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Re: Lake Spaulding Dams - 2023 Dam Safety Inspection Follow-up

Dear Mr. Nimick:

On July 17 through 19, Mr. Wes Cooley and Mr. Mynul Chowdhury of this office inspected Lake Spaulding Dams Nos. 1, 2 and 3, which are parts of Drum-Spaulding Project, FERC No. P-2310. Based on observations made and discussions held during the inspection, we have the following action items that require your attention:

1. Seepage was observed flowing around the gatehouse located above Spaulding Powerhouse No. 2. Discussions during the inspection indicated that tunnel liner repairs had previously reduced the seepage to almost zero, but that it had since increased. PG&E should consider monitoring this seepage location as part of routine inspections and determine a level of flow when remedial action is required.
2. Corrosion was observed on the turbine shutoff valve (TSV) and pressure regulator valves (PRV) at Powerhouse No. 1. PG&E should clean and recoat these valves or describe the maintenance program for doing so.

Within 45 days of this letter, please address our above comments or provide a plan and schedule to address the comments. File your submittal using the Commission's eFiling system at <https://www.ferc.gov/ferc-online/overview>. When eFiling, select Hydro: Dam Safety; San Francisco Regional Office from the eFiling menu. The cover

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We appreciate your cooperation in this aspect of the Commission's dam safety program. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mynul Chowdhury at (415) 369-3313.

Sincerely,

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