocities in the Kootenai River above the Dam site?
- A. The streamflow velocity was determined for five separate river discharge conditions at each of sixteen cross sections along the river.

Streamflow velocities under existing conditions vary from one location to another. At a given location, the velocities generally increase as river discharge increases.

1 For velocity determination, the river is divided into
2 left overbank, main channel, and right overbank at each
3 cross section. For illustration I describe streamflow
4 velocities for 4000 cfs and 25,000 cfs at four
5 representative Sections, R2, R6, R9, and K14. Exhibit
6 (BKL-7) shows velocity variation from the Dam site to
7 Libby, Montana.

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9 Streamflow velocities at Section R2, about 1400 feet
10 upstream from the Dam site, vary from 1.5 ft/sec to 4.7
11 ft/sec in the main channel, from 0.1 ft/sec to 2.7
12 ft/sec in the left overbank, and from 0.4 to 2.0 ft/sec
13 in the right overbank as discharges vary from 4000 cfs
14 to 25,000 cfs.

15
16 Streamflow velocities at Section R6, about 1.7 miles
17 upstream from the Dam site, vary from 1.0 ft/sec to 4.2
18 ft/sec in the main channel, from 0.2 ft/sec to 1.6
19 ft/sec in the left overbank, and from 0.5 ft/sec to 1.5
20 ft/sec in the right overbank as the river discharges
21 vary from 4,000 cfs to 25,000 cfs.

22
23 Streamflow velocities at Section R9, about 3.3 miles
24 upstream from the Dam site, vary from 3.4 ft/sec to 6.0
25 ft/sec in the main channel, from 1.2 ft/sec to 5.3
26 ft/sec in the left overbank, and from 1.2 ft/sec to 4.4
27 ft/sec in the right overbank as the river discharges
28 vary from 4000 cfs to 25,000 cfs.

29
30 Streamflow velocities at Section K14, about 8.3 miles
31 from the Dam site or about three miles downstream from
32 Libby, vary from 3.1 ft/sec to 6.0 ft/sec in the main
33 channel, from 0.0 ft/sec to 3.4 ft/sec in the left
34 overbank, and from 1.3 ft/sec to 3.6 ft/sec in the right
35 overbank as the river discharges vary from 4000 cfs to
36 25,000 cfs.

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38 Q. What will the streamflow velocities be after the Project
39 is in operation?

40
41 A. Exhibit ____ (BKL-7) shows the velocities under existing
42 conditions and with the Project under initial-year
43 conditions. For illustration, I will describe
44 streamflow velocities at the same four representative
45 cross sections with the Project.

1 Streamflow velocities at Section R2 with the Project
2 would vary from 0.2 ft/sec to 1.4 ft/sec in the main
3 channel, from 0.1 ft/sec to 0.3 ft/sec in the left
4 overbank, and from 0.1 ft/sec to 0.3 ft/sec in the right
5 overbank as discharges vary from 4000 cfs to 25,000
6 cfs.

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8 Streamflow velocities at Section R6 would vary from 0.4
9 ft/sec to 2.3 ft/sec in the main channel, from 0.2
10 ft/sec to 0.6 ft/sec in the left overbank, and from 0.2
11 ft/sec to 0.6 ft/sec in the right overbank as discharges
12 vary from 4000 cfs to 25,000 cfs.

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14 Streamflow velocities at Section R9 would vary from 1.9
15 ft/sec to 5.7 ft/sec in the main channel, from 1.6
16 ft/sec to 4.6 ft/sec in the left overbank, and from 1.2
17 ft/sec to 4.2 ft/sec in the right overbank as discharges
18 vary from 4000 cfs to 25,000 cfs.

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20 The Project will not affect velocities in the reach
21 upstream from Section K10 including Section 14.

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23 Q. Can you illustrate how the velocities at Sections on
24 Exhibit ____ (BKL-7) can be applied to locations between
25 Sections?

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27 A. Yes. As illustration the streamflow velocity of the
28 Kootenai River near the confluences with Flower Creek
29 and Pipe Creek can be approximated by the velocities
30 between Sections K13 and K15. The velocities between
31 Sections K13 and K15 range from 1.4 ft/sec to 8.9 ft/sec
32 in the main channel, from 0.0 to 4.9 ft/sec in the left
33 overbank, and from 0.0 to 4.5 ft/sec in the right
34 overbank as discharges vary from 4000 cfs to 25,000 cfs.
35 These velocities are for existing conditions and will
36 not be affected by the Project.

37
38 Q. Please describe water depths in the Kootenai River
39 under existing conditions.

40
41 A. Like streamflow velocities, water depths vary from one
42 location to another. At a given location, water depths
43 normally increase as river discharges increase. For
44 illustration, I will describe water depths at the same
45 four representative cross sections, R2, R6, R9, and K14
46 for discharges of 4000 cfs and 25,000 cfs. Exhibit ____

1 (BKL-7) presents water depths from the Dam site to
2 Libby, Montana.

3
4 Average water depths at Section R2 vary from 6.0 ft to 11
5 ft in the main channel, from 0 ft to 4.3 ft in the left
6 overbank, and from 1.1 ft to 3.5 ft in the right
7 overbank as discharges vary from 4000 cfs to 25,000
8 cfs.

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10 Average water depths at Section R6 vary from 12 to 19 ft
11 in the main channel, from 1.1 to 4.3 ft in the left
12 overbank, and from 1.5 to 4.8 ft in the right overbank
13 as discharges vary from 4000 cfs to 25,000 cfs.

14
15 Average water depths at Section R9 vary from 4.0 ft to
16 12 ft in the main channel, from 0.4 ft to 5.2 ft in the
17 left overbank, and from 0.5 ft to 4.4 ft in the right
18 overbank as discharges vary from 4000 cfs to 25,000
19 cfs.

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21 Average water depths at Section K14 vary from 3.6 ft to
22 9.6 ft in the main channel, from 0 ft to 3.3 ft in the
23 left overbank, and from 1.0 ft to 3.5 ft in the right
24 overbank.

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26 Q. Please describe water depths in the Kootenai River after
27 the Project is built.

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29 A. Exhibit (BKL-7) provides data for water depths. As
30 for streamflow velocities, water depths with the Project
31 can be illustrated with three representative cross
32 sections R2, R6, and R9 in the Reservoir area. The
33 Project does not change water depths upstream of Section
34 K10 including Section K14.

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36 Average water depths at Section R2 with Project would be
37 about 24 ft in the main channel, 4.4 ft in the left
38 overbank, and 8.6 in the right overbank as discharges
39 vary from 4000 cfs to 25,000 cfs. The depths do not
40 change with river discharge, because of reservoir
41 ponding effect.

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43 Average water depths at Section R6 would be about 24 ft
44 in the main channel, vary from 4.3 ft to 4.7 ft in the
45 left overbank, and from 5.0 ft to 5.3 ft in the right
46 overbank as discharges vary from 4000 cfs to 25,000
47 cfs.

1 Water depths at Section R9 would vary from 6.3 ft to 12
2 ft in the main channel, from 2.0 ft to 4.7 ft in the
3 left overbank, and from 1.7 ft to 4.7 ft in the right
4 overbank as discharges vary from 4,000 cfs to 25,000
5 cfs.

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7 Q. Please describe the relationship between water surface
8 area and depth under existing conditions?
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10 A. Table 4 shows the percent of water surface area over
11 depth ranges for two discharges under existing
12 conditions in the reach from Section R1 to Section K10.
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14 Table 4

15 WATER SURFACE AREA WITH VARIOUS DEPTH RANGES
16 EXISTING CONDITIONS
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Depth Range (ft)	Percent of Surface Area	
	4000 cfs	25,000 cfs
0 to 1	12	3.7
1 to 3	16	7.3
3 to 6	22	20
over 6	50	69

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28 Q. How will the Project affect the percentage distribution
29 of the above depth ranges?
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31 A. With no change in the present stream-bed, the Project
32 will reduce areas with depth less than six feet and
33 increase areas with depth greater than six feet. The
34 percentage distribution of surface area with various
35 depth ranges for a discharge of 25,000 cfs will be as
36 shown in Table 5.
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38 The percentage distribution for 4000 cfs will be similar
39 to Table 5 because of the reservoir ponding effect.
40

41 Q. Please explain the hydraulic analysis for the portion of
42 the River below the Dam.
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44 A. Hydraulic analysis of the portion of the River below the
45 Dam site consisted of computing water surface profiles,
46 with resultant water depths and water velocities at
47 various locations. Its purpose was to determine effects
48 of the Project on streamflow velocity, flow depth, the
49 area of sand and gravel bars, and river bank exposure.

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Table 5
WATER SURFACE AREA WITH VARIOUS DEPTH RANGES
WITH PROJECT

Present Riverbed Conditions	
Depth Range	Percent of
(ft)	Surface Area
0 to 1	1.4
1 to 3	2.8
3 to 6	6.1
over 6	89.7

Q. Please summarize the major changes between the Dam and Tail Tunnel Outlet that would be caused by the Project?

A. There are four major changes:

1. Immediately below the Dam, portions of riverbed now covered with water intermittently will be covered continuously, due primarily to distribution of flow by the Spillway gates and to installation of flow - distribution structures downstream from the Dam. The flow depth usually will be between a few inches and several feet in such locations.
2. Lower discharges will occur more frequently with the Project in operation. Flow depths between the Dam and Tail Tunnel Outlet for any given discharge through the reach will be the same as at present, except in the zone affected by the backwater from the Tail Tunnel discharge.
3. Within the backwater zone, water velocities for a given discharge through the reach between the Dam and the Tail Tunnel Outlet will be less than at present.
4. For distance of between 300 feet and 3,200 feet upstream from the Tail Tunnel Outlet, depending upon river discharge, there will be a backwater zone in which depth at 750 cfs with the Project

1 often will exceed the depth that now occurs at
2 larger discharges under existing conditions. For
3 example, with 750 cfs between the Dam and the Tail
4 Tunnel Outlet and 6,000 cfs through the Powersta-
5 tion, the depth in the backwater zone will exceed
6 depths for 4,000 cfs under existing conditions.
7 There is a large range of discharges in which the
8 Project will increase water depth similarly, even
9 though only 750 cfs will flow between the Dam and
10 the Tail Tunnel Outlet.

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12 Q. How will the proposed Project change the water surface
13 profiles downstream from the Dam?

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15 A. There will be backwater effects caused by the
16 Powerstation discharges. It is anticipated that the
17 Powerstation discharges will range from 2,000 cfs to
18 24,000 cfs. Six combinations of river discharges over
19 the Dam and Powerstation discharges were analyzed and
20 are summarized in Table 6.

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22 Table 6

23 RIVER DISCHARGES AND POWERSTATION DISCHARGES ANALYZED

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25 River	26 Powerstation
27 Discharge	Discharge
28 (cfs)	(cfs)
29 750	2,000
30 750	6,000
31 750	12,000
32 750	24,000
33 4,000	24,000
34 15,000	24,000

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37 The length of the affected reach varies from about 300
38 to 3200 feet upstream from the Tail Tunnel Outlet
39 depending upon river and Powerstation discharge
40 combinations. This is further detailed in Exhibit
41 (BKL-8). The locations of cross sections between the
42 Dam and Tail Tunnel Outlet used to analyze streamflow
43 velocity and water depth are shown on Exhibit (BKL-
44 5).

1 Exhibits ____ and ____ (BKL-9 and BKL-10) show the water
2 surface profiles between the Dam and Tail Tunnel Outlet
3 for existing conditions and with the Project.
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5 Q. Please describe streamflow velocities downstream from
6 the Dam site under existing conditions.
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8 A. The Kootenai River between the Dam site and Tail Tunnel
9 Outlet has nearly vertical banks in most parts of the
10 river. Therefore, the river was not divided into main
11 channel, left overbank and right overbank, as in the
12 Reservoir, for hydraulic analysis. Hydraulic
13 characteristics such as streamflow velocity and flow
14 depth, are described in average terms for each cross
15 section.
16

17 Shallow rapids, or falls, combined with pools produce a
18 wide range of streamflow velocities. The velocities are
19 generally slow in the pools. Typical velocities can be
20 described as follows: 1. Between the Tail Tunnel Outlet
21 N3 and N1, the pool velocities vary from 0.3 ft/sec to
22 0.5 ft/sec at river discharge of 750 cfs, from 4.0
23 ft/sec to 4.6 ft/sec at 15,000 cfs; 2. Between Sections
24 KA and GA-2, pool velocities vary from 0.6 ft/sec to 1.7
25 ft/sec at 750 cfs, from 4.4 ft/sec to 5.4 ft/sec at
26 15,000 cfs; 3. Between Sections LC-2 and LC-6,
27 velocities in pools vary from 2.0 ft/sec to 5.9 ft/sec
28 at 750 cfs, and from 7.4 ft/sec to 8.9 ft/sec at 15,000
29 cfs. Exhibit ____ (BKL-11) provides further information
30 on velocities in the pools. There are no river reaches
31 above LC-6 that can be called pools.
32

33 Q. How will the Project affect streamflow velocity in pools?
34

35 A. Approximate streamflow velocities in pools are shown on
36 Exhibit ____ (BKL-11) for existing conditions and with
37 the Project.
38

39 Streamflow velocities in pools will be reduced in the
40 reach affected by backwater from Powerstation discharge.
41

42 Streamflow velocities in pools after the Project is in
43 operation can be summarized as follows:
44

- 45 1. For the discharge combination of 750 cfs released
46 at the Dam and between 2000 cfs and 6000 cfs from

1 the Powerstation, the pool velocities will not be
2 affected by the backwater. Thus, the velocities
3 will be the same as 750 cfs flow in the river under
4 existing conditions.
5

6 2. For the discharge combination of 750 cfs released
7 at the Dam and 12,000 cfs from the Powerstation,
8 the velocities will vary from 0.2 ft/sec to 0.3
9 ft/sec between Sections N3 and N1. Upstream of
10 Section 40CA the velocities will be the same as
11 those under existing conditions.
12

13 3. For the discharge combination of 4000 cfs released
14 at the Dam and 24,000 cfs from the Powerstation,
15 the velocities will vary from 0.7 ft/sec to 1.9
16 ft/sec between Sections N3 and N1 and from 2.0
17 ft/sec to 2.7 ft/sec between Sections KA and GA-2.
18

19 Q. Please describe streamflow velocity at the rock ridges
20 between the Dam site and Tail Tunnel Outlet under
21 existing conditions.
22

23 A. Exhibit ____ (BKL-9) shows significant rock ridges which
24 locally control river discharge at the following 11
25 locations:
26

27 N1
28 40CA (at small discharge only)
29 KA
30 GA-2
31 GA-4
32 LC-21 (Left Channel)
33 LC-6 (Left Channel)
34 GA-7
35 RC-3 (Right Channel)
36 RC-6 (Right Channel)
37 RC-8 (Right Channel)
38

39 Based on my field observation these rocky ridges at the
40 controls are irregular both in plan and in cross
41 section.
42

43 At 750 cfs, 4,000 cfs, and 15,000 cfs, streamflow
44 velocities at the 11 major controls listed above under
45 existing conditions are approximately as shown on
46 Exhibit ____ (BKL-12). For illustration, I will
47

1 describe streamflow velocities at three representative
2 cross sections.

3
4 As discharges vary from 750 cfs to 15,000 cfs,
5 streamflow velocities vary from 1.3 ft/sec to 7.5 ft/sec
6 at Section N1, from 5.0 ft/sec to 8.7 ft/sec at Section
7 GA-2, and from 6.3 ft/sec to 14 ft/sec at Section LC-6.

8
9 Q. How will the Project change streamflow velocity at the
10 control sections?

11
12 A. Exhibit _____ (BKL-8) summarizes the effect of backwater
13 caused by the Project on flow depth at selected points
14 between the Dam and Tail Tunnel Outlet. The backwater
15 extends various distances upstream from the Tail Tunnel
16 Outlet depending upon the combined discharges through
17 the Powerstation and over the Dam. The streamflow
18 velocities will be reduced where affected by backwater.

19
20 For the discharge combination of 750 cfs over the Dam
21 and 12,000 cfs from the Powerstation, the velocities
22 will be reduced from 3.8 ft/sec to 0.8 ft/sec at Section
23 N1, from 5.9 ft/sec to 4.8 ft/sec at Section 40CA.

24 Velocities at further upstream control sections will be
25 the same as under existing conditions.

26 For the discharge combinations of 4000 cfs over the Dam
27 and 24,000 cfs from the Powerstation, the velocities
28 will be reduced from 3.8 ft/sec to 1.2 ft/sec at Section
29 N1, from 9.7 ft/sec to 2.6 ft/sec at Section 40CA, from
30 7.4 ft/sec to 6.6 ft/sec at Section KA. Velocities at
31 further upstream control sections will be the same as
32 under existing conditions.

33
34 The differences in streamflow velocities between
35 existing conditions and with the Project for the area
36 between the Dam and Section GA-41 are shown in Exhibit
37 (BKL-13). Such differences in streamflow velocities are
38 due to flow redistribution rather than backwater
39 effects.

40
41 Q. How will the Project change flow depth between the Dam
42 and Tail Tunnel Outlet?

43
44 A. Exhibit _____ (BKL-8) shows the increase in flow depth
45 for various combinations of discharges over the Dam and
46 from the Powerstation.

1 For discharge combinations of 750 cfs over the Dam and
2 2000 cfs from the Powerstation, the depths will increase
3 about two feet at Sections TW and N2.
4

5 For discharge combination of 650 cfs over the Dam and
6 12,000 cfs from the Powerstation, the depth increase
7 will be 10.4 ft at Section TW and will diminish upstream
8 from Section KA.
9

10 For discharge combination of 4000 cfs over the Dam and
11 24,000 cfs from the Powerstation, the depth increase
12 will be 16 ft at Section TW and will diminish upstream
13 from Section GA-3.
14

15 Q. After the Project is in operation what changes will
16 occur in streamflow velocities downstream from the Tail
17 Tunnel Outlet?
18

19 A. Velocities downstream from the Tail Tunnel Outlet will
20 not change. The Project would cause a change in the
21 flow pattern in the immediate vicinity of the Tail
22 Tunnel Outlet; however, all effects of the
23 redistribution of streamflow will disappear within 300
24 feet downstream of the Tail Tunnel Outlet.
25

26 Q. Please describe the scope of the your sedimentation
27 analysis.
28

29 A. I determined sediment transport rates (bed load and
30 suspended load), sediment deposition rates, location of
31 deposition, river cross section, changes due to
32 sedimentation and erosion, bed material sizes, and
33 sources of sediment for the river reaches between the
34 upper end of the Reservoir and the Tail Tunnel Outlet.
35

36 Q. How did you initiate your sedimentation studies?
37

38 A. My first concern was to determine the source of
39 sediments in the Kootenai River.
40

41 Due to Libby Dam, the major source of sediment for this
42 reach is the intervening 1,430-square-mile drainage area
43 between Libby Dam and the Dam site. The Fisher River,
44 with 838 square miles of drainage area, is the largest
45 tributary in this area and is the prime source of
46 sediment for the Project. Sediment released from Libby

- 1 Dam would primarily consist of fine particles (silt and
2 clay) which will not deposit in the Reservoir.
3
- 4 Q. How did you determine sediment transport rate in the
5 Kootenai River?
6
- 7 A. Sediment transport mode in a river can be divided into
8 suspended sediment and bed load transport. Both
9 suspended sediment and bed load discharges for the
10 Kootenai River were estimated based on these two classes
11 of sediment load determined for the Fisher River.
12
- 13 Q. How was the suspended sediment discharge for the Fisher
14 River determined?
15
- 16 A. The suspended sediment discharge of the Fisher River was
17 estimated by applying a sediment rating curve and a flow
18 duration curve for the Fisher River developed from USGS
19 data. A sediment-rating curve relates sediment
20 discharge in tons per day, to river discharge, in cubic
21 feet per second. A flow duration curve gives the
22 relationship between river discharge and its frequency
23 of exceedance. The sediment rating and flow duration
24 curves are shown on Exhibit ____ (BKL-14) and Exhibit ____
25 (BKL-15), respectively.
26
- 27 Q. What was determined to be the average suspended sediment
28 discharge of the Fisher River?
29
- 30 A. The average sediment discharge of the Fisher River was
31 determined to be 92,000 tons per year, which is
32 equivalent to a unit discharge, i.e., sediment discharge
33 per unit area, of 110 tons per year per square mile.
34
- 35 Q. What is the particle size distribution of suspended
36 sediments carried by the Fisher River?
37
- 38 A. The particle size distribution of Fisher River suspended
39 sediment was determined to be 13 percent sand, 66
40 percent silt, and 21 percent clay. Exhibit ____ (BKL-
41 16) shows the particle size distribution curve of
42 suspended sediment in the Fisher River.
43
44
- 45 Q. Based upon this analysis, what was determined to be the
46 suspended sediment discharge into the Reservoir of the
47 proposed Project?

