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Re: Upper Blue Lake Dam – Seismic Retrofit Project Completion and Refill Plan

Dear Mr. Nimick:

This is in response to a letter dated February 28, 2020 from Mr. David Ritzman that submitted the refill plan for Upper Blue Lake Dam, which is part of the Mokelumne Project, FERC No. 137. We have reviewed the submittal and found it acceptable, with the following comments:

1. Your plan indicates that the low level outlet will be used to adjust to filling of the reservoir. Provide a discussion regarding the maximum fill rate of the reservoir prior to reaching the normal maximum water surface.

2. The maximum water surface elevation after the 2020 reservoir fill cycle may not exceed the normal maximum water surface elevation (28.2 feet on the staff gage). PG&E should perform frequent inspection and instrumentation readings in future fill cycles until the reservoir has risen to the normal maximum elevation.
Within 45 days of the date of this letter, please provide a response to our comments. We appreciate your continued efforts in this aspect of the Commission’s dam safety program. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Cheuk Wan at (415) 369-3358.

Sincerely,

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