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MEMORANDUM

September 21, 2004

TO: Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs*
Director, Fish and Wildlife Service
Director, National Park Service
Director, Geological Survey

From: Team Leader, Natural Resources Management
Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance

Subject: Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment (EA) on a New License for
the **Ford Hydroelectric Project**, FERC Project No. 362-004; Ramsey County,
Minnesota

(ER 04/699)(Agency due date: October 15, 2004)

PLEASE EXPEDITE

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission has notified the Department concerning the availability of the subject EA. The Notice was issued on September 16, 2004. The document can be viewed on the Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" Link.

Would you please have your appropriate field-level office review the assessment from its particular jurisdiction or special expertise and provide its comments directly to FERC by **October 15, 2004**.

Please provide a copy of any comments made to this Office.

/s/
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