1 A. The suspended sediment discharge into the Reservoir was
2 determined to be approximately 146,000 tons per year.
3 The size distribution of suspended sediment was
4 estimated to be the same as that of the Fisher River.
5

6 Q. What was determined to be the bed load discharge for the
7 Fisher River?
8

9 A. The bed load discharge for the Fisher River was
10 estimated to be approximately 41,000 tons per year,
11 which is about 45 percent of the suspended sediment
12 discharge. The unit bed load then would be 49 tons per
13 year per square mile.
14

15 The particle size distribution used in the bed load
16 computation is based on size distribution curves for
17 five bed material samples taken by the Corps of
18 Engineers, Seattle District, at five locations in the
19 lower part of the Fisher River. River cross section and
20 flow measurement data for the Fisher River were obtained
21 from the USGS.
22

23 Q. What was determined to be the bed load discharge into
24 the Reservoir?
25

26 A. The bed load discharge into the Reservoir was estimated
27 to be about 65,000 tons per year.
28

29 Q. Please describe the present river bed material in the
30 Reservoir area.
31

32 A. Nine bed material samples were collected by a Harza
33 hydrologist on November 1, 1981. The bed material
34 mostly consists of big rocks, boulders, cobbles and
35 gravels which are well embedded with coarse sand.
36

37 Sand and gravel bars along the river banks include large
38 cobbles and boulders. Approximately 30 percent of the
39 surface areas of exposed bars are covered with material
40 larger than 128 mm. The size distribution of smaller
41 material is shown in Table 7:

Table 7

SIZE DISTRIBUTION OF SMALLER MATERIAL OF RIVER BARS

<u>Size Range, mm</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Finer than 0.062	1
0.062 to 2.0	24
2.0 to 64.0	70
64.0 to 128	5

The locations of sand and gravel bars are shown on Exhibit __ (BKL-17).

Q. Please describe the existing shoreline materials in the Reservoir area.

A. The shoreline within the Reservoir area varies depending upon the rate of discharge from Libby Dam.

The shoreline material varies somewhat with river discharge but is mostly sand with some silt and clay. Scattered gravels, cobbles, and boulders are seen embedded in sands at places. About 10 percent of this material is finer than 0.062 mm diameter and the remaining 90 percent lies between 0.062 mm and 2.0 mm.

Q. Please describe the shoreline materials that will be visible during Project operation.

A. After the Project is in operation the shoreline boundary will be relatively constant for a wide range of river discharges due to reservoir ponding effect. The shoreline material will be similar to that presently existing at a discharge of about 20,000 cfs, and will consist of coarse sand with a little silt and clay. The maximum particle size of shoreline material, excluding scattered gravels, will be about 3 mm.

Q. How will the Reservoir affect sediment transport?

A. All of the bed load and sand portion of the suspended sediments will be trapped by the Reservoir. Silt and clay suspended in the water will not be affected and will continue downstream.

- 1 Q. What happens to the silt and clay being transported in
2 the River under present conditions?
3
- 4 A. Due to daily fluctuations in flow some of these
5 sediments are deposited along the shoreline between the
6 high and the low water elevations.
7
- 8 Q. How much of the suspended sediment and bed load will be
9 deposited in the Reservoir?
10
- 11 A. Approximately 19,000 tons per year of suspended sediment
12 will be deposited. The specific weight of this
13 deposited sediment is estimated to be 97 pounds per
14 cubic foot. Change in specific weight due to compaction
15 will be negligible. The rate of suspended sediment
16 deposit is equivalent to a volume of 9 acre-feet per
17 year.
18
- 19 All the bed load will deposit in the Reservoir. The
20 specific weight of the bed load was estimated to be 120
21 pounds per cubic foot. The bed load deposit will
22 deplete the Reservoir volume at a rate of 25 acre-feet
23 per year. Thus, the Reservoir volume will be depleted
24 at a total rate of 34 acre-feet per year, which is the
25 sum of 9 acre-feet per year of suspended sediment and 25
26 acre-feet per year of bed load. The volume of sediment
27 deposit after fifty years will be approximately 1700
28 acre-feet, or 44 percent of the Reservoir volume below
29 Elevation 2,000.
30
- 31 Q. Have you been able to determine how the deposited
32 sediment will distribute in the Reservoir during fifty
33 years of operation?
34
- 35 A. Yes, the distribution of deposited sediment is
36 calculated for 5, 10, 25, and 50 years of Project
37 operation. The sediment distribution profiles presented
38 as Exhibit _____ (BKL-18) show the elevation of sediment
39 along the length of the Reservoir. The predicted
40 sediment distribution across three typical river cross
41 sections is shown on Exhibit _____ (BKL-19).
42
- 43 Q. What sizes of sediment particles can be expected on the
44 bottom of the Reservoir?
45
- 46 A. The median particle size of sediment in the Reservoir is
47 estimated to be one millimeter. This is based largely

- 1 on particle size distribution of suspended sediment and
2 bed material. Near mouths of small creeks flowing
3 directly into the Reservoir, a significant amount of
4 boulders and gravels will be deposited. The deposition
5 will normally occur during flood events which possess
6 enough stream power to transport large gravels and
7 boulders. Field investigation indicated that sufficient
8 gravels and boulders exist in China, Burrel, Dad and
9 Williams Creeks. The size of gravel bars at the new
10 mouth of these creeks will grow gradually and reach
11 eventual equilibrium size similar to these at the
12 existing creek mouths.
- 13
- 14 Q. Under existing conditions, is the movement of sediment
15 into and out of various reaches within the Project
16 boundaries at equilibrium?
- 17
- 18 A. Yes. The formation of sand and gravel bars along the
19 river appears to have stabilized as a result of the
20 construction and operation of Libby Dam.
- 21
- 22 Q. Will the sediment transport in the Reservoir eventually
23 come to equilibrium during Project operation?
- 24
- 25 A. No. Part of the sediment transported into the Reservoir
26 will be trapped and the volume of the Reservoir will
27 gradually be reduced as is shown on Exhibits ____ (BKL-
28 18), and Exhibit ____ (BKL-19).
- 29
- 30 Q. Please describe the area known as the Koot Creek Bar.
- 31
- 32 A. This bar is at the mouth of Koot Creek, in the pool
33 between Section GA and GA-2, as shown on Exhibit ____
34 (BKL-5). The bar, which consists of sand and gravel,
35 slopes into the Kootenai River at approximately a 25
36 percent grade. The bar materials are primarily gravels
37 and small boulders on coarse sand. At the higher
38 elevations, fine sands are deposited on the top of the
39 gravel and boulders. The Koot Creek Bar is presently
40 maintained by sediments deposited there by Koot Creek
41 and by the Kootenai River. The very high velocities
42 that occur in Koot Creek under large flows transport the
43 large materials that causes the bar to develop. Smaller
44 materials are supplied partly by Koot Creek but mostly
45 by the Kootenai River. The volume of material supplied
46 by the Kootenai River is less with Libby Dam in
47 existence than prior to the construction of that dam.

- 1 Q. How will the Project affect Koot Creek Bar?
- 2
- 3 A. Koot Creek Bar will likely grow somewhat after the
- 4 Project is built, because there will be less high flow
- 5 in Kootenai River to transport the gravel material
- 6 deposited by Koot Creek. The added accumulation likely
- 7 will more than offset the reduced sediment from
- 8 upstream. Furthermore, low flows will occur more
- 9 frequently due to the operation of the Project and will
- 10 expose more of the bar area.
- 11
- 12 Q. Please elaborate on the basis for your prediction that
- 13 Koot Creek bar will grow.
- 14
- 15 A. Experience with sand-bed streams shows that a dam
- 16 usually causes degradation of the downstream river bed
- 17 by cutting off the majority of the sediment supply.
- 18 However, aggradation is more likely in a gravel-bed
- 19 stream because of infeed of gravel from tributaries,
- 20 which can not be transported by the controlled (or
- 21 reduced) flow of the main stem. Survey of Kootenai
- 22 River cross sections by the Corps of Engineers and USGS
- 23 has shown aggradation below the dam. Studies by Dr.
- 24 Gary Parker indicate the occurrence of aggradation in
- 25 gravel-bed streams.
- 26
- 27 Q. Please describe bed materials and gravel deposit size
- 28 near the confluence of Pipe and Flower Creeks.
- 29
- 30 A. The bed material at these junctions consists of mostly
- 31 gravel and sand but large rocks are also present. The
- 32 sand-gravel deposits average about 150 feet wide by 7000
- 33 feet long under medium flow conditions. The bed
- 34 material is similar to those in the Reservoir. The size
- 35 of the sand-gravel deposits is about equivalent to that
- 36 in the reach from R8 to K10 in the Reservoir. The bed
- 37 material near the Pipe Creek and Flower Creek junctions
- 38 will not be affected by the Project.
- 39
- 40
- 41 Q. Please describe the existing pattern of water
- 42 temperatures in the area of the Project.
- 43
- 44 A. The temperature regime of the Kootenai River under
- 45 present conditions is very complex. Exhibit _____ (BKL-
- 46 20) shows, on four sheets, one for each season, the
- 47 measured water temperature changes for different river

1 discharges along the Kootenai River from river mile
2 194.5 (about 1.5 miles upstream from the Dam site) to
3 river mile 191.0 (about 1.0 mile downstream from Tail
4 Tunnel Outlet site. The four sheets show the
5 predominance of readings with no measureable change in
6 temperature and an inconsistent pattern of readings
7 where there are temperature changes. Generally, under
8 existing conditions, any temperature rise in water
9 passing through the reach of the Kootenai River affected
10 by the Project is very small.

11
12 Water temperature in the Project area is regulated by
13 selective release through the turbines at Libby Dam.
14 From February to September, water temperature is
15 maintained within the range of temperature before Libby
16 Dam was built. From October to January, water
17 temperature is maintained zero to six degrees Fahrenheit
18 above the maximum temperatures recorded from 1962 to
19 1969, before Libby Dam was built.

20
21 Q. Please explain the basic data and assumptions used in
22 analyzing water temperature effects of the Project.

23
24 A. The effects of the Project on water temperature were
25 analyzed using the principle of heat budget. Data
26 required include solar radiation, cloud cover, shading
27 from sunlight, water temperature, air temperature and
28 humidity.

29
30 The solar radiation received is a function of the extent
31 to which water surface may be exposed to direct sunlight
32 and of the amount of cloud cover. The Reservoir is
33 relatively exposed to direct sunlight, although there is
34 shading from the mountains morning and evening. Below
35 the Dam, the winding stream course, combined with steep
36 walls in certain locations reduces the direct solar
37 exposure. Temperature rise was analyzed by using five
38 percent shading of the Reservoir water surface and 30
39 percent shading of the stream surface below the Dam.
40 The shading factors are based on field observation. The
41 inflow water temperature was estimated to be 60°F, which
42 is roughly the average water temperature in July, based
43 on USGS data. The air temperature was estimated to be
44 87.5°F, which is the normal high air temperature in
45 July. The relative humidity was estimated to be the
46 July average of 50 percent. The cloud cover was
47 estimated to be the July average of 40 percent. The

1 data for air temperature, humidity, and cloud cover were
2 obtained from the National Weather Service.
3
4 Q. For what river discharge conditions did you analyze the
5 water temperature effects of the Project?
6
7 A. Three discharge conditions were studied. They were
8 2,750, 11,000, and 24,750 cfs. In each case the minimum
9 release over the Dam was 750 cfs and the remainder was
10 discharged through the Powerstation. Average river
11 discharge, as regulated by Libby Dam in July, is
12 approximately 11,000 cfs. The range of discharges
13 analyzed, 2,750 to 24,750 cfs, covers about 99 percent
14 of the range of discharges.
15
16 Q. According to your analysis, what will be the net effect
17 of the Project on water temperature?
18
19 A. The net temperature effect of the Project is to raise
20 water temperature about 0.5, 0.9 and 1.0 degree
21 Fahrenheit at discharges of 2,750, 11,000, and 24,750
22 cfs, respectively. These are the maximum effects
23 produced by the Project within any river reach between
24 the upper end of the Reservoir and the Tail Tunnel
25 Outlet. The average effect over a day or longer time
26 period would be much smaller, as the above figures were
27 based upon hourly periods. Exhibit (BKL-21)
28 summarizes net water temperature change due to the
29 Project for different reaches and under three discharge
30 conditions.
31
32 Q. Does this complete your prepared direct testimony?
33
34 A. Yes.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BEFORE THE
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MATTER OF)
NORTHERN LIGHTS, INC.)

PROJECT NO. 2752

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF Illinois)
COUNTY OF Cook) ss.:

B. K. Lee, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he has read the foregoing prepared direct testimony of B. K. Lee, that he would respond in the same manner to the questions if so asked upon taking the stand, and that the matters of fact set forth therein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

B. K. Lee
B. K. Lee

Subscribed and sworn to before me,
this 18th day of January, 1982

Marian J. Higgins
Notary Public

My commission expires 7-27-85

List of Exhibits

<u>Title</u>	<u>Exhibit No.</u>
Typical Cross Section	___ (BKL-1)
Locations of Cross Sections - Dam to Libby	___ (BKL-2)
Discharge Rating Curve for Damsite	___ (BKL-3)
Locations of Cross Sections - Dam to Tail Tunnel Outlet	___ (BKL-4)
Kootenai River Water Surface Profile - Dam to Libby	___ (BKL-5)
Streamflow Velocity and Water Depth in Kootenai River.	___ (BKL-6)
Increase in Water Surface Elevation Between the Dam and Tail Tunnel Outlet Caused by the Project	___ (BKL-7)
Kootenai River Water Surface Profile - Dam to Tail Tunnel Outlet (With Project).	___ (BKL-8)
Kootenai Water Surface Profile - Dam to Tail Tunnel Outlet (With Project)	___ (BKL-9)
Streamflow Velocity in Pools Between the Dam and Tail Tunnel Outlet	___ (BKL-10)
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Sand and Gravel Bars in Kootenai River	___ (BKL-16)
Sand and Gravel Bars in Kootenai River	___ (BKL-17)

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Reservoir Sediment Profiles	____ (BKL-18)
Typical Sediment Distributions in Cross Sections	____ (BKL-19)
Kootenai River Water Temperature Change	____ (BKL-20)
Computed Maximum Rise of Water Temperature above Without - Project Condition Caused by the Project	____ (BKL-21)

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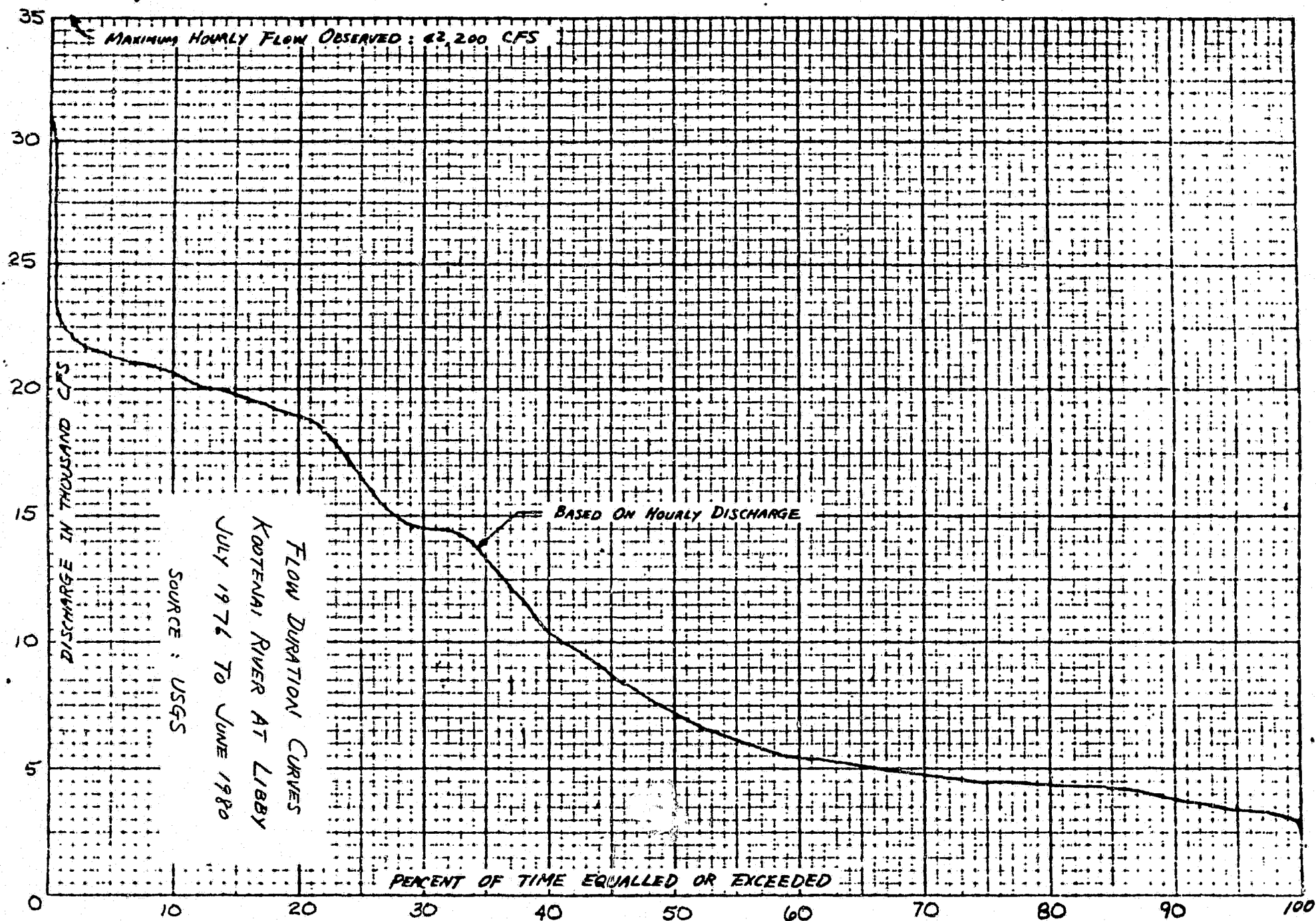
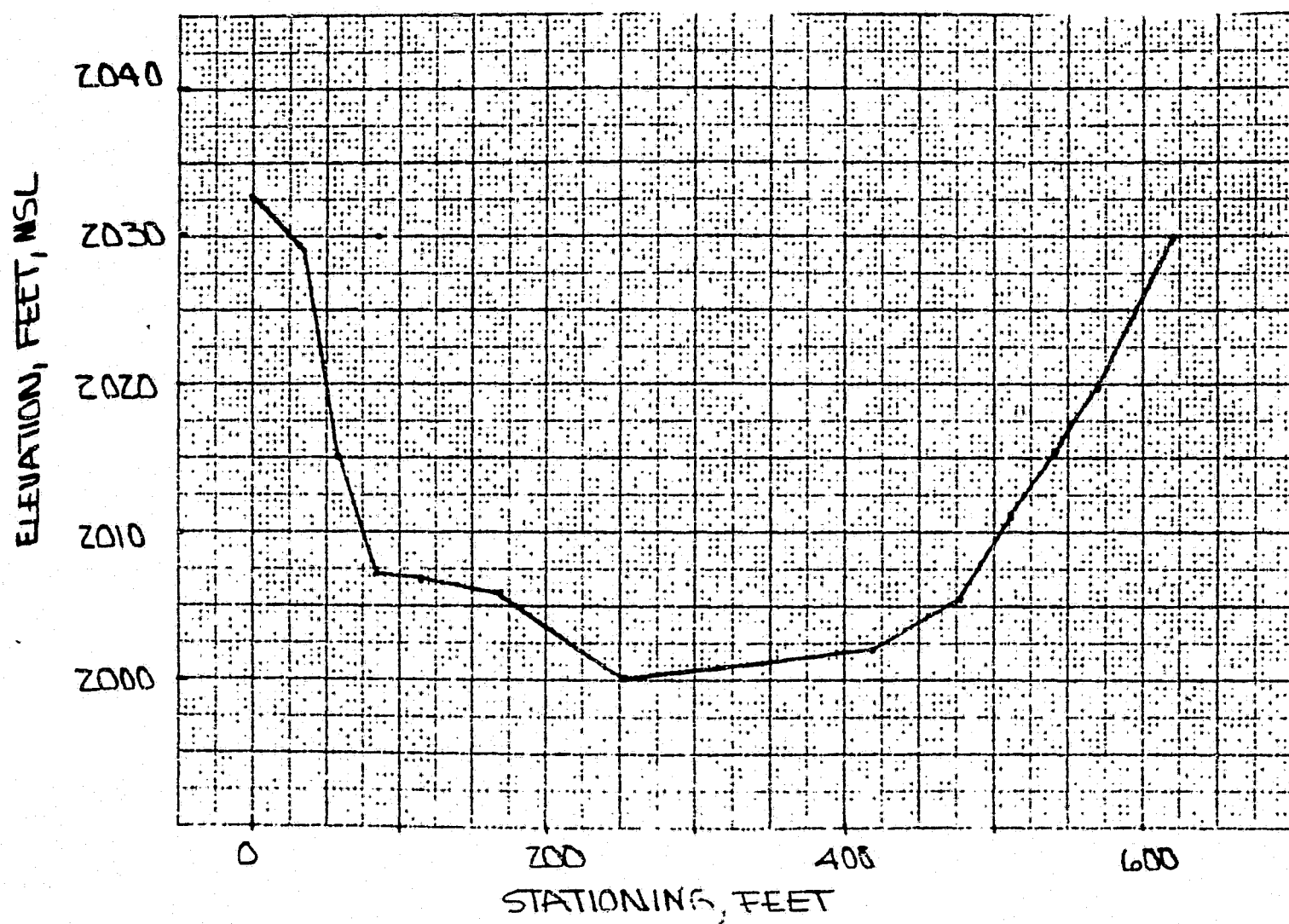


