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The Honorable Condoleezza Rice
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Dear Secretary Rice and Minister Lunn:

We refer you to the Treaty between the United States of America and Canada relating to cooperative development of the water resources of the Columbia River Basin, signed at Washington, D.C., on 17 January 1961.

In accordance with the provisions of Article XV, paragraph 2(e), we are submitting the forty-first *Annual Report of the Permanent Engineering Board*, dated 30 September 2005. The report documents the results achieved under the Treaty for the period from 1 October 2004 to 30 September 2005.

The Board is pleased to report that, for this reporting period, the objectives of the Treaty were met.

Respectfully submitted:

For the United States

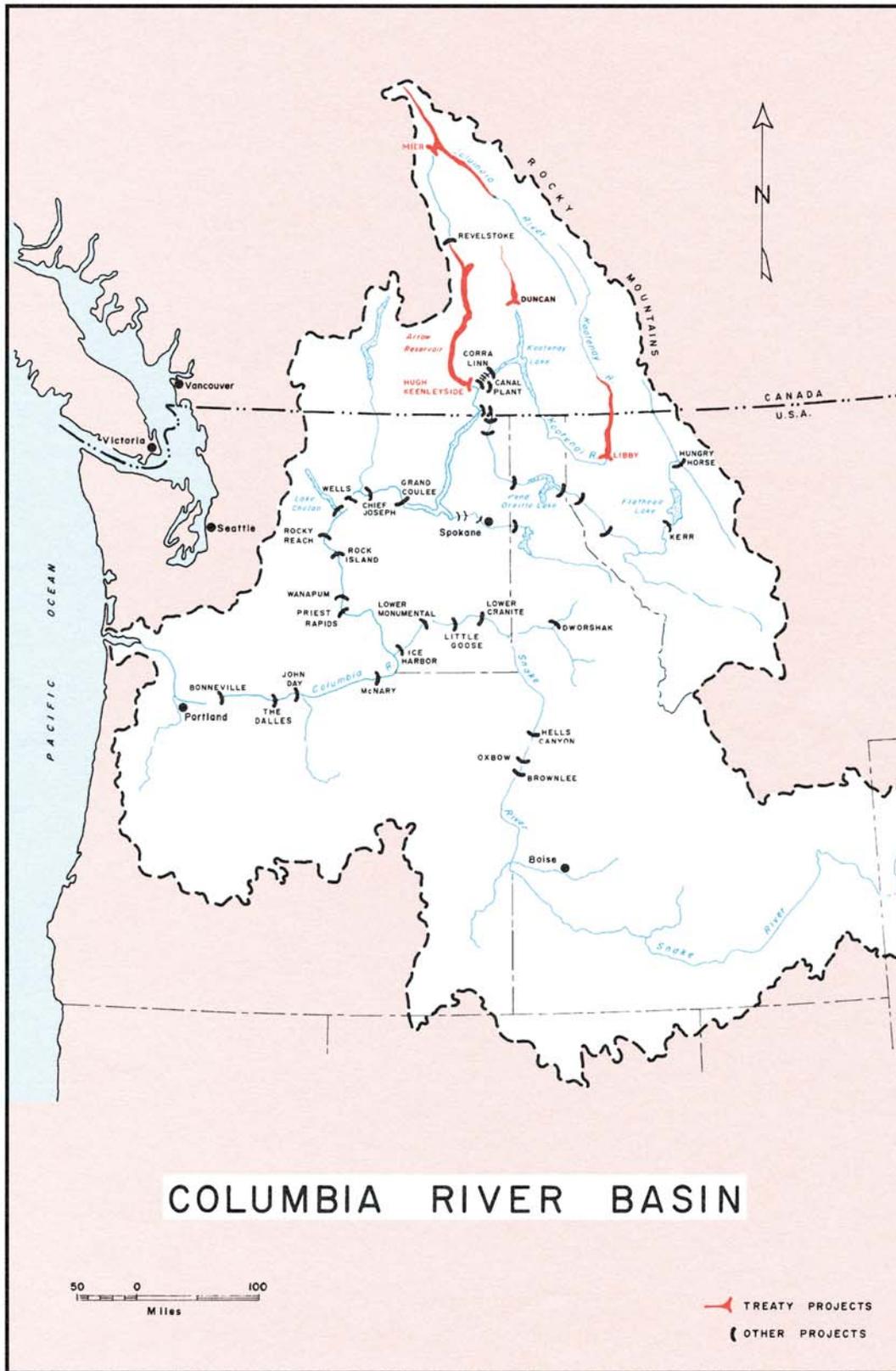
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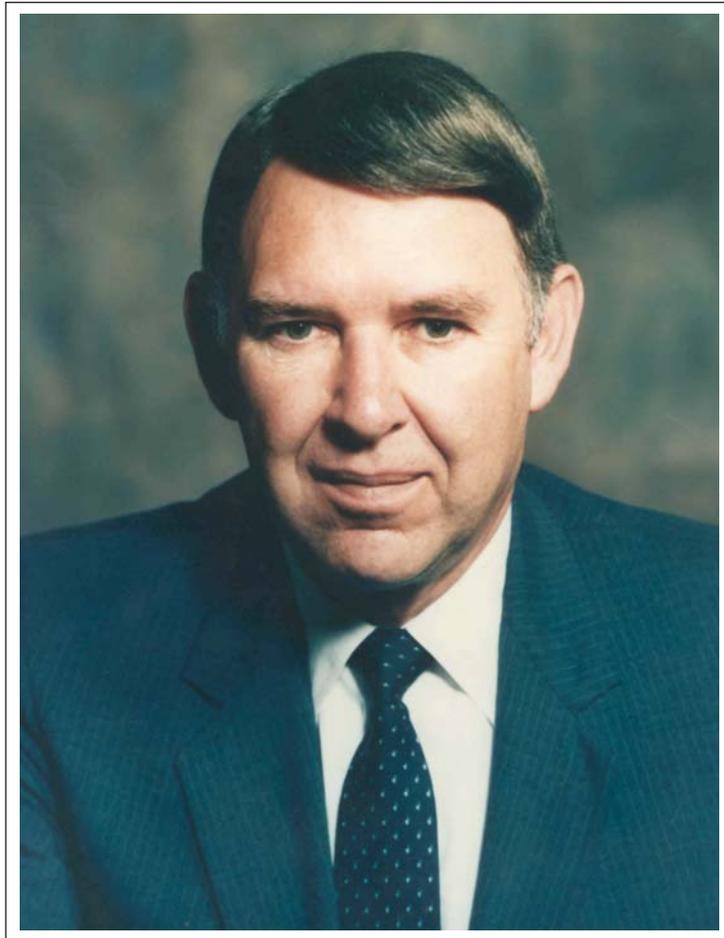


