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Dear Ms. Quinlan:

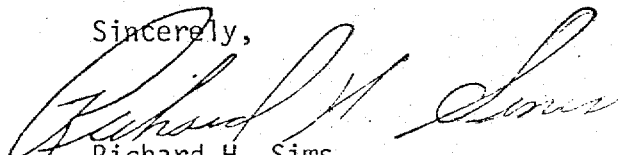
From the discussions at our recent Water Board meetings it is becoming apparent that one of the more important beneficial uses of water in Alaska is power generation. We have heard the programs of the Division of Power and Energy Development mentioned several times but we have had little detailed information on those programs.

Of particular interest to the Board are your programs in geothermal resources. At our recent meetings geothermal energy development has been a recurring topic. In December 1979 we had a presentation on the exploration at Pilgrim Hot Springs, in March 1980 we supported the geothermal resources bill and at our last meeting both the Division of Geological and Geophysical Surveys' geothermal resource inventory and the drilling funded by your division at Unalaska were briefly discussed. The Division of Power and Energy Development is (or should be) involved in many of these projects but we've never had anyone from your agency available to answer questions.

Our next meeting is in Sitka, July 15-17. Would it be possible for you or one of your staff to attend and give a presentation on your water resources related programs? If you have any questions about this request or the Water Resources Board in general, please contact Steve Mack of the Department of Natural Resources at 279-5577.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,



Richard H. Sims
Chairman