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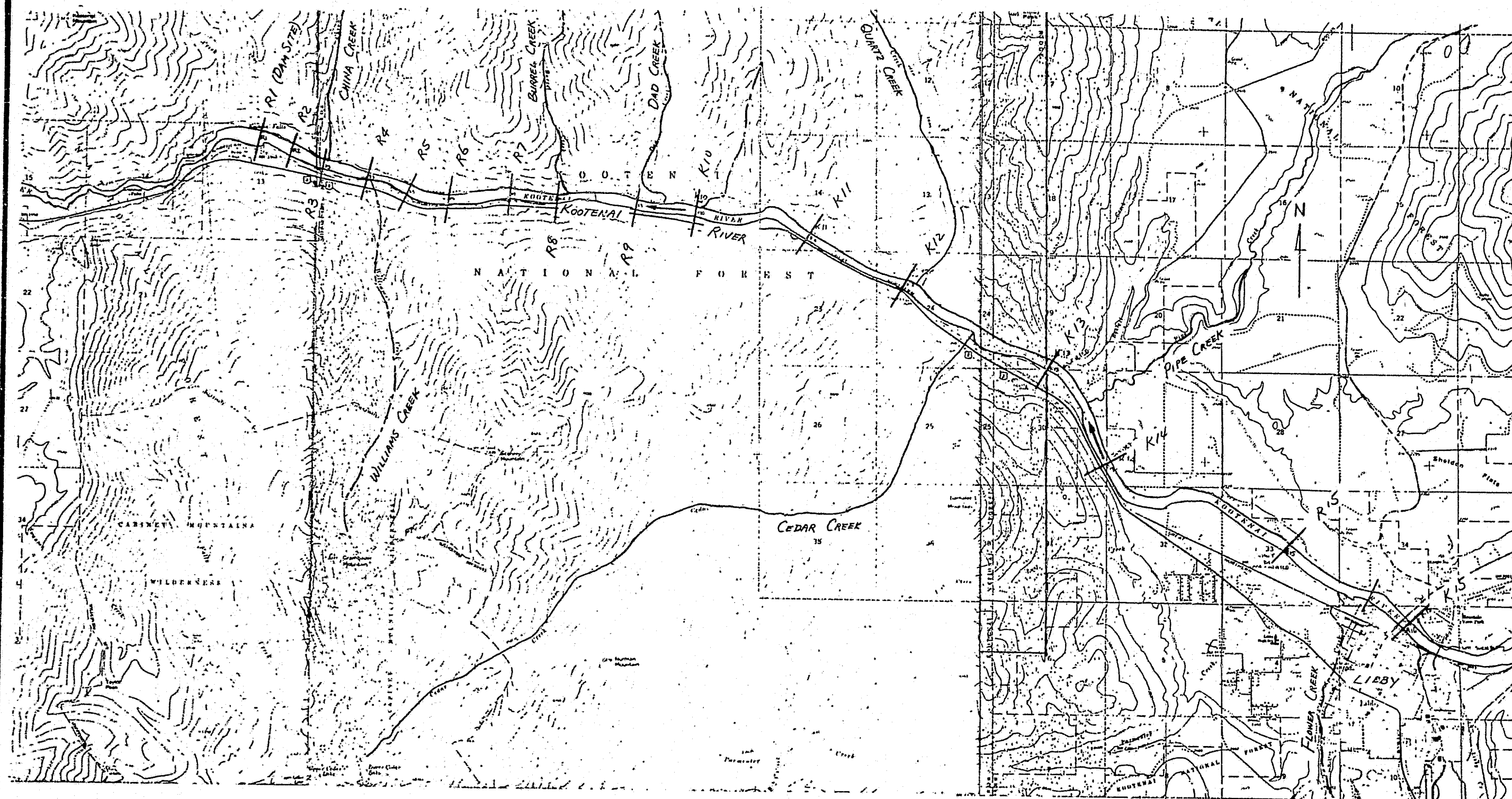


KOOTENAI RIVER
TYPICAL CROSS SECTION

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CROSS SECTION K11, LOCATED 5.0 MILES
UPSTREAM FROM THE DAM SITE

EXHIBIT (BKL - 3)
PROJECT No. 2752



Approximate Scale
0 1 2 mile
Contour Interval = 40 Feet

LOCATIONS OF CROSS SECTIONS
KOOTENAI RIVER
DAM SITE TO LIBBY

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DISCHARGE RATING CURVE
FOR DAM SITE
EXISTING CONDITION

ELEVATION IN FEET ABOVE MEAN SEA LEVEL

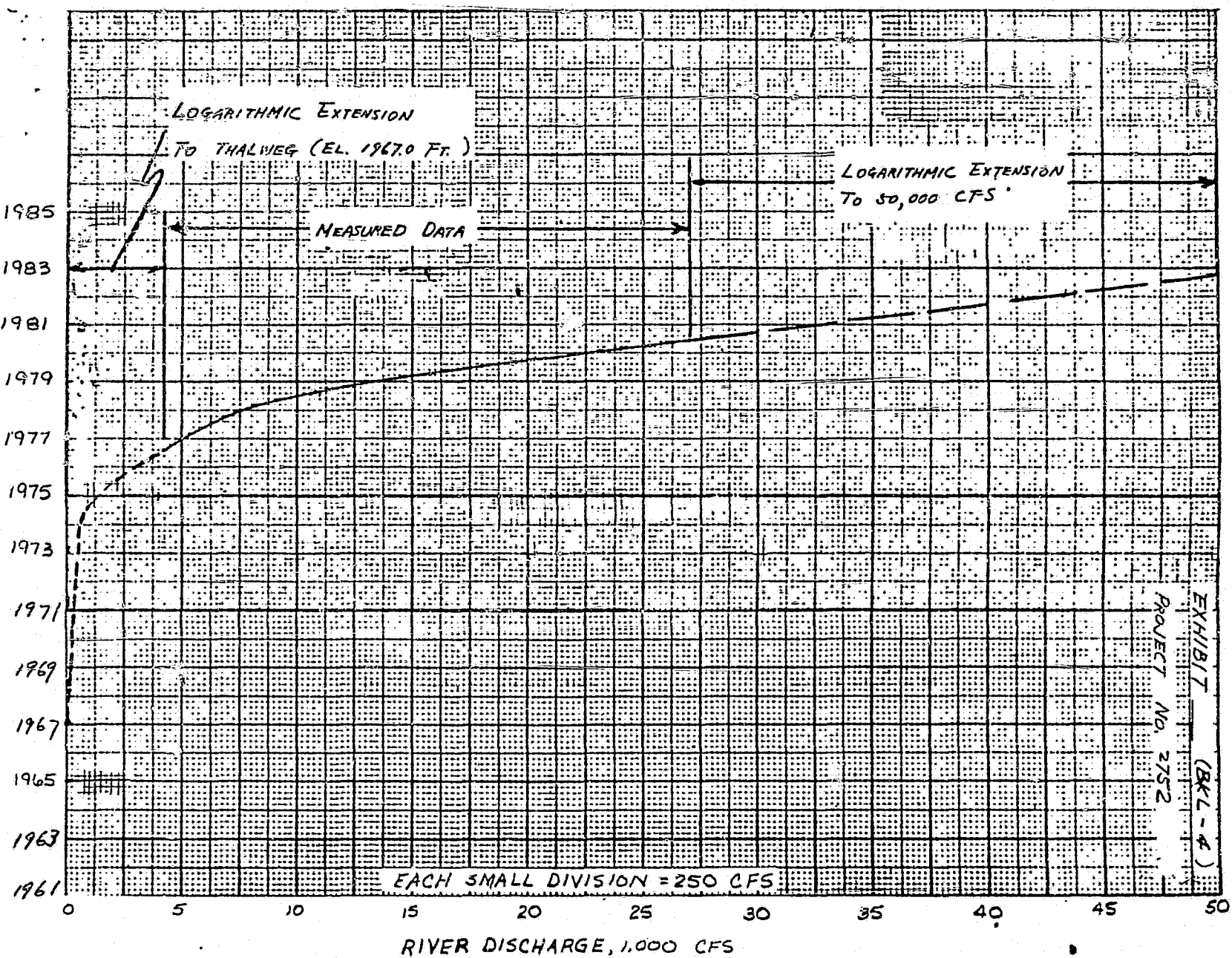
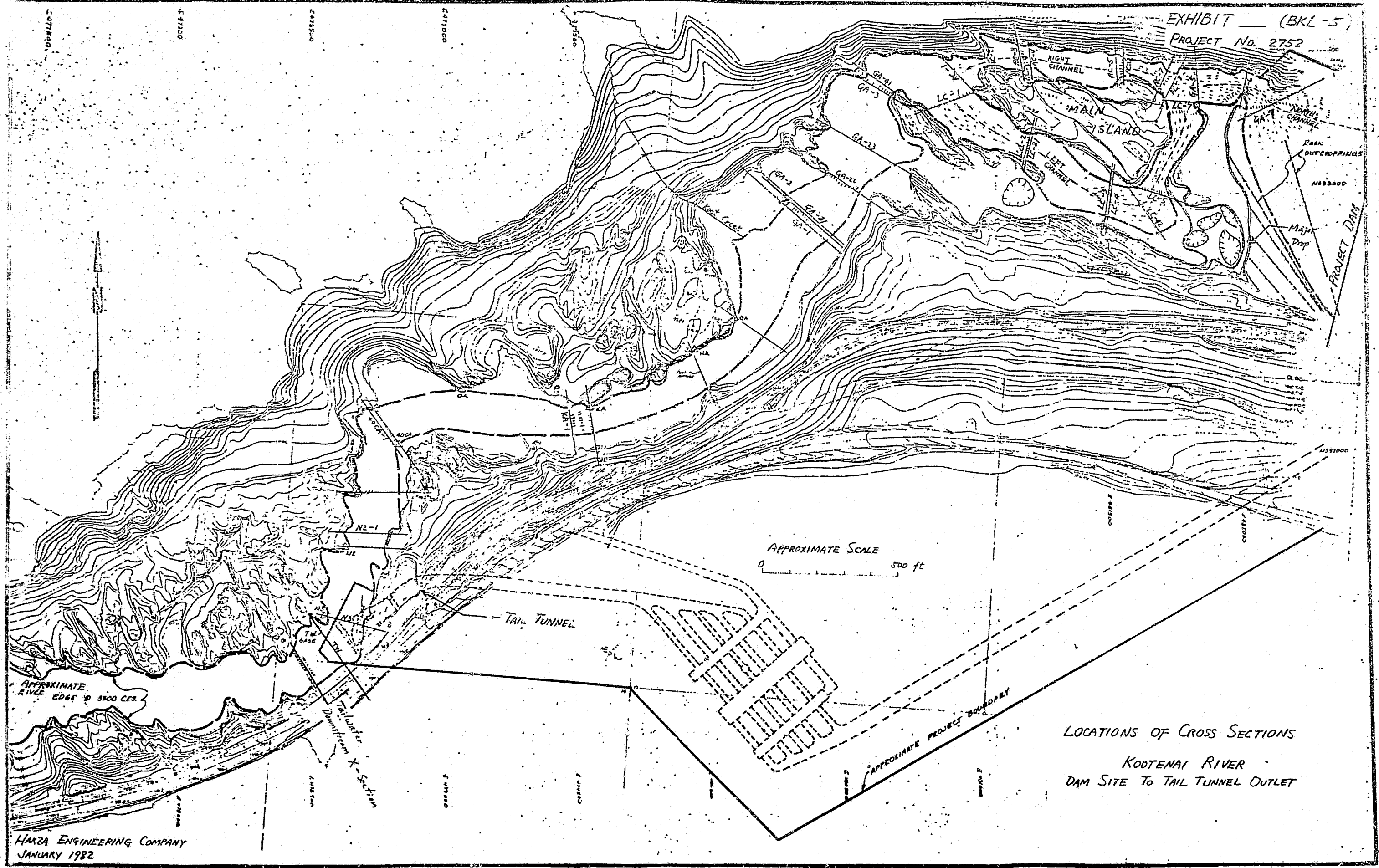
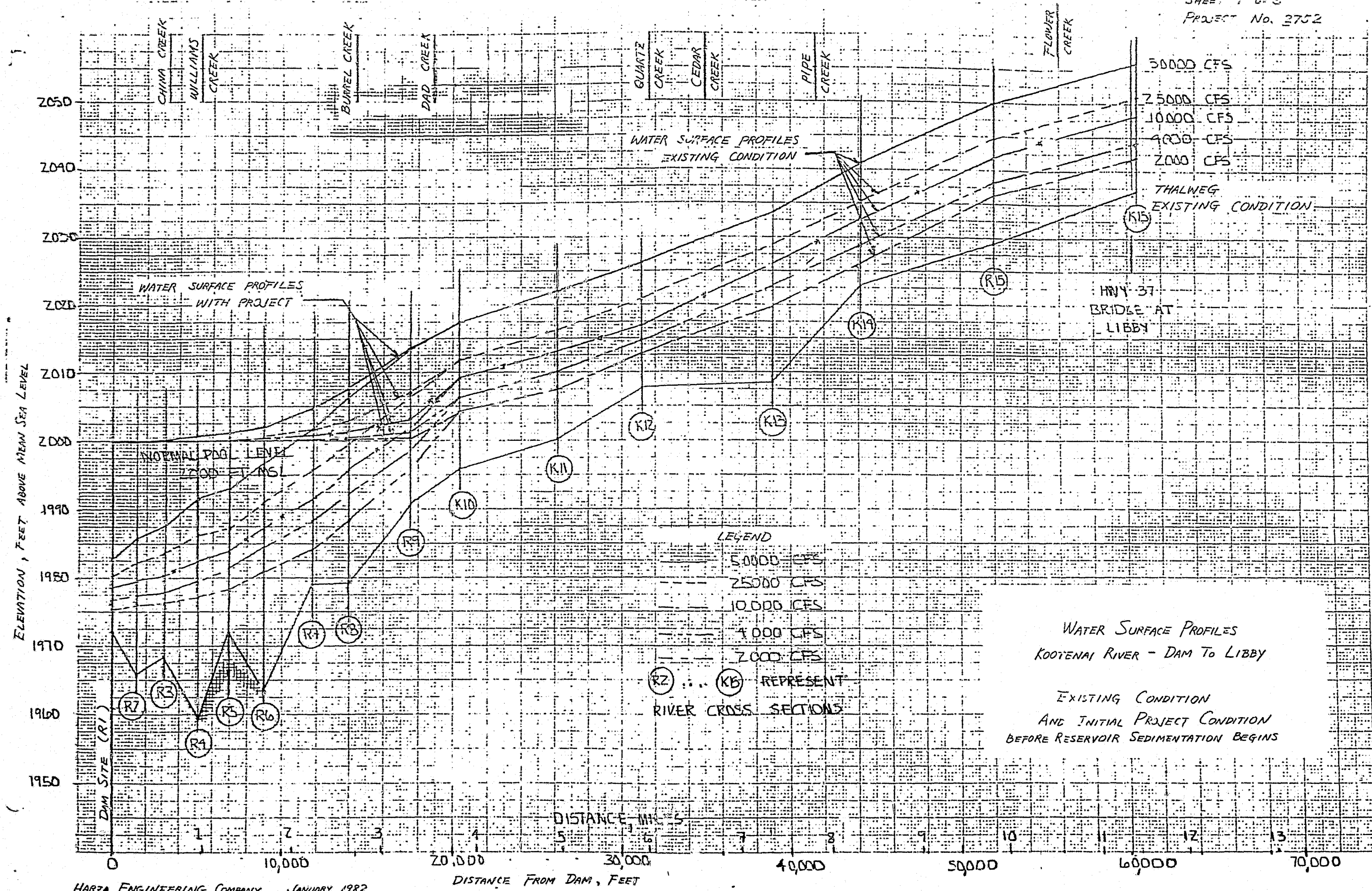


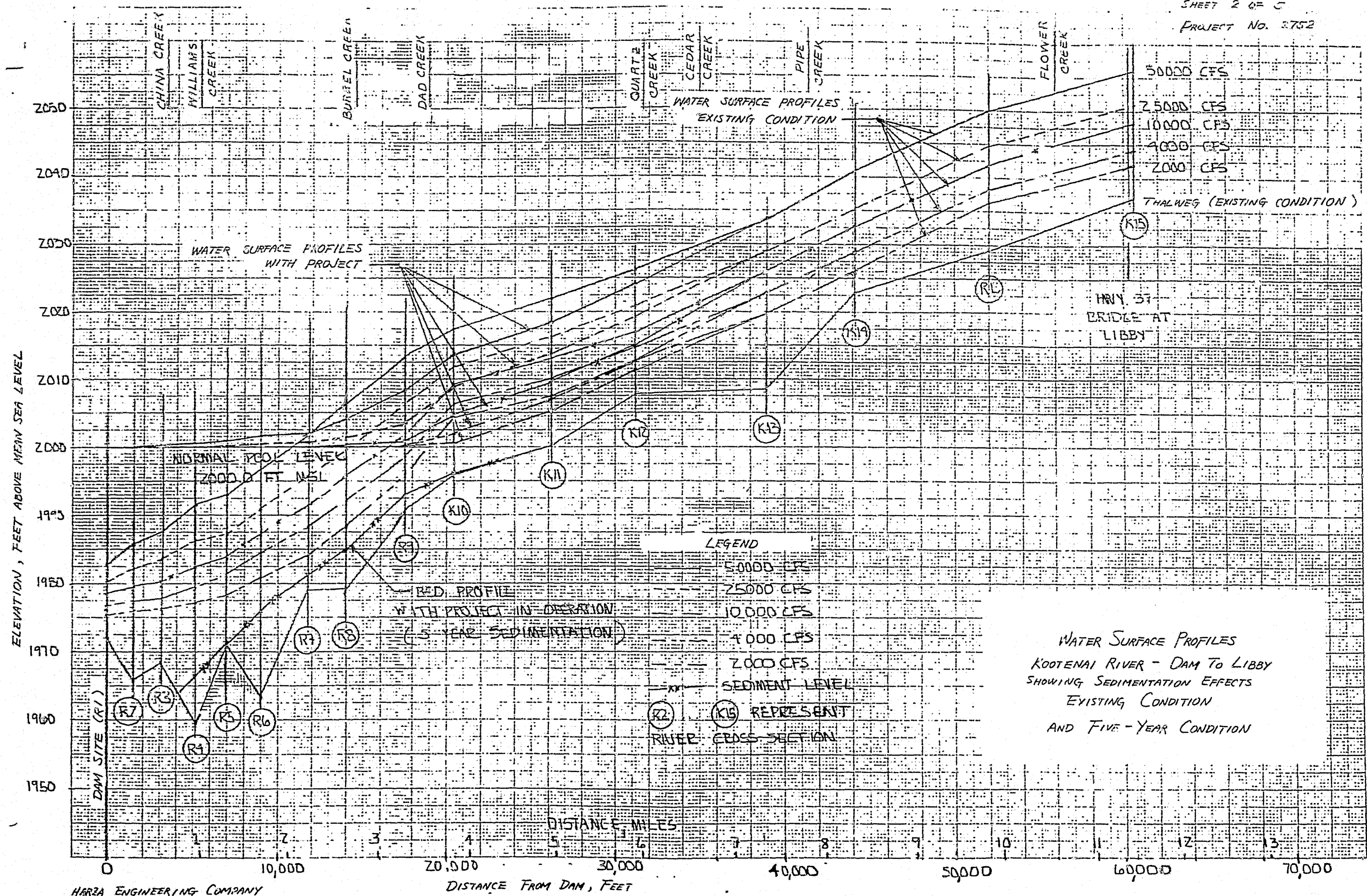
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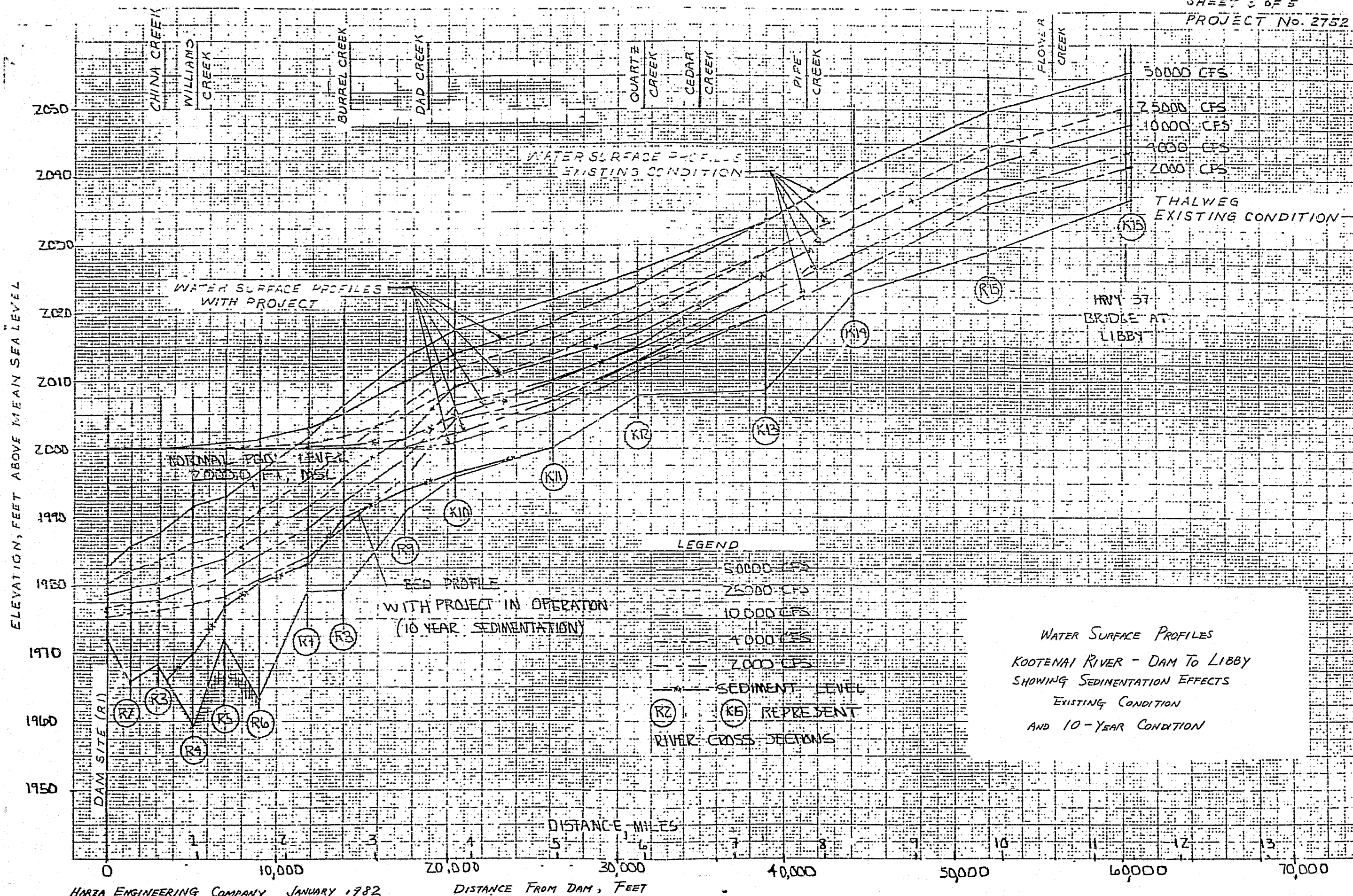