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DEDICATION

“The Board, together with the Entities, dedicates this Annual Report to the memory of Ron Wilkerson, who served as a member of the Columbia River Treaty Permanent Engineering Board from 1988 until his untimely passing on 14 March 2005. Mr. Wilkerson’s knowledge of Treaty history, insightful analysis, and friendly manner will be greatly missed by his Treaty Colleagues.”



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ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

aMW	Average Megawatts
AOP	Assured Operating Plan (from 1 August to 31 July)
BC Hydro	British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority
BiOp	Biological Opinion
BPA	Bonneville Power Administration
CEPA	Canadian Entitlement Purchase Agreement
CRTOC	Columbia River Treaty Operating Committee
cfs	Cubic feet per second
DDPB	Determination of Downstream Power Benefits
DOP	Detailed Operating Plan (from 1 August to 31 July)
FCOP	Flood Control Operating Plan
ft	Feet
FWS	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
hm ³	Cubic hectometers
kaf	Thousand acre-feet
kcfs	Thousand cubic feet per second
km ³	Cubic kilometers
kV	Kilovolts
LCA	Libby Coordination Agreement
m	Meters
m ³ /s	Cubic meters per second
Maf	Million acre-feet
MW	Megawatts
MWh	Megawatt hours
NMFS	National Marine Fisheries Service
PEBCOM	PEB Engineering Committee
TMT	Technical Management Team
TSR	Treaty Storage Regulation
USACoE	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
VarQ	Variable discharge flood control
WSF	Water Supply Forecast

