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VIA FACSIMILE

Dana Differding, Esq.
State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Water Rights
P. O. Box 2000
Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

Re: IID/SDCWA Joint Petition

Dear Ms. Differding:

Thank you very much for the information you provided to me on the telephone yesterday regarding opening statements, and confirming that there is no specific time deadline on submittal of opening statements. I also appreciate your information about the likelihood that closing briefs will be allowed in this matter.

In terms of opening statements, IID will be making an oral opening statement, but will probably not submit that particular statement in writing ahead of time. However, IID will be submitting a Hearing Brief covering some of the key legal issues and authority that will be applicable to the hearing on the joint petition since we believe it will be helpful as a legal framework for the Board and its staff in connection with the evidence presented. We also expect to file a Closing Brief which will involve application of the law to the evidence presented at the hearing.

Thank you again for your assistance. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

Mark J. Hattam

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