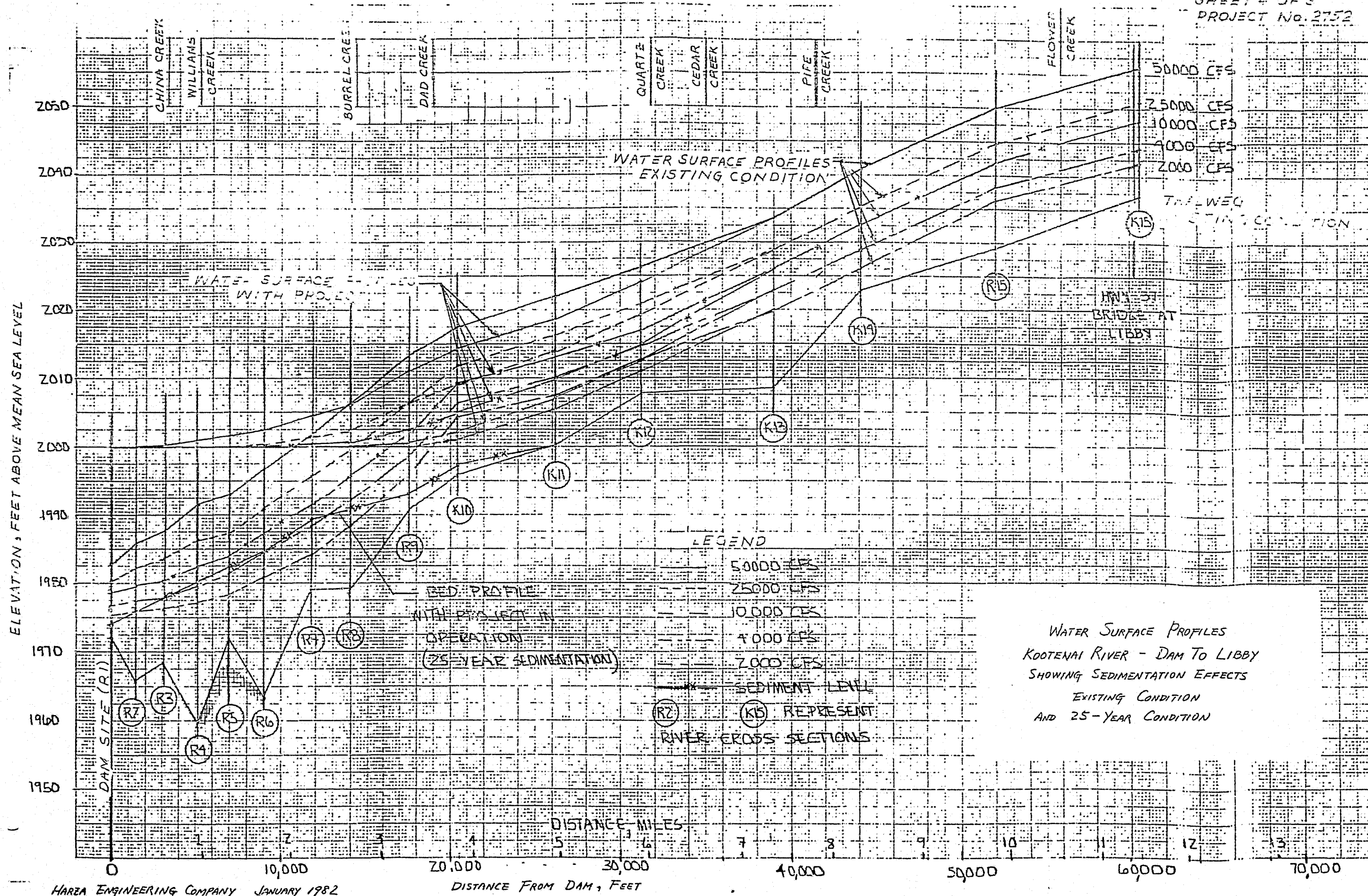
LOCATIONS OF CROSS SECTIONS
KOOTENAI RIVER
DAM SITE TO TAIL TUNNEL OUTLET

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DISTANCE FROM DAM, FEET

EXHIBIT (BKL-7)

LEGEND

L.....LEFT OVERBANK
M.....MAIN CHANNEL
R.....RIGHT OVERBANK
R1... K15 RIVER CROSS SECTIONS

THE FOLLOWING BAR SYMBOLS
INDICATE THE RANGE OF DEPTH
OR VELOCITY FOR DISCHARGES
4000 CFS TO 25000 CFS.

25000 CFS EXISTING CONDITIONS
4000 CFS
25000 CFS WITH PROJECT BEFORE
SEDIMENTATION BEGINS
4000 CFS

(EXAMPLE)

COMPARISON OF STREAMFLOW VELOCITY
AND WATER DEPTH

EXISTING CONDITION AND WITH PROJECT

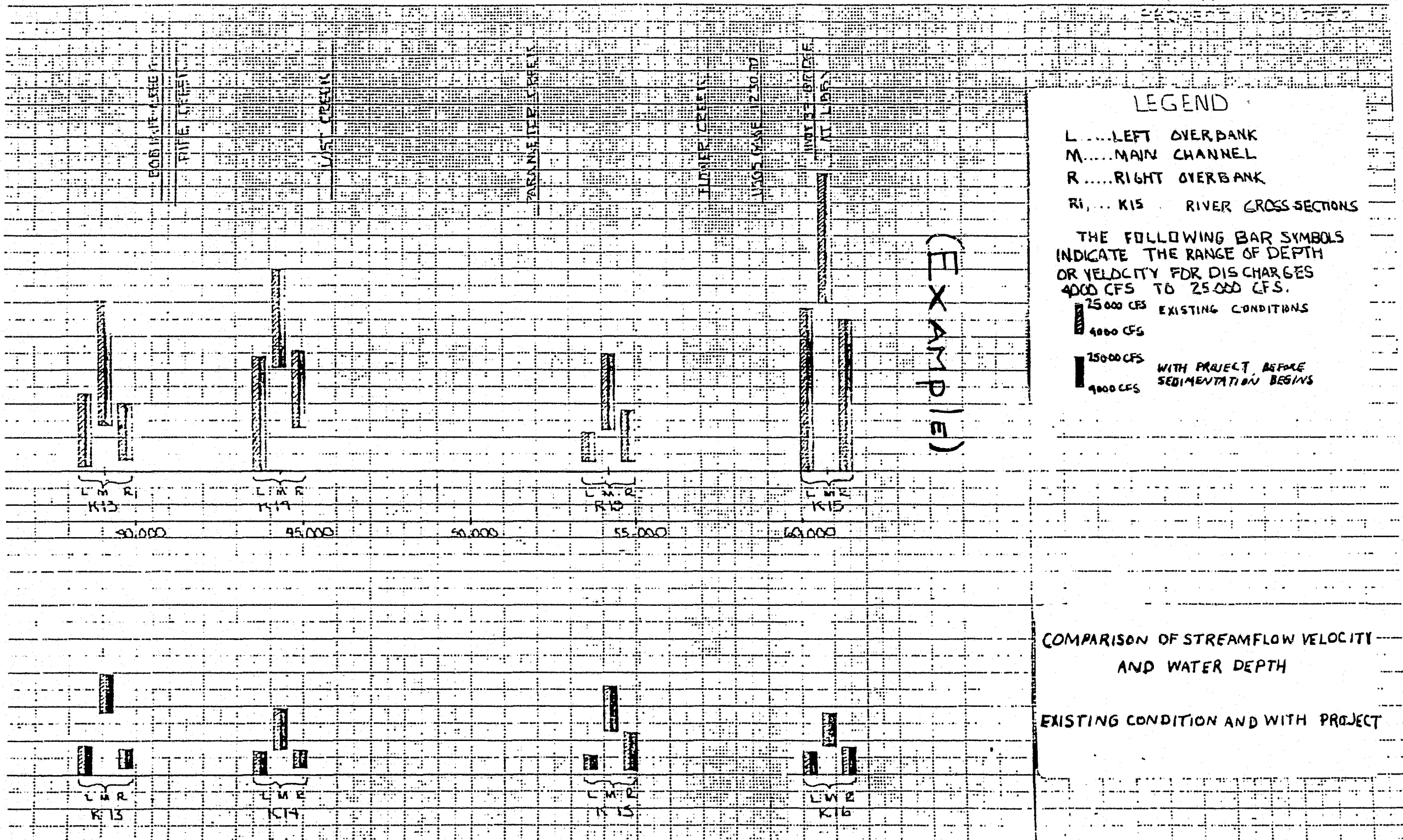


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 (BKL-8)
 PROJECT NO. 2752

INCREASE IN WATER SURFACE ELEVATION
 BETWEEN THE DAM AND TAIL TUNNEL OUTLET
 CAUSED BY THE PROJECT

River discharge-cfs	750	750	750	750	4,000	15,000
Powerstation discharge-cfs	<u>2,000</u>	<u>6,000</u>	<u>12,000</u>	<u>24,000</u>	<u>24,000</u>	<u>24,000</u>
Cross Section ^{1/}	Rise in Water Surface Elevation Above Existing Conditions-Feet					
TW	1.9	5.4	10.4	19.5	18.8	16.1
N2	1.7	5.5	11.1	20.7	18.5	15.9
N1 (Control Section)	0	0.1	3.5	13.1	11.1	13.3
40CA (Control Section)	0	0	0.2	9.6	10.6	11.5
KA (Control Section)	0	0	0.2	2.7	1.2	1.1
HA	0	0	0	1.7	0.9	2.3
GA	0	0	0	1.6	0.2	0.6

Koot Creek Bar is between GA and GA-1

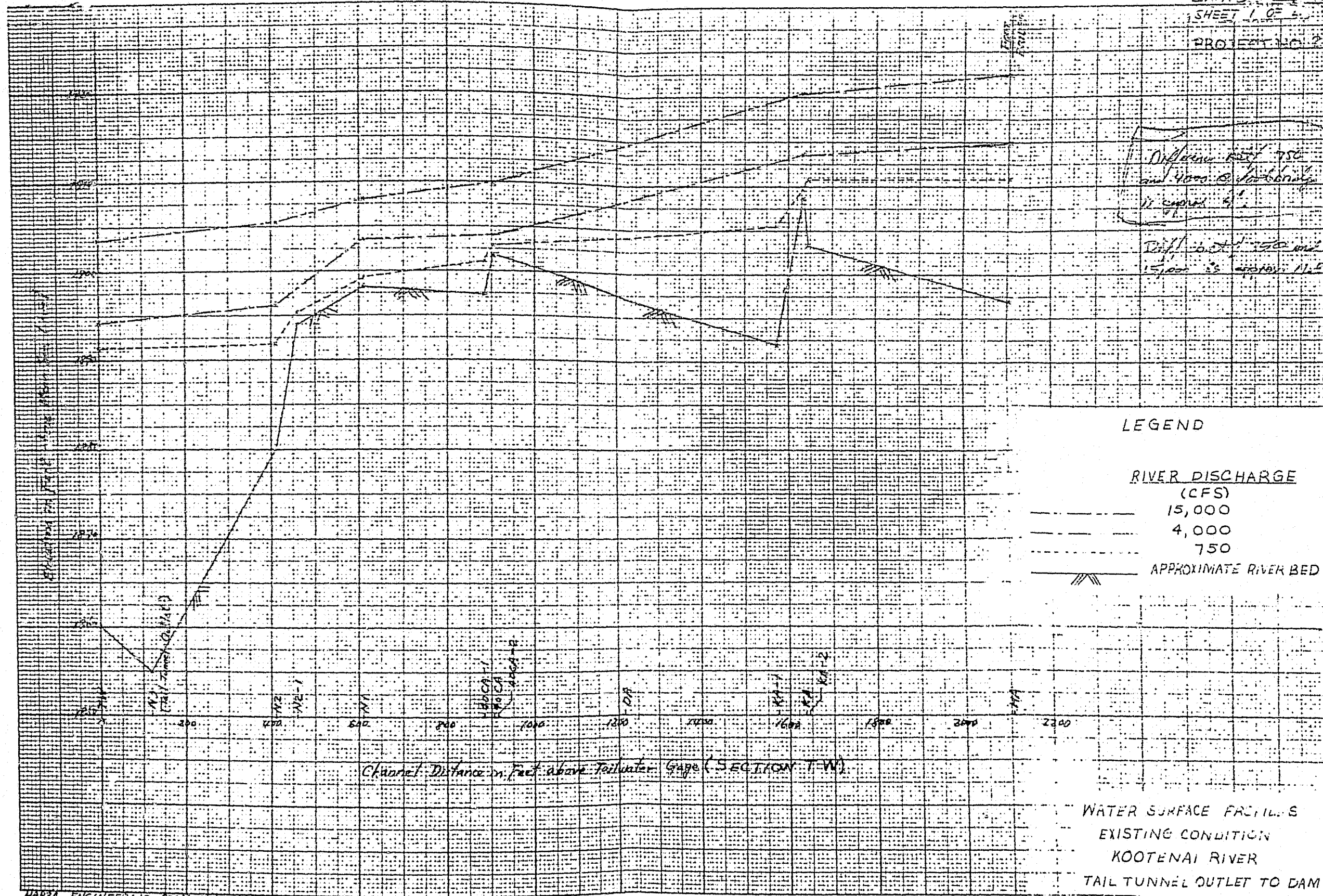
GA-1	0	0	0	1.4	0	0.5
GA-23	0	0	0	0	0	0.3
GA-3	0	0	0	0	0	0.3
GA-41	0	0	0	0	0	0

^{1/} Locations of cross sections are shown on Exhibit (BKL-5).

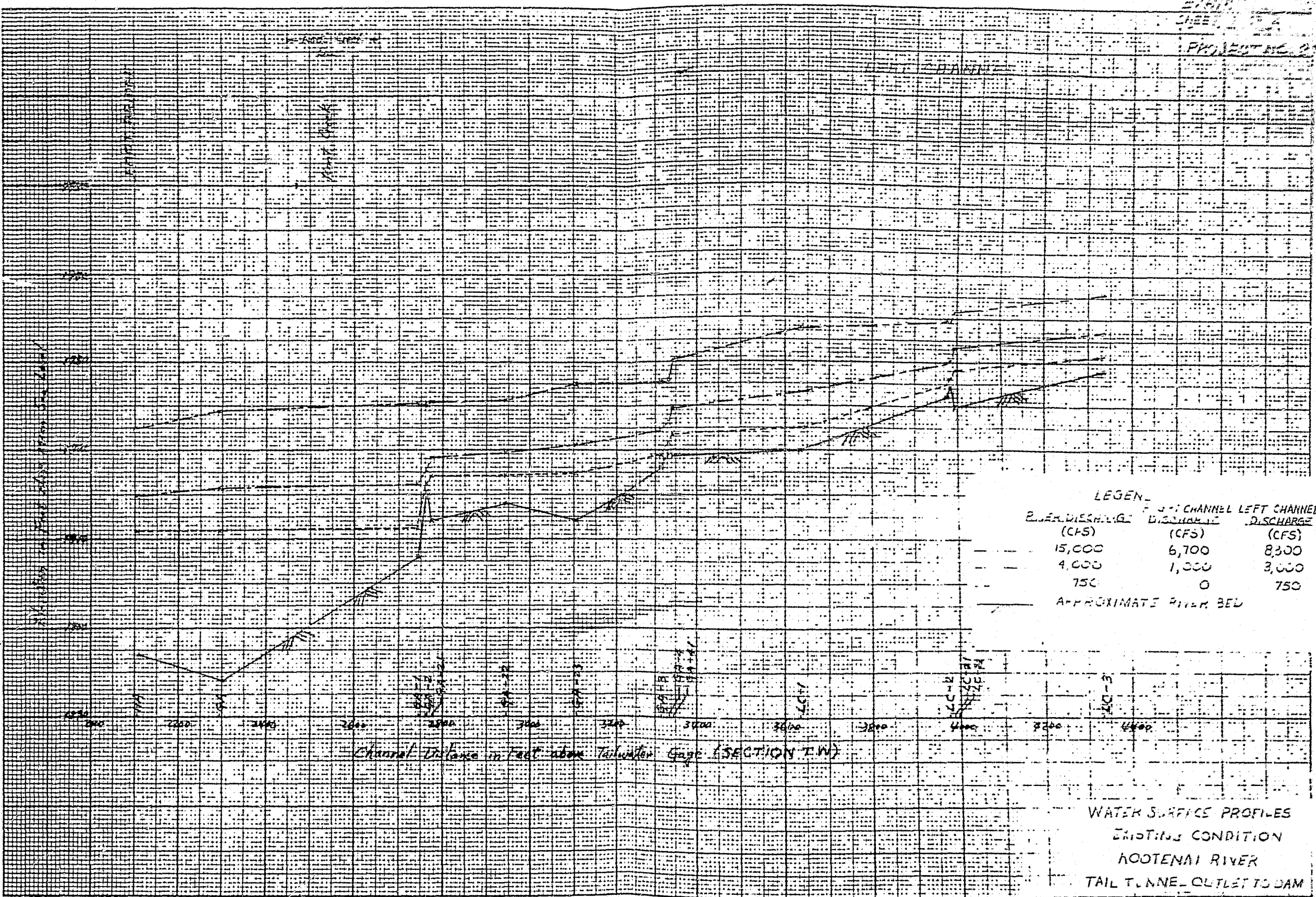
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 SHEET NO. 2
 PROJECT NO. 2153