SUMMARY

The forty-first Annual Report of the Permanent Engineering Board is submitted to the governments of Canada and the United States in compliance with Article XV of the Columbia River Treaty of 17 January 1961. This report describes Treaty projects, storage operations, and the resulting benefits achieved by each country for the period from 1 October 2004 to 30 September 2005.

During that period, the Canadian Treaty projects — Mica, Duncan, and Arrow — were operated according to the 2004–2005 and 2005–2006 Detailed Operating Plans, the 2003 Flood Control Operating Plan (FCOP), and several supplemental operating agreements. The Libby project was operated according to the 2003 FCOP, the 2000 Libby Coordination Agreement, U.S. requirements for power, and the guidelines set forth in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s 2000 Biological Opinion and the National Marine Fisheries Service’s 2004 Biological Opinion. As reported in this document, the objectives of the Treaty have been met.

The entitlement to the downstream power benefits accruing to each country from Treaty storage for the reporting period was determined, according to the procedures set out in the Treaty and Protocol, to be 537.3 average megawatts (aMW) of energy and 1176.4 megawatts (MW) of capacity from 1 October 2004 to 31 July 2005, and

535.1 aMW of energy and 1218 MW of capacity from 1 August 2005 to 30 September 2005.

The U.S. Entity delivered the Canadian entitlement to the Canadian Entity at existing points of interconnection on the Canada-U.S. border according to the “Entity Agreement on Aspects of the Delivery of the Canadian Entitlement for 1 April 1998 through 15 September 2024,” dated 29 March 1999. The Canadian entitlement was delivered as scheduled 99.99 percent of the time, and the remaining 0.01 percent was delivered within seven days of the schedule. In October 2004, a portion of the Canadian entitlement was sold directly in the U.S. at a maximum agreed rate of 400 MW, using the mutual agreement provisions of Section 5 of the “Disposals of the Canadian Entitlement within the U.S. for 1 April 1998 through 15 September 2024,” dated 29 March 1999.

During the 2004–2005 operating year, flow conditions in the Columbia River Basin were below average. Canadian Treaty storage began the year at 88.5 percent full, and ended the year at 98.3 percent full. Seasonal flow volume above The Dalles was 76 percent of average for January through July 2005. There was no significant flooding within the Basin during the year.

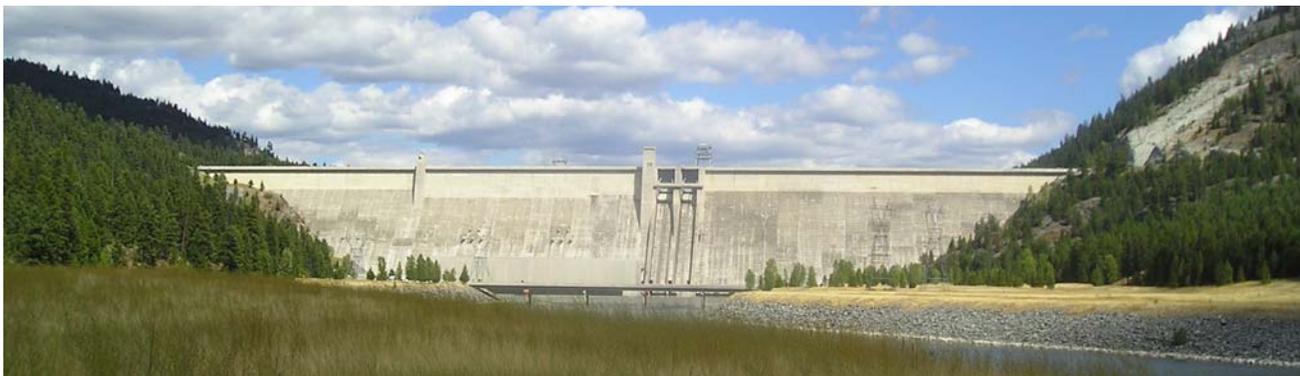
The Entities continued to operate the hydrometeorological network as required by the Treaty. The Columbia River Treaty Hydrometeorological Committee dealt with a number of issues, including streamflow and water supply forecasting, coordination of observed data, and hydrometeorological station changes. In February 2005, the Board asked the Hydrometeorological Committee to provide, by the end of October 2005, a report identifying specific issues and making recommendations regarding the ongoing loss of data acquisition stations.

