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Honorable Kevin McIntyre  
Chairman  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street, N.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20426

*Re: Request for Delay of Relicensing of Oroville Dam/FERC Project 2100*

Dear Chairman McIntyre:

The reason I am reaching out to you today is to draw your attention to the letter I sent to the Acting Chairman, Ms. Cheryl La Fleur in July of 2017 prior to your confirmation and appointment to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). In that letter I respectfully asked for delay in the relicensing of the Oroville Dam pursuant to the following items being satisfied:

1. The completion and delivery of the Forensic Team's final report delineating the causes of the Oroville Dam's February 2017 disaster.
2. The implications of such report are fully analyzed by FERC.
3. FERC issues a directive to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) or the designated Operators of the Oroville Dam providing detailed instructions, implementation plans, and compliance requirements to mitigate all errors as defined in the Forensic Team's report.
4. The license includes adequate annual compensation for the services provided by the City of Oroville and Butte County to DWR or the designated Operator for hosting a facility of this magnitude in their jurisdictions.

I have been apprised of a recent request to FERC from California DWR's Director, Grant Davis, where he requests the relicensing of the Oroville Dam facility prior to the above items being satisfied. I'm concerned that he would be making this request prior to the Forensic Team releasing their final report and subsequent findings. The safety of many lives is dependent upon us getting to the bottom of what caused this disaster and ensuring it won't happen again.

Furthermore, I will reiterate a statement from my July letter, "It is not my intent to impede progress with this request, but it is my duty to ensure the safety of the citizens in my district. With a catastrophe of this nature, it doesn't make sense to continue with the licensing process

until all the facts are known, identified and fixed. Then, it would be prudent to move forward with the relicensing of the Dam”.

Thank you for your consideration on this important issue. Please contact my Chief of Staff, Mark Spannagel, at 202-713 0486 with any questions and send the response to my Oroville District Office located at 2862 Olive Highway, Suite D, Oroville, CA 95966.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Doug LaMalfa". The signature is stylized and cursive.

DOUG LAMALFA  
Congressman, First Congressional District

Enclosures: (1) Original letter to FERC from Congressman LaMalfa, dated 07/06/17  
(2) Companion Letter from Local State Officials, Senator Jim Nielsen and  
Assemblyman James Gallagher, dated 01/03/18