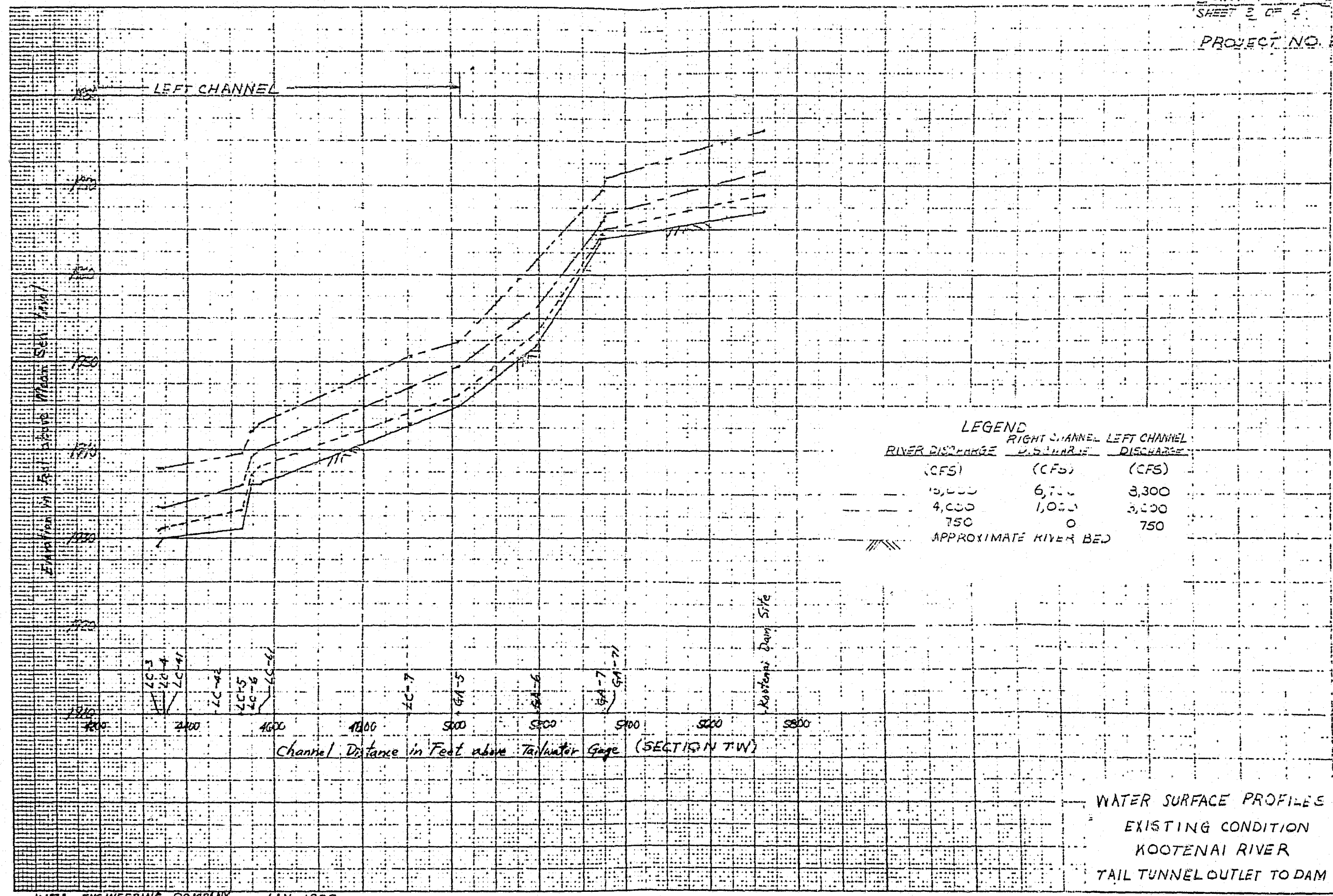
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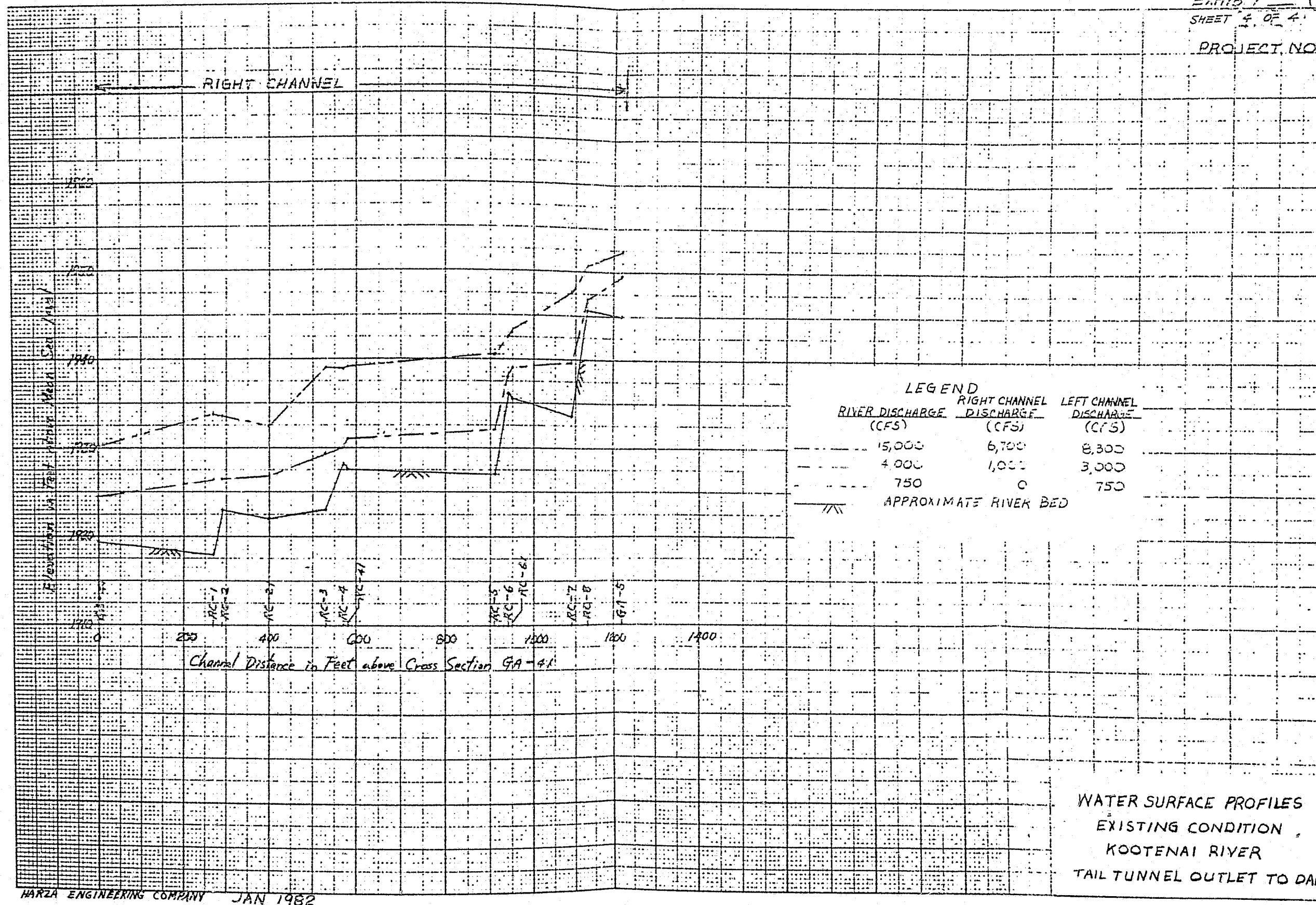
EXISTING DISCHARGE (CFS)	LEFT CHANNEL DISCHARGE (CFS)	RIGHT CHANNEL DISCHARGE (CFS)
15,000	6,700	8,300
4,000	1,000	3,000
750	0	750

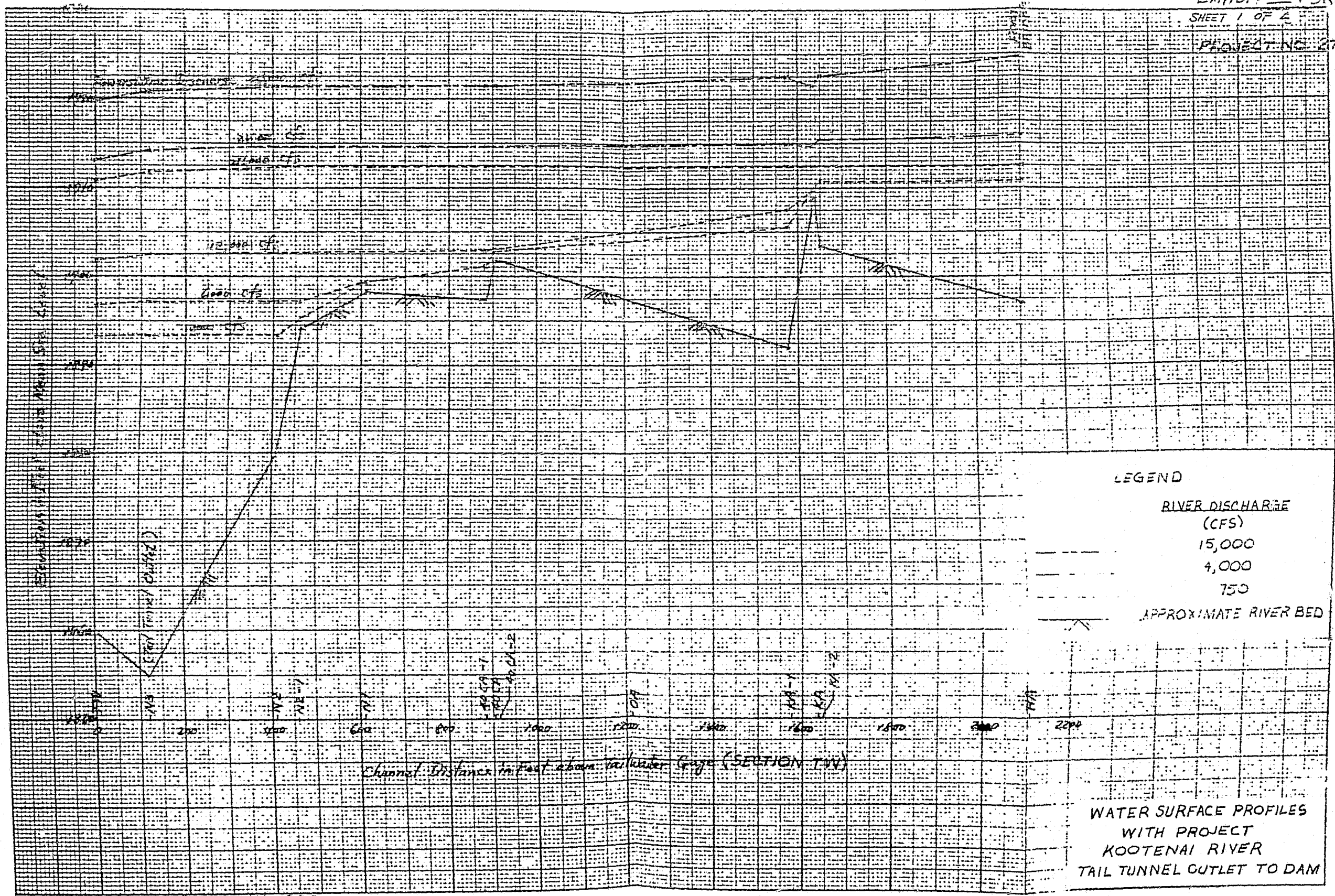
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Channel Distance in Feet above Tailwater Gage (SECTION I.W.)

WATER SURFACE PROFILES
 EXISTING CONDITION
 HOOTENAI RIVER
 TAIL TUNNEL OUTLET TO DAM







LEGEND

RIVER DISCHARGE
(CFS)

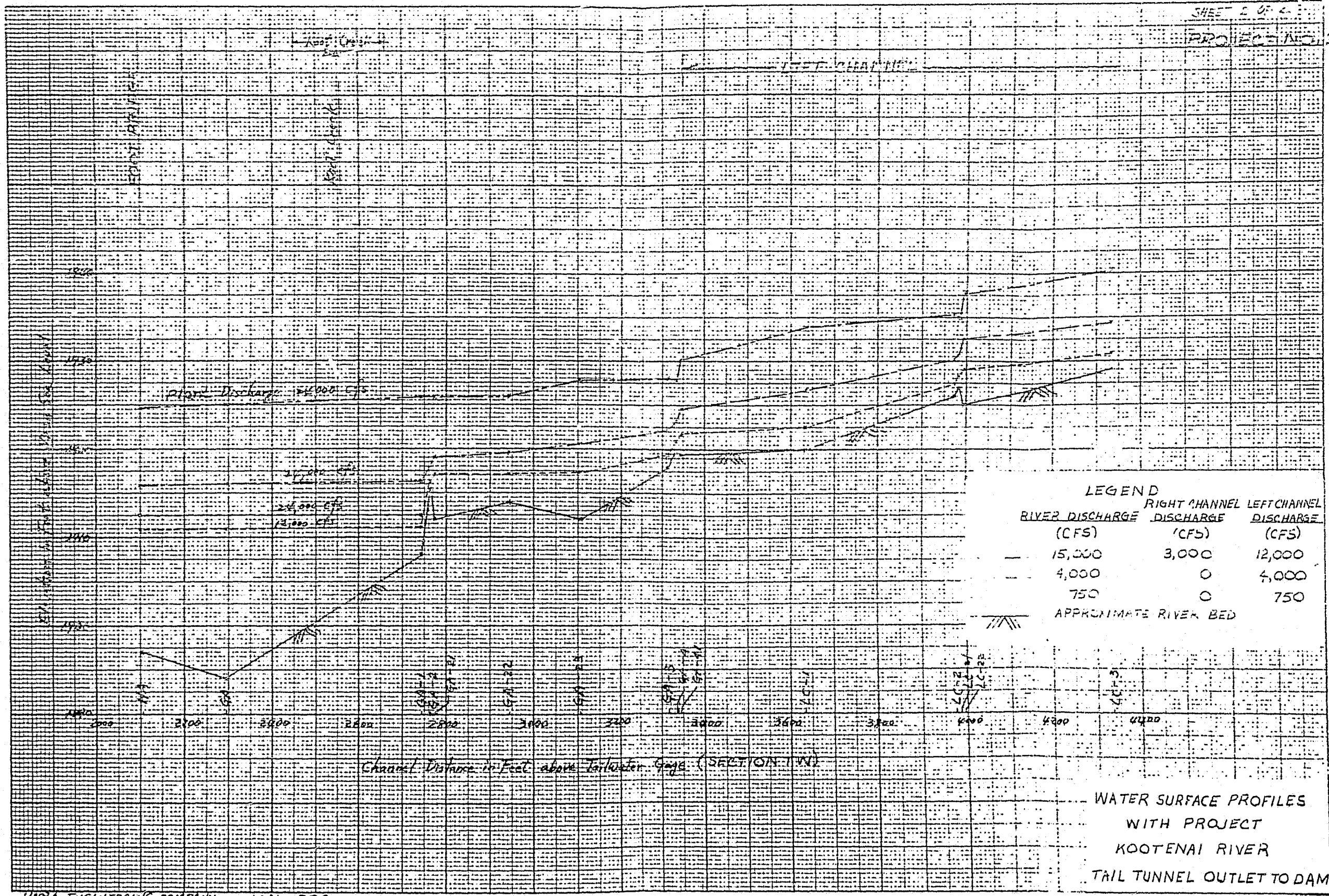
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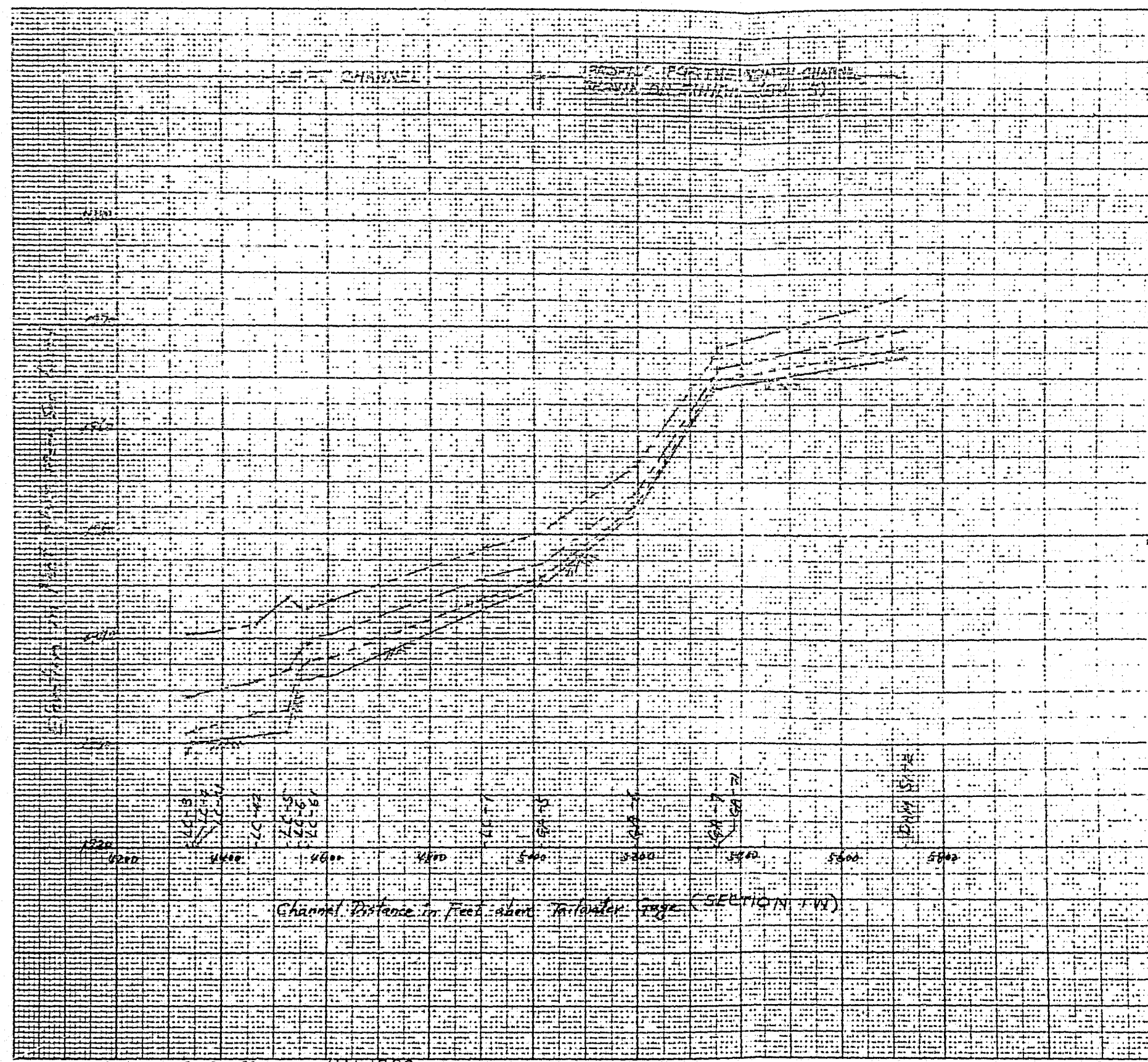
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WATER SURFACE PROFILES
WITH PROJECT
KOOTENAI RIVER
TAIL TUNNEL OUTLET TO DAM