INTRODUCTION

The Columbia River Treaty provides for the cooperative development of the water resources of the Columbia River Basin. Article XV of the Treaty established a Permanent Engineering Board and specified that one of its duties is to “make reports to Canada and the United States of America at least once a year of the results being achieved under the Treaty.”

This Annual Report, which covers the period 1 October 2004 through 30 September 2005, describes the activities of the Board, Treaty projects, storage operations, and the resulting benefits achieved by each country. It also presents summaries of the essential features of the Treaty and of the responsibilities of the Board and the Entities.

The report refers to items currently under review by the Entities; provides details on calculating flood control and power benefits, and on operation of Treaty reservoirs and flow discharges at the border; and presents the conclusions of the Board.



Libby Dam – Kootenai River, Montana

river treaty

THE COLUMBIA RIVER TREATY

General

The Columbia River Treaty was signed at Washington, D.C., on 17 January 1961, and was ratified by the United States Senate in March of that year. In Canada, ratification was delayed. Further negotiations between the two countries resulted, on 22 January 1964, in a formal agreement by an exchange of notes to a Protocol to the Treaty, and to an Attachment Relating to Terms of Sale. The Treaty and related documents were approved by the Canadian Parliament in June 1964.

The Canadian Entitlement Purchase Agreement (CEPA) was signed on 13 August 1964. Under the terms of this agreement, Canada's share of downstream power benefits resulting from the first 30 years of scheduled operation of each of the storage projects was sold to a group of electric utilities in the United States known as the Columbia Storage Power Exchange.

On 16 September 1964, the Treaty and Protocol were formally ratified by an exchange of notes between the two countries. The sum of US\$253.9 million was delivered to the Canadian representatives as payment in advance for the Canadian entitlement to downstream power benefits during the period of the Purchase Agreement. On the same date, at a ceremony at the Peace Arch Park on the International Boundary, the Treaty and its Protocol were proclaimed by President Johnson of the United States,

Prime Minister Pearson of Canada, and Premier Bennett of British Columbia.

Features of the Treaty and Related Documents

The essential undertakings of the Treaty are as follows:

- (a) Canada will provide 19.1 km³ (15.5 Maf) of usable storage by constructing dams near Mica Creek, the outlet of Arrow Lakes, and Duncan Lake in British Columbia.
- (b) The United States will maintain and operate the hydroelectric power facilities included in the base system and any new main-stem projects to make the most effective use of improved streamflow resulting from operation of the Canadian storage. Canada will operate the storage in

accordance with the procedures and operating plans specified in the Treaty.

- (c) The United States and Canada will share equally the additional power benefit available in the United States as a result of river regulation by upstream storage in Canada.
- (d) On commencement of the respective storage operations, the United States will make payments to Canada totaling US\$64.4 million for flood control provided by Canada.
- (e) The United States has the option of constructing a dam on the Kootenai River near Libby, Montana. The Libby Reservoir would extend some 67.6 km (42 miles) into Canada, and Canada would make the necessary Canadian land available for flooding.
- (f) Both Canada and the United States have the right to make diversions of water for consumptive use and, in addition, after September 1984, Canada has the option of making specific diversions of the Kootenay River into the headwaters of the Columbia River for power purposes.
- (g) Differences arising under the Treaty that cannot be resolved by the two countries may be referred by either country to the International Joint Commission or to

arbitration by an appropriate tribunal as specified by the Treaty.

