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Re: Arbitration Decision Over Dispute of Groundwater Pumping in Owens Valley Between  
 LADWP and Inyo County

Dear Gentlemen:

The following decision included in this letter regarding the quantity of groundwater pumping in the Owens Valley has been determined solely by myself, using the documents supplied by both parties. In particular, as outlined in the Inyo County/Los Angeles Approval Procedures for the 2001-2002 Annual Operations Plan (Approval Procedures), the decision was based upon the goals and principles of the Agreement, the Green Book, and the Draft EIR. Additionally, the written responses prepared by both parties under Section II of the Approval Procedures were considered in order to implement the 2001/2002 pumping program that would not cause significant effect on the environment while maintaining a reliable water source for the City of Los Angeles.

As per the June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2001 decision of the Standing Committee, the following table provides the 2001/2002 pumping rates from nine well fields in Owens Valley. As a result of the direction provided by the Standing Committee, this arbitration process does not provide explanation or reasoning used to arrive at the final decision. Based on the documents reviewed and the direction of the Standing Committee, the total groundwater pumping in the Owens Valley for the 2001/2002 pumping season is 80,100 acre-feet. The following table provides annual pumping quantities for each wellfield.

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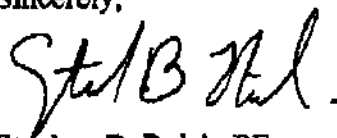
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ARBITRATOR'S DECISION OF THE  
QUANTITY OF 2001/2002 GROUNDWATER PUMPING  
IN THE OWENS VALLEY

Wellfield	2001/2002 Groundwater Pumping (AF)
Laws	2,200
Bishop	12,500
Big Pine	27,500
Taboose-Aberdeen	11,200
Thibaut-Sawmill	13,000
Independence Oak	8,400
Symmes-Shepherd	1,500
Bairs-Georges	2,100
Lone Pine	1,700
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>80,100</b>

The table provided above outlines the annual 2001/2002 groundwater pumping quantities for each wellfield as decided by the Arbitrator. Furthermore, the decision of the quantity of groundwater pumping from each wellfield is based on the time of year already agreed to by both parties as outlined in their April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2001 and May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2001 transmittal documents provided under Section II of the Approval Procedures. If either party believes there is dispute regarding the time of year that groundwater may be pumped from the Taboose-Aberdeen, Thibaut-Sawmill, Symmes-Shepherd, or Bairs-Georges wellfields, a separate transmittal will be prepared to provide resolution.

Sincerely,



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