SECTION GA-5 TO DAM SITE

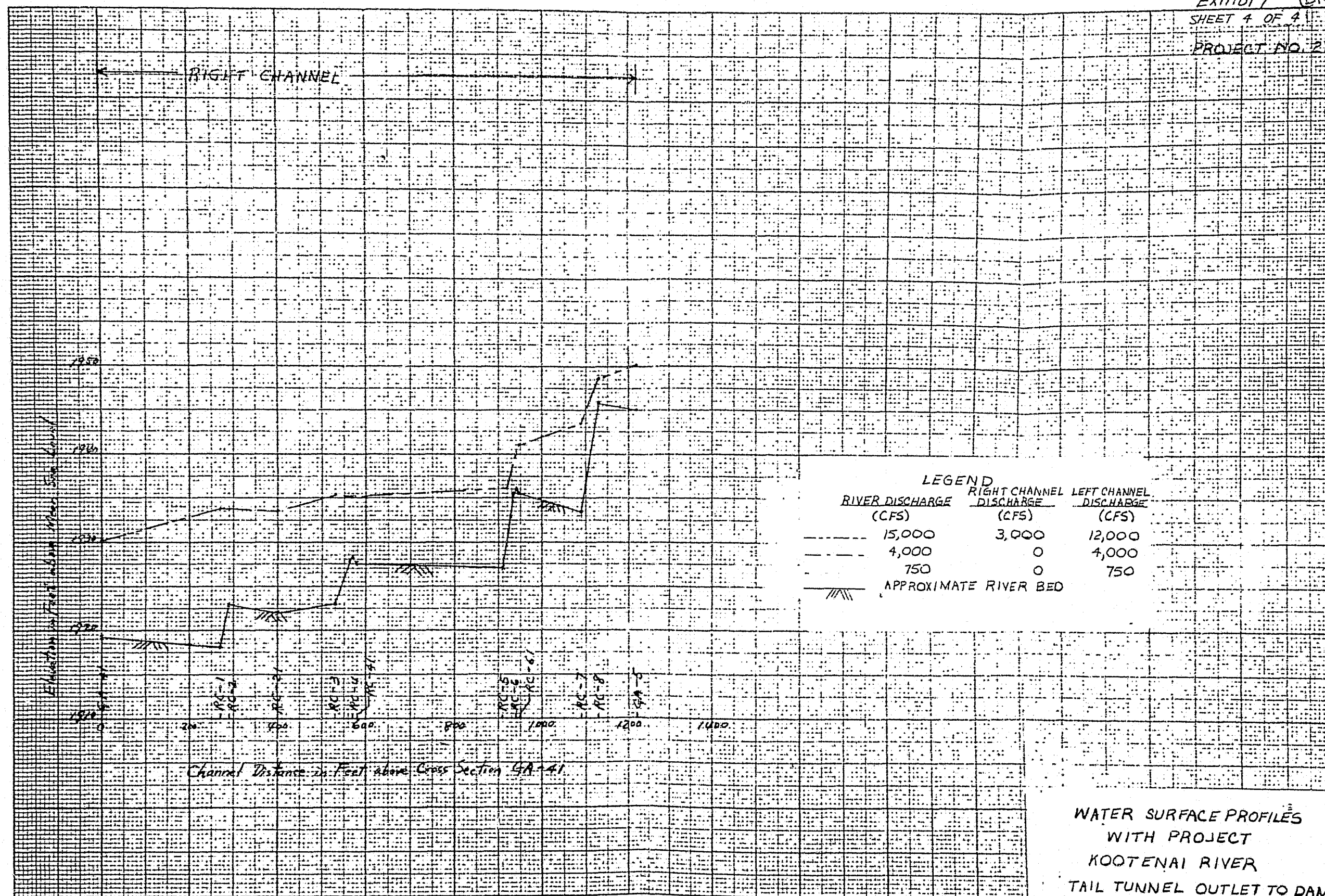
RIVER	DISCHARGE, CFS			REMAINING PART OF RIVER
	GA-5	GA-6	DAM SITE	
15,000	5,890	4,500	4,500	10,500
4,000	1,570	1,200	1,200	2,800
750	235	225	235	525

SECTION LC-1 TO GA-5

RIVER	DISCHARGE, CFS	
	RIGHT CHANNEL	LEFT CHANNEL
15,000	3,000	12,000
4,000	0	4,000
750	0	750

APPROXIMATE RIVER BED

WATER SURFACE PROFILES
WITH PROJECT
KOOTENAI RIVER
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WATER SURFACE PROFILES
WITH PROJECT
KOOTENAI RIVER
TAIL TUNNEL OUTLET TO DAM

STREAMFLOW VELOCITY IN POOLS
BETWEEN THE DAM AND TAIL TUNNEL OUTLET

Pool Locations Between Controls		Velocities in Feet Per Second									
		Existing Condition			With Project				With Project		
					750 cfs Over the Dam				24,000 cfs Through Powerstation		
Downstream	Upstream	750 cfs	4,000 cfs	15,000 cfs	Power- station 2,000 cfs	Power- station 6,000 cfs	Power- station 12,000 cfs	Power- station 24,000 cfs	Over Dam 4,000 cfs	Over Dam 15,000 cfs	
Tail Tunnel											
Outlet	N1	0.3-0.5	1.5-2.0	4.0-4.6	0.3-0.5	0.25-0.4	0.2-0.3	0.15-0.2	0.7-1.9	2.3-2.7	
N1	40-CA	0.3-1.4	3.0-3.9	6.25-8.0	1.3-1.4	1.3-1.4	0.4-0.8	0.15-0.3	1.2-1.8	3.3-4.8	
40-CA	KA	0.5	1.9	5.0	0-5	0.5	0.5	0.25	1.6	4.5	
KA	GA-2	0.6-1.7	2.2-3.0	4.4-5.4	0.6-1.7	0.5-1.7	0.6-1.7	0.5-1.5	2.0-2.7	4.0-5.0	
GA-2	GA-4	0.5-1.7	1.7-5.0	3.3-8.9	0.5-1.7	0.5-1.7	0.5-1.7	0.5-1.7	1.7-5.0	3.3-8.9	
GA-4	LC-2	1.8-2.3 ^{1/}	2.7-5.9 ^{2/}	7.5-10.7 ^{3/}	1.8-2.3 ^{4/}	1.8-2.3 ^{4/}	1.8-2.3 ^{4/}	1.8-2.3 ^{4/}	3.6-5.9 ^{4/}	5.1-10 ^{5/}	
LC-2	LC-6	2.0-5.9 ^{1/}	4.6-7.4 ^{2/}	7.4-8.9 ^{3/}	2.0-5.9 ^{4/}	2.0-5.9 ^{4/}	2.0-5.9 ^{4/}	2.0-5.9 ^{4/}	5.6-7.8 ^{4/}	3.9-9.9 ^{5/}	

- 1/ When river discharge is 750 cfs, Left Channel passes the entire flow. No flow passes through Right Channel.
- 2/ When river discharge is 4000 cfs, Left Channel passes 3000 cfs.
- 3/ When river discharge is 15,000 cfs, Left Channel passes 8300 cfs.
- 4/ When discharge over the dam is 750 cfs or 4000 cfs, the entire flow passes through Left Channel.
- 5/ When discharge over the dam is 15,000 cfs, Left Channel passes 12,000 cfs.

STREAMFLOW VELOCITIES AND DEPTHS AT CONTROLS
BETWEEN THE DAM SITE AND TAIL TUNNEL OUTLET
EXISTING CONDITIONS

Control	River Discharge 750 cfs		River Discharge 4,000 cfs		River Discharge 15,000 cfs	
	Depth Feet	Velocity Feet Per Second	Depth Feet	Velocity Feet Per Second	Depth Feet	Velocity Feet Per Second
N1	1.0	1.3	5.2	3.8	9.7	7.5
40CA	1.1	5.9	3.0	9.7	8.2	13.6
KA	1.1	6.2	4.9	7.4	11.8	11.6
GA-2	0.8	5.0	2.3	8.7	9.5	6.8
GA-4	1.1	5.9	3.3	10.1	7.8	16.0
IN LEFT CHANNEL						
LC-21	1.2	6.4	3.2	10.0	7.6	11.5
LC-6	1.2	6.3	3.0	9.9	6.0	13.9
IN RIGHT CHANNEL						
RC-3	0	0	1.7	7.4	10.5	8.0
RC-6	0	0	1.8	7.7	6.5	14.5
RC-8	0	0	1.2	6.6	4.9	12.5
IN NORTH CHANNEL						
GA-7	0.7	4.6	2.0	8.0	5.6	8.0

EXHIBIT (BKL-13)
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STREAMFLOW VELOCITY AT CONTROL SECTIONS, FT/SEC
EXISTING CONDITION AND WITH PROJECT

Cross Section	Existing Condition			With Project Discharge Over The Dam, cfs					
	River Discharge, cfs			Powerstation Discharge, cfs					
	750	4000	15,000	2,000	6000	12,000	24,000	24,000	24,000
N1	3.8	3.8	7.5	3.8	1.1	0.8	0.3	1.2	3.3
40CA	5.9	9.7	13.6	5.9	5.9	4.8	0.6	2.6	6.4
KA	6.2	7.4	11.6	6.2	6.2	6.2	2.0	6.6	11.6
GA-2	5.0	8.7	6.8	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	8.7	6.8
GA-4	5.9	10.1	16.0	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.9	10.1	16.0
LC-21	6.4	10.0	11.5	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.4	10.0	16.0
LC-6	6.3	9.9	13.9	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.3	9.9	8.3
GA-7	4.6	8.0	8.0	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.6	8.0	9.9
RC-3	0	7.4	8.0	0	0	0	0	7.4	2.7
RC-6	0	7.7	14.5	0	0	0	0	7.7	11.1
RC-8	0	6.6	12.5	0	0	0	0	6.6	9.6

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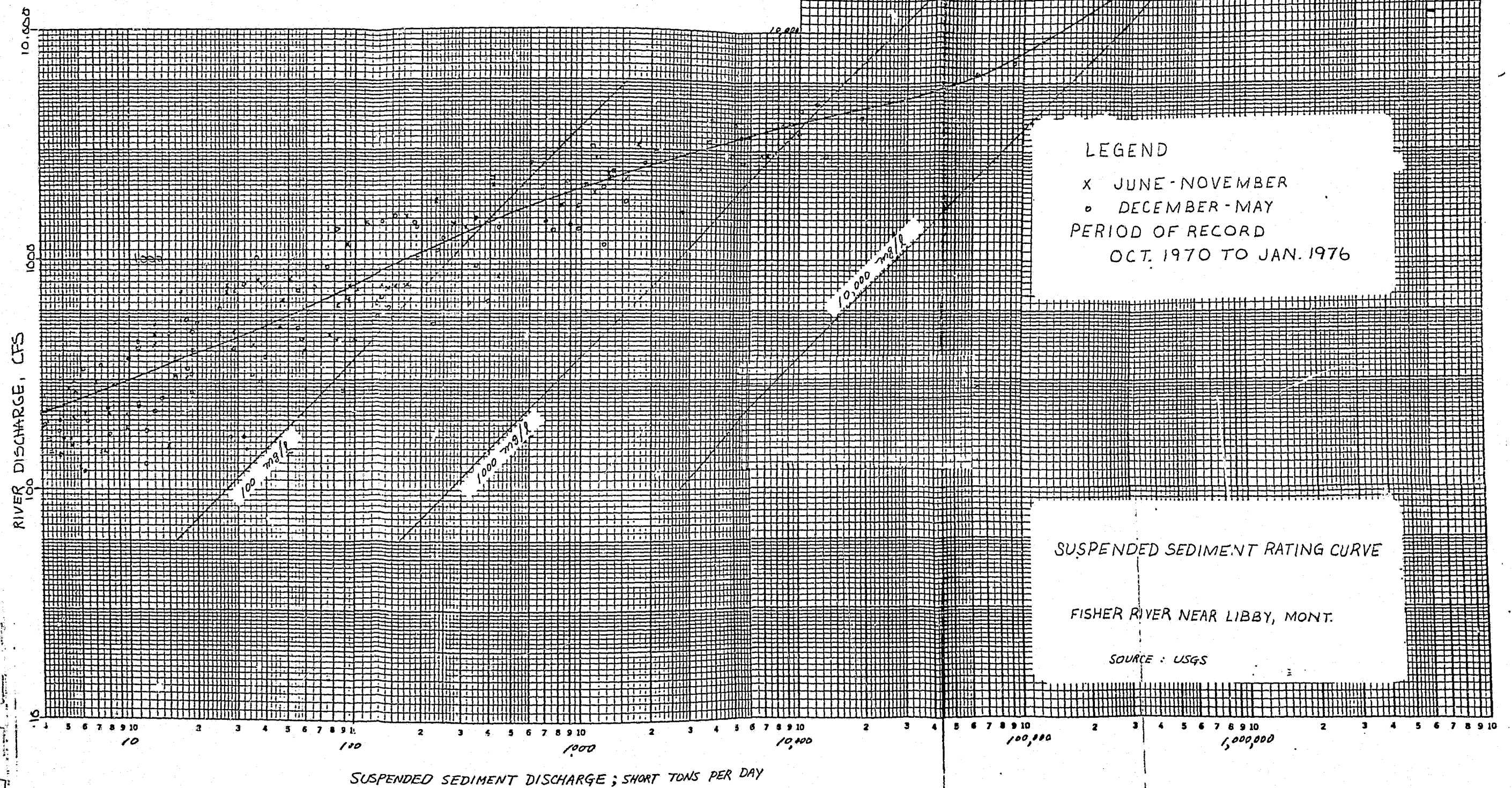
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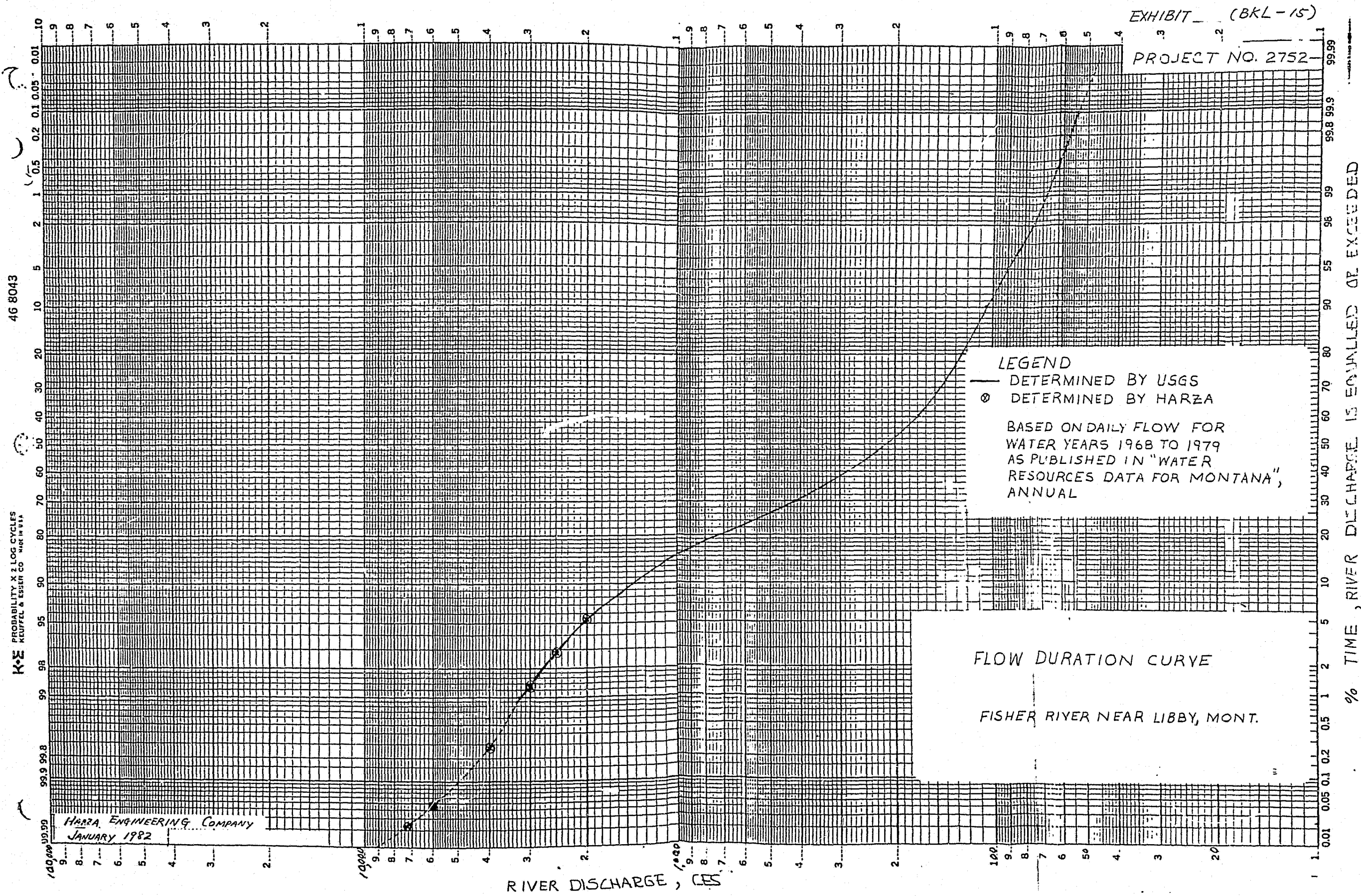
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FISHER RIVER NEAR LIBBY, MONT.

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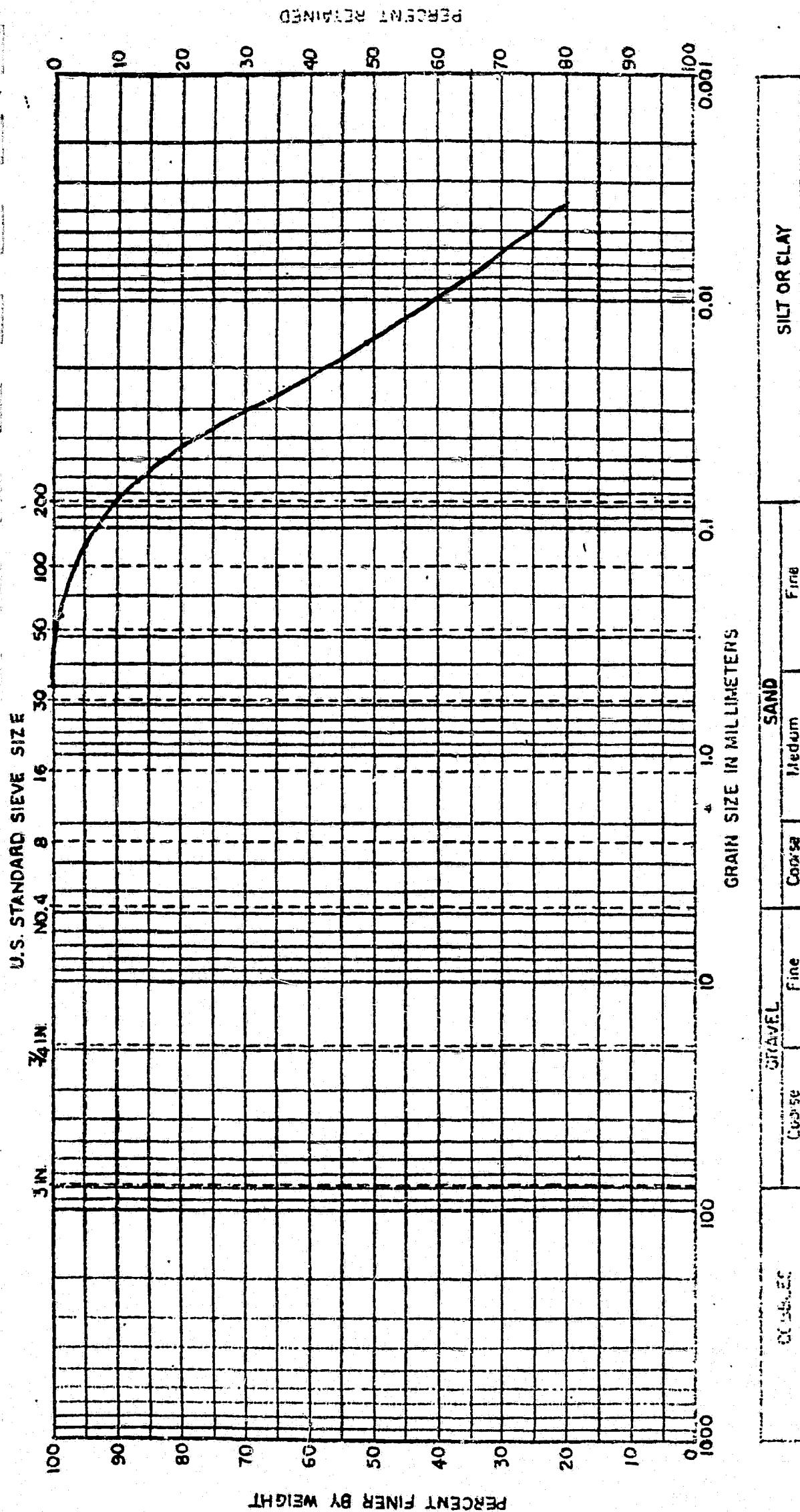
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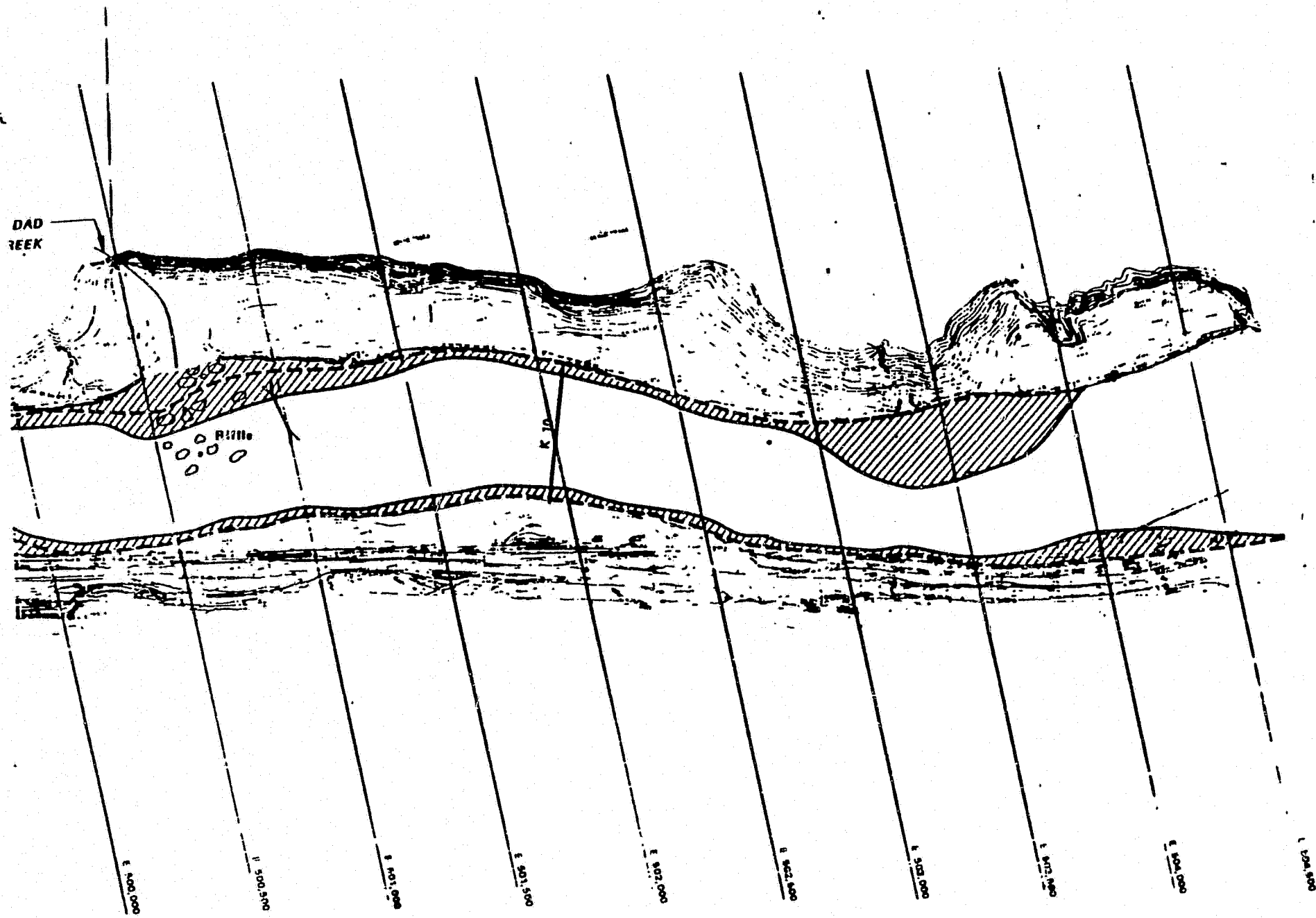
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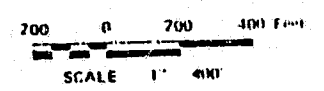
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FISHER RIVER
NEAR
LIBBY, MONT