- (h) The Treaty shall remain in force for at least 60 years from its date of ratification, 16 September 1964.

The Protocol of January 1964 amplified and clarified certain terms of the *Columbia River Treaty*. The Attachment Relating to Terms of Sale signed on the same date established agreement that under certain terms Canada would sell in the United States its entitlement to downstream power benefits for a 30-year period. The Exchange of Notes and Attachment Relating to Terms of Sale of January 1964 and the CEPA of 13 August 1964 (the Sales Agreement) provided that the Treaty storage would be operative for power purposes on the following dates: Duncan storage on 1 April 1968; Arrow storage on 1 April 1969; and Mica storage on 1 April 1973. As of the date of this report, all sales under the Sales Agreement have expired.

PERMANENT ENGINEERING BOARD

General

Article XV of the Columbia River Treaty establishes a Permanent Engineering Board consisting of two members to be appointed by Canada and two members to be appointed by the United States. Appointments to the Board were to be made within three months of the date of ratification. The duties and responsibilities of the Board are also stipulated in the Treaty and related documents.

Establishment of the Board

On 7 December 1964, pursuant to Executive Order No. 11177 dated 16 September 1964, the Secretary of the Army and the Secretary of the Interior each appointed a member and an alternate member to form the United States Section of the Permanent Engineering Board. Pursuant to the *Department of Energy Organization Act* of 4 August 1977, the appointments to the United States Section of the Board are now made by the Secretary of the Army and the Secretary of Energy. The members of the Canadian Section of the Board were appointed by Order in Council P.C. 1964-1671 dated 29 October 1964. Each Canadian member was authorized to appoint an alternate member. On 11 December 1964, the two governments announced the composition of the Board.

The names of Board members, alternate members, and secretaries are shown in Appendix A, as are the names of the current members of the Board's Engineering Committee.

Duties and Responsibilities

The general duties and responsibilities of the Board to the governments, as set forth in Article XV(2) of the Treaty and related documents, include:

- (a) assembling records of the flows of the Columbia River and the Kootenay River at the Canada–United States of America boundary;
- (b) reporting to Canada and the United States of America whenever there is substantial deviation from the

- hydroelectric and flood control operating plans and, if appropriate, including in the report recommendations for remedial action and compensatory adjustments;
- (c) assisting in reconciling differences concerning technical or operational matters that may arise between the Entities;
- (d) making periodic inspections and requiring reports as necessary from the Entities, with a view to ensuring that the objectives of the Treaty are being met;
- (e) making reports to Canada and the United States of America at least once a year of the results being achieved under the Treaty and making special reports concerning any matter that it considers should be brought to their attention;
- (f) investigating and reporting with respect to any other matter coming within the scope of the Treaty at the request of either Canada or the United States of America; and
- (g) consulting with the Entities on the establishment and operation of a hydrometeorological system as required by Annex A of the Treaty.



Hugh Keenleyside Dam (Arrow Lakes) – Columbia River, British Columbia
Concrete spillway and discharge works with navigation lock and earthfill dam.
The new 185-MW power plant is on the north abutment (left bank).

ENTITIES

General

Article XIV(1) of the Columbia River Treaty provides that Canada and the United States of America shall each designate one or more Entities to formulate and execute the operating arrangements necessary to implement the Treaty. The powers and duties of the Entities are specified in the Treaty and its related documents.

Establishment of the Entities

Executive Order No. 11177, previously referred to, designated the Administrator of the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), the Department of the Interior, and the Division Engineer, North Pacific Division, Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army, as the United States Entity, with the Administrator to serve as Chair. Pursuant to the *Department of Energy Organization Act* of 4 August 1977, the BPA was transferred