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- LEGEND
- Estimated shoreline for 4,000 cfs
 - - - Estimated shoreline for 25,000 cfs
 - 25 year sediment condition
 - Coarse sand
 - Big boulders, cobbles and gravel embedded in sand (gravel bar)
 - Rocks
 - Rock 'fence'



KOOTENAI RIVER BED MATERIAL
EXISTING CONDITIONS

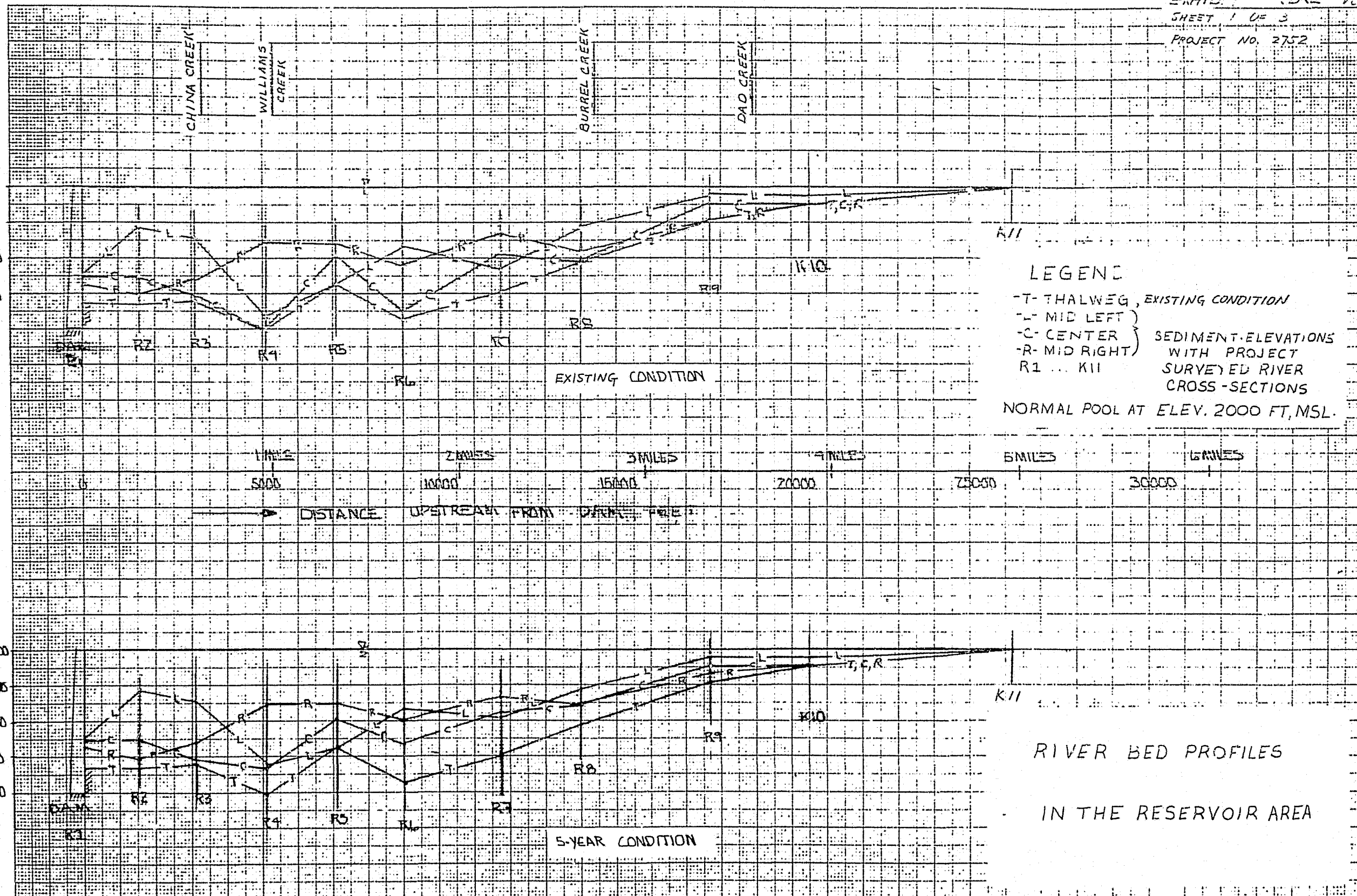
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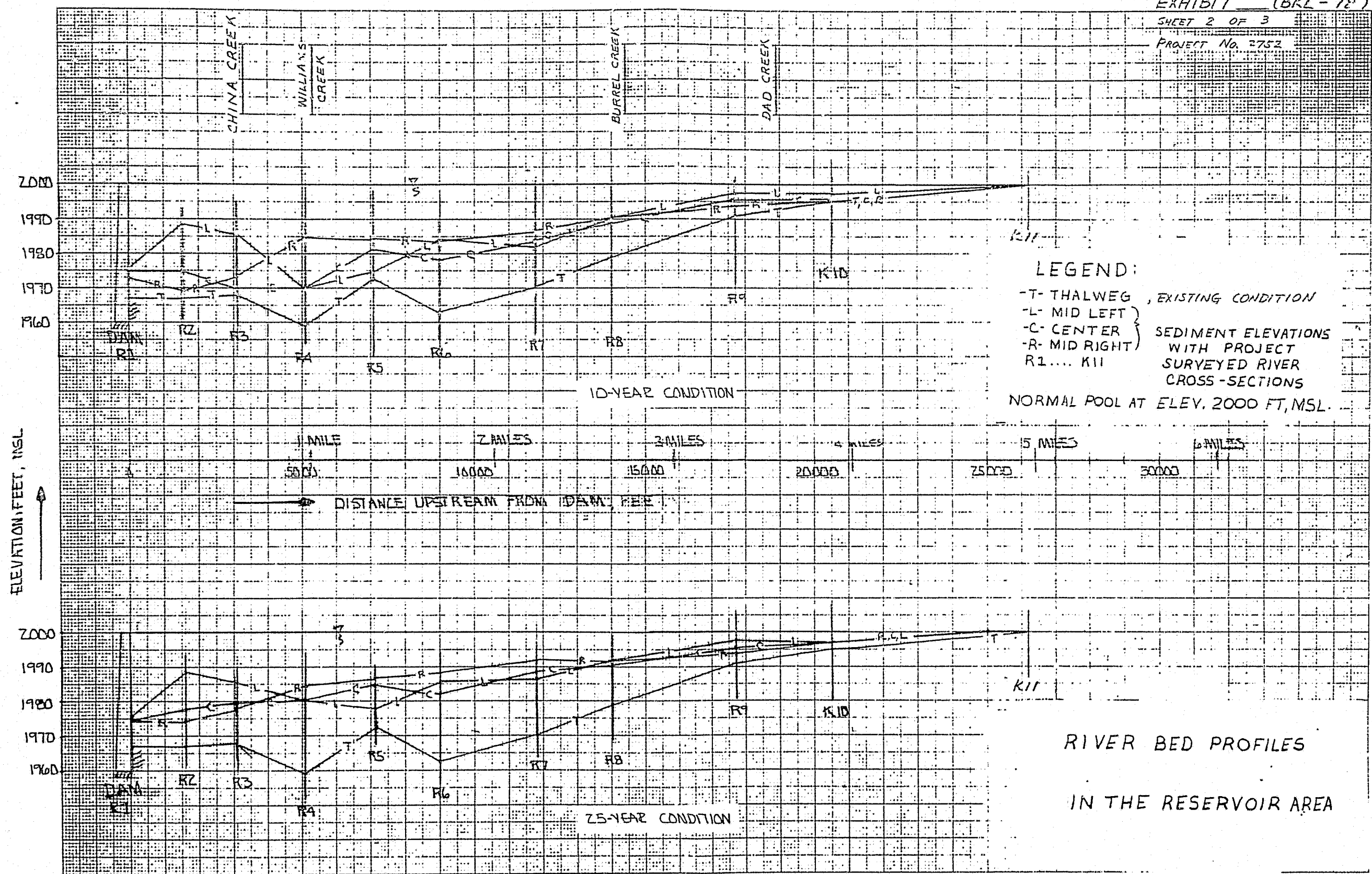
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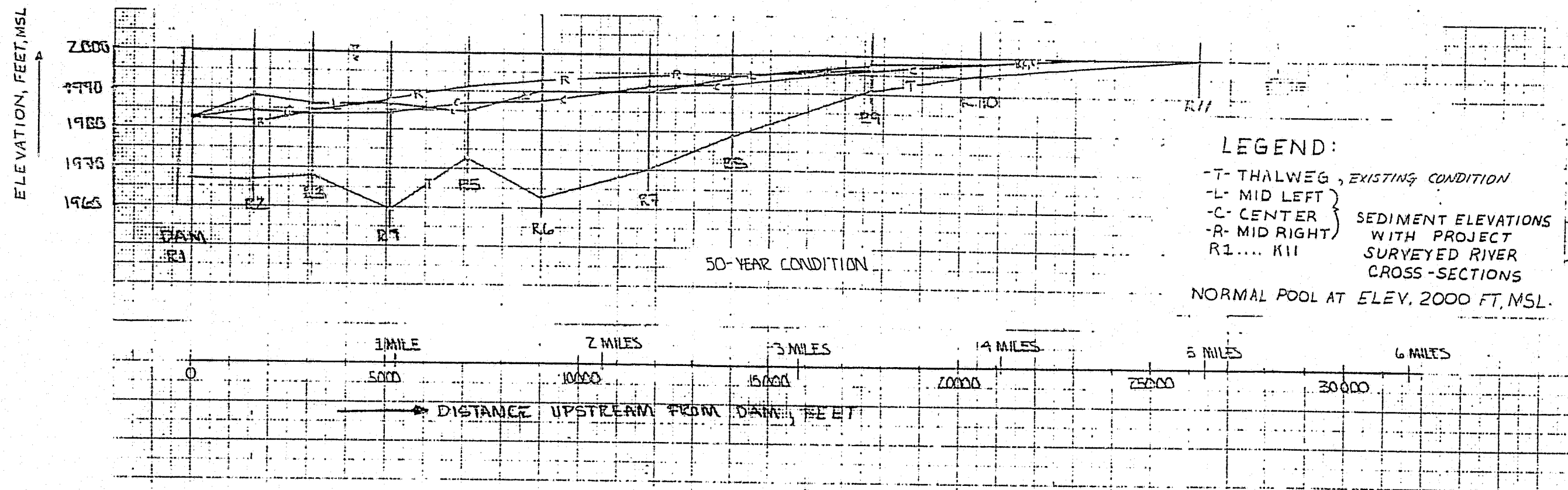
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ELEVATION, FEET, MSL



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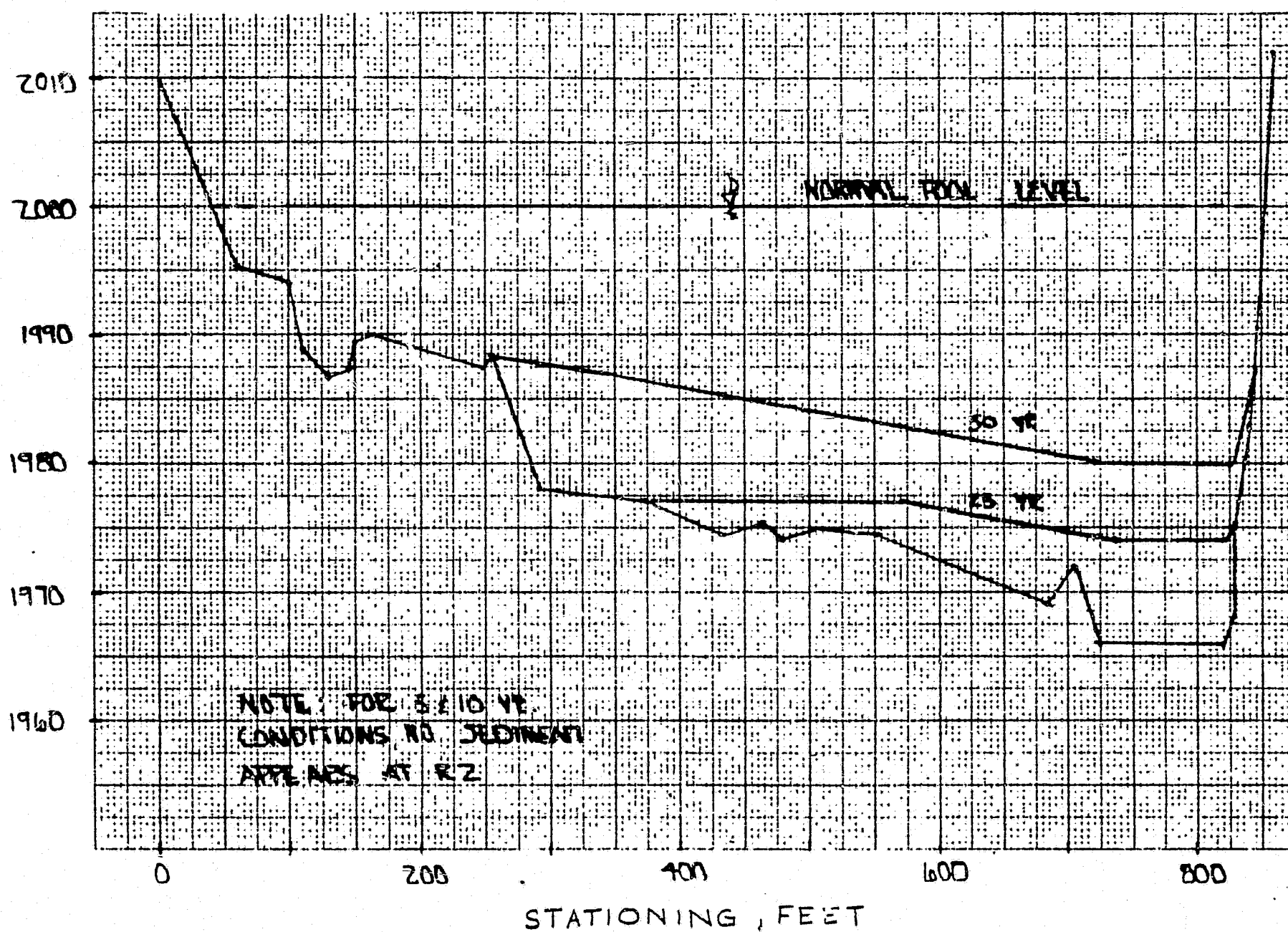
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IN THE RESERVOIR AREA

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CROSS SECTION

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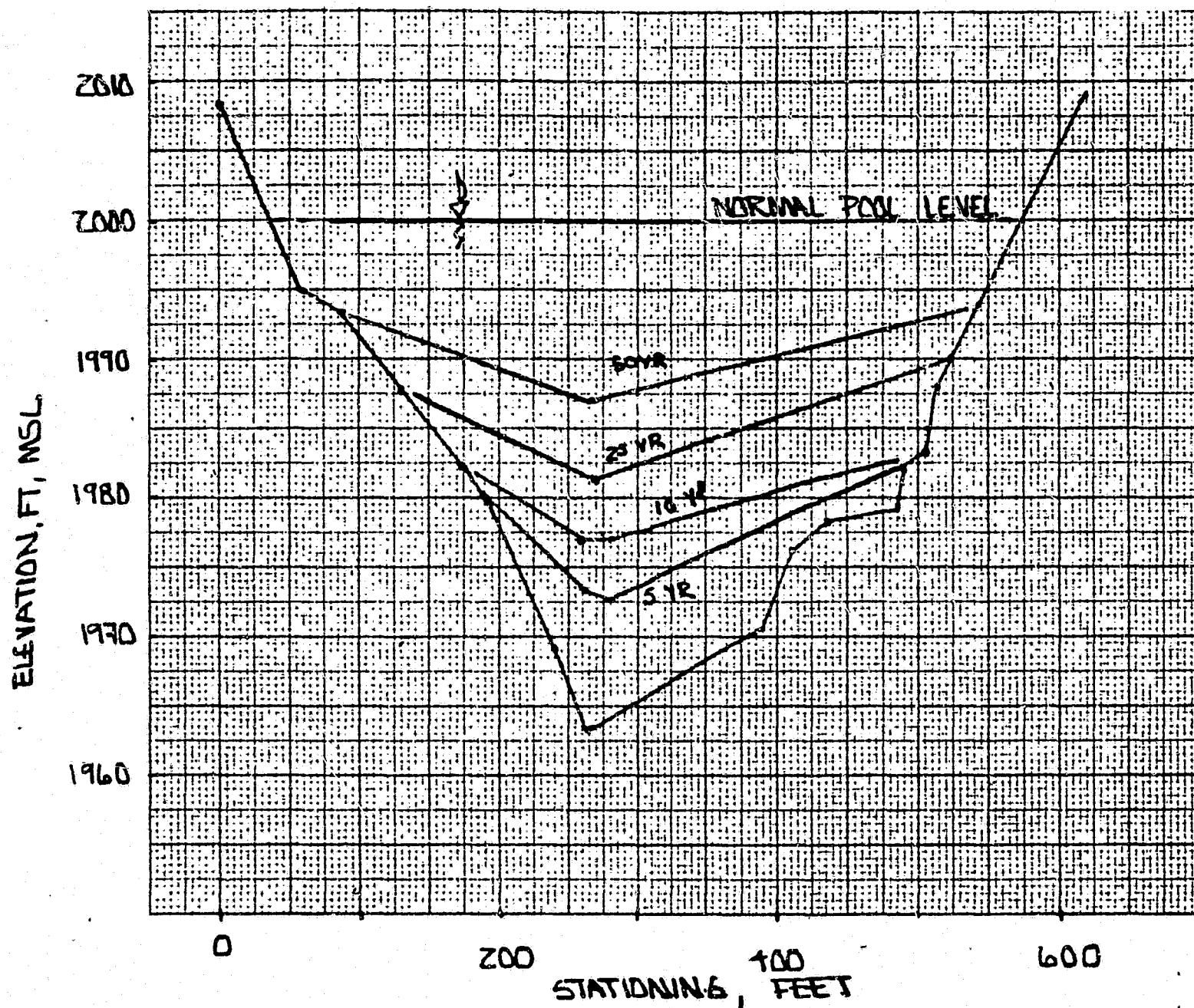
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RZ IS LOCATED 1530 FT
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CROSS SECTION
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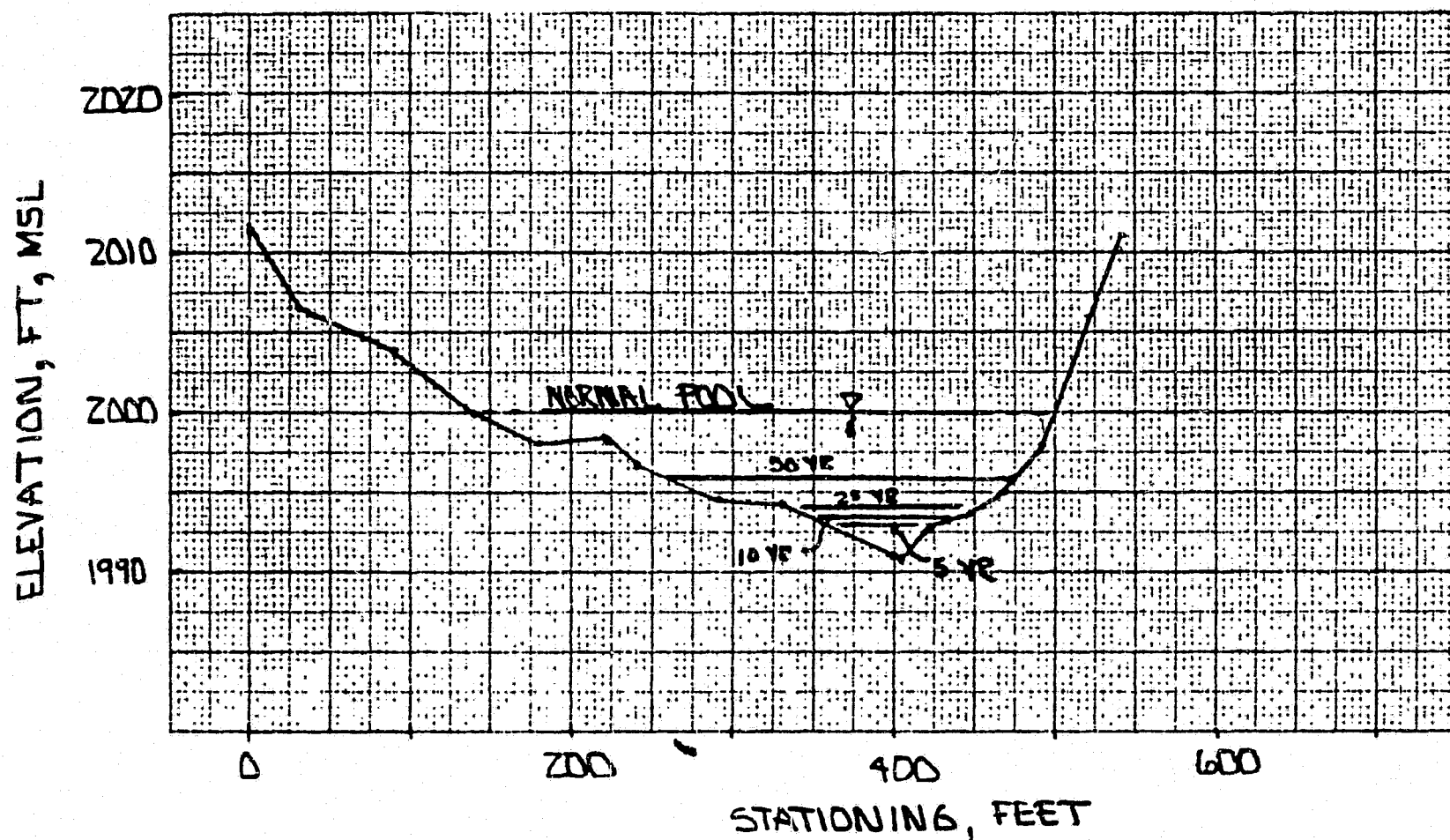
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CROSS SECTION R9

WITH SEDIMENT
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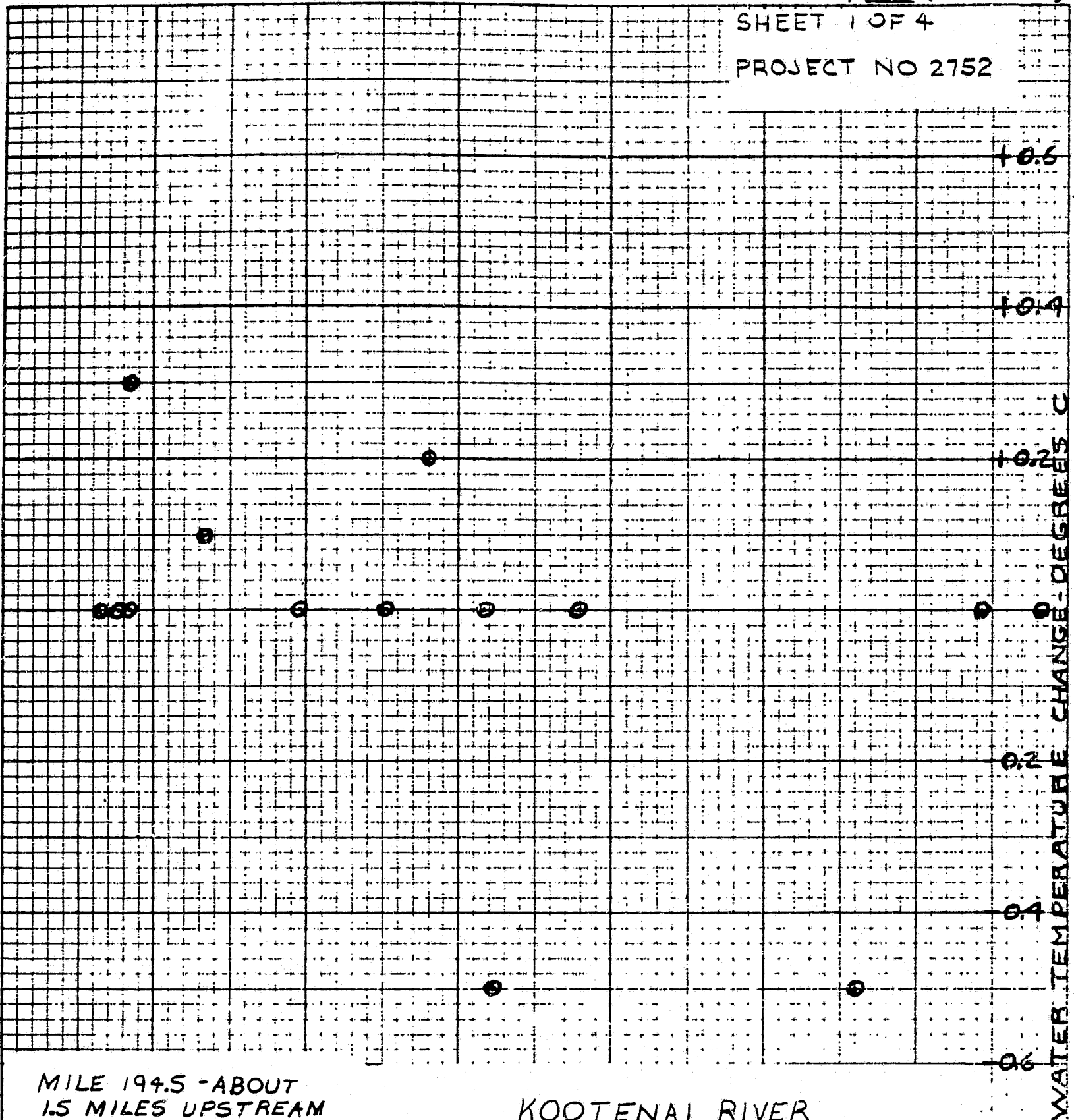
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PROJECT NO 2752



MILE 194.5 - ABOUT
1.5 MILES UPSTREAM
FROM DAM SITE.

MILE 191.0 - ABOUT
1.0 MILE DOWNSTREAM
FROM TAIL TUNNEL
OUTLET SITE.

KOOTENAI RIVER

WATER TEMPERATURE CHANGE
WARM SEASON (JUNE - AUG.)

RIVER MILE 194.5 TO 191.0
EXISTING CONDITION

5,000 10,000 15,000 20,000 25,000 30,000

RIVER DISCHARGE (AT LIBBY GAGE) - CFS

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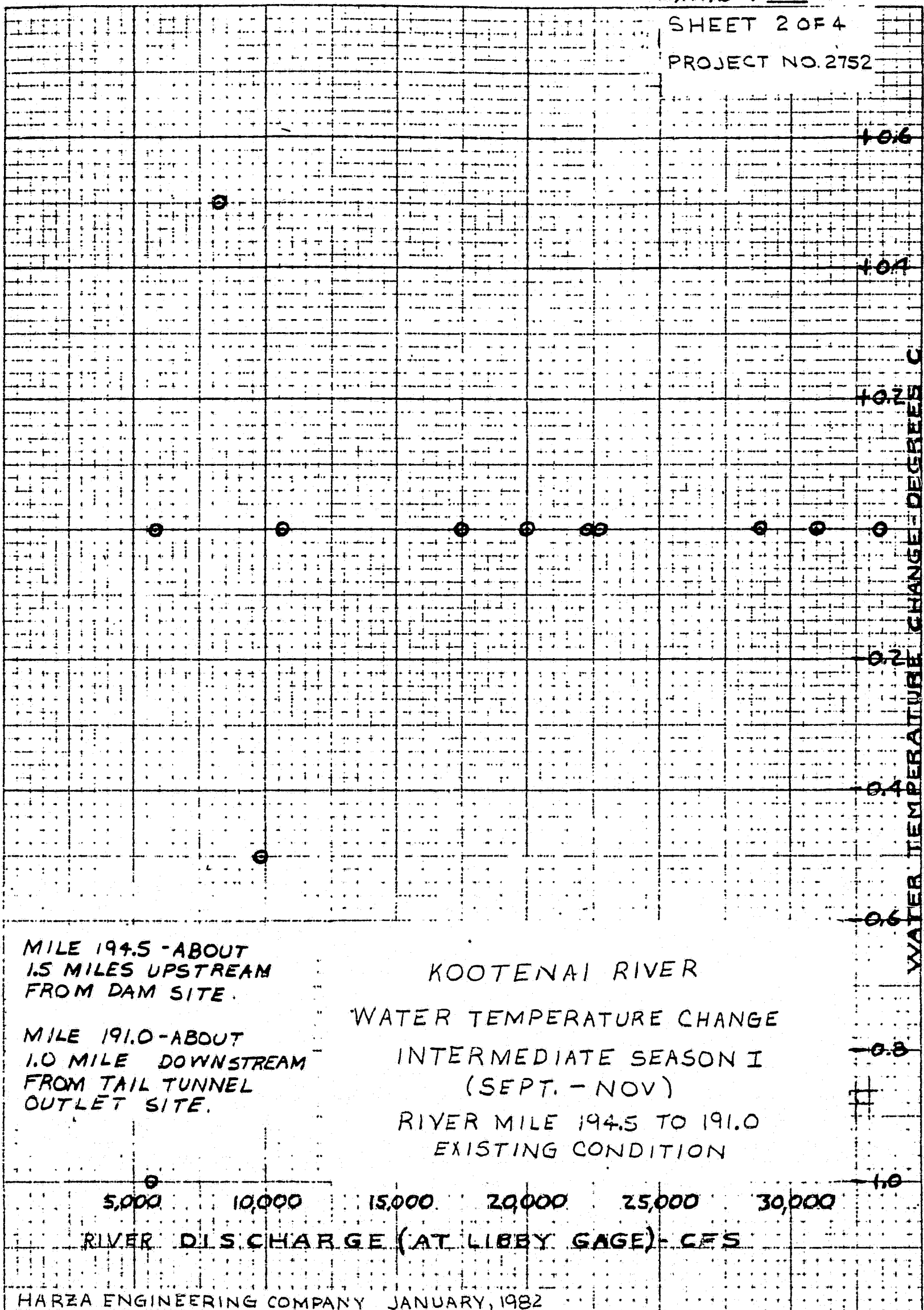
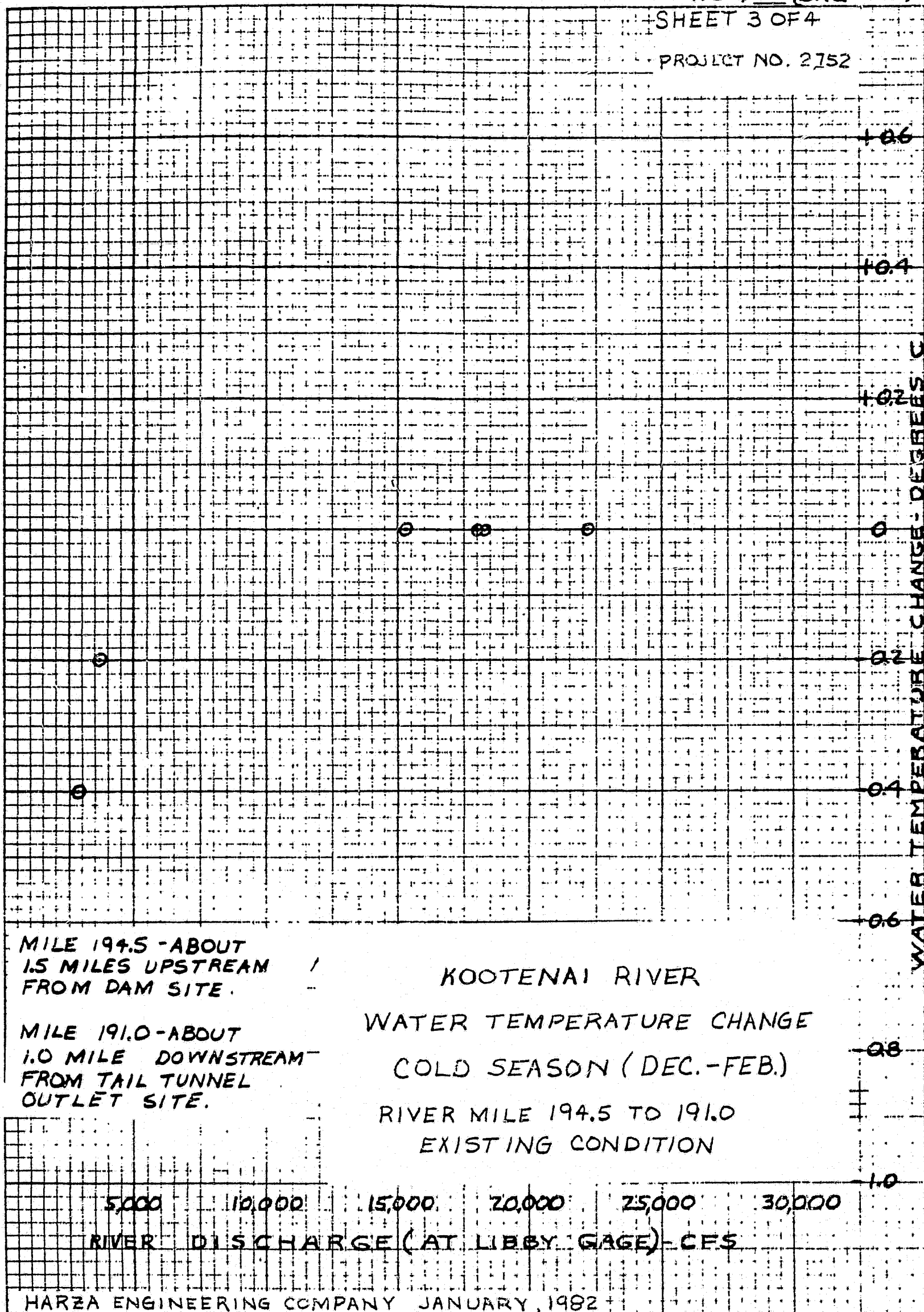


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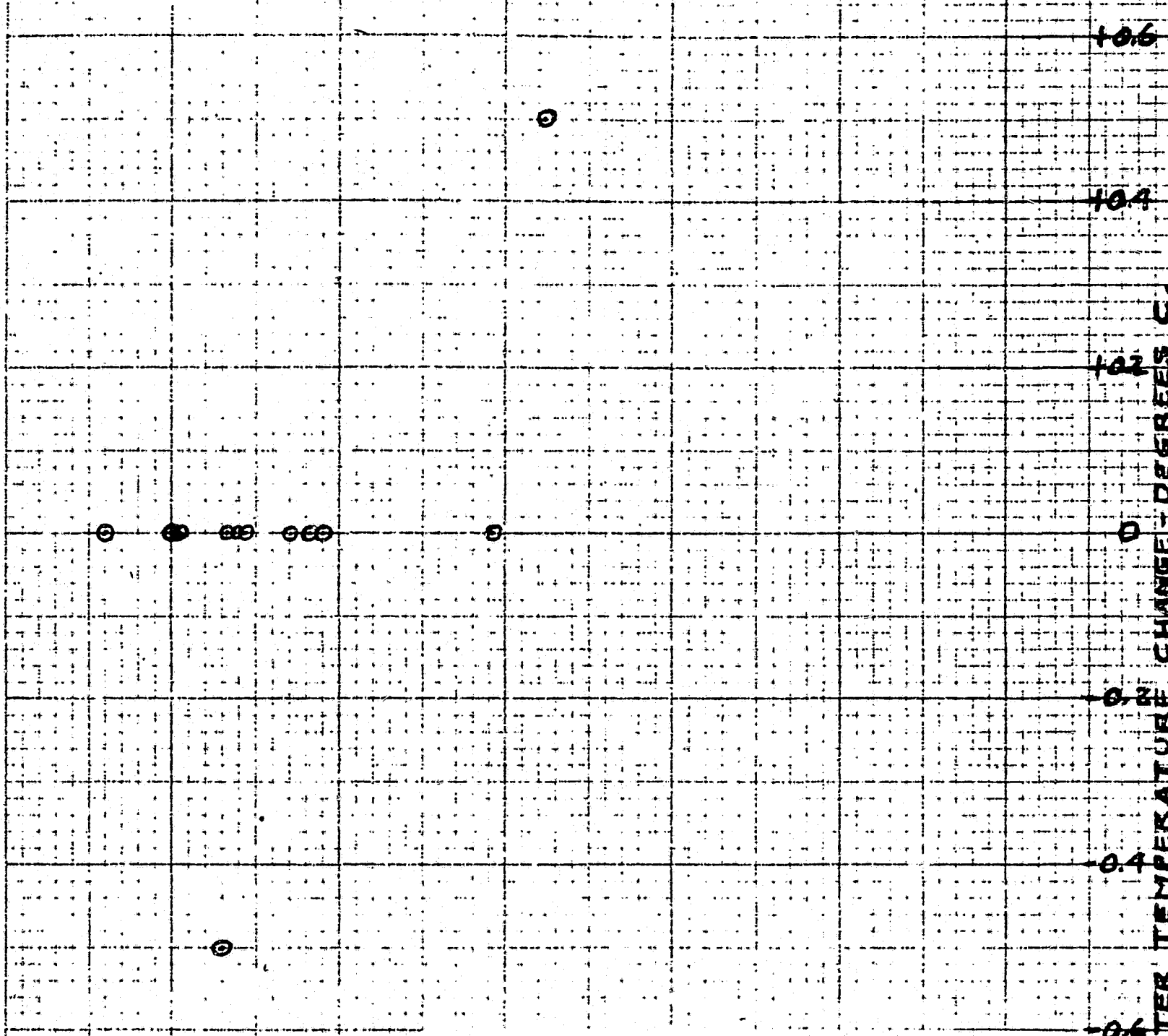
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WATER TEMPERATURE CHANGE - DEGREES C.



MILE 194.5 - ABOUT
1.5 MILES UPSTREAM
FROM DAM SITE.

MILE 191.0 - ABOUT
1.0 MILE DOWNSTREAM
FROM TAIL TUNNEL
OUTLET SITE.

KOOTENAI RIVER
WATER TEMPERATURE CHANGE
INTERMEDIATE SEASON II
(MARCH - MAY)
RIVER MILE 194.5 TO 191.0
EXISTING CONDITION

5,000 10,000 15,000 20,000 25,000 30,000
RIVER DISCHARGE (AT LIBBY GAGE) - CFS

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EXHIBIT (BKL-21)
PROJECT NO. 2752

COMPUTED MAXIMUM RISE OF WATER TEMPERATURE
ABOVE EXISTING CONDITION CAUSED BY THE PROJECT

			Incremental Temperature Rise Caused By the Project - Degrees F				
Discharge - cfs			Through Reservoir	Dam to Tail Tunnel Outlet	Upstream End of Reservoir to Tail Tunnel Outlet	Through Power Station	Net Below Tail Tunnel Outlet
<u>River</u>	<u>Power Station</u>	<u>Over the Dam</u>					
2,750	2,000	750	-0.68	+0.52	-0.16	-0.31	-0.77
11,000	10,250	750	+0.11	+0.82	+0.93	-0.16	+0.02
24,750	24,000	750	+0.05	+1.00	+1.05	-0.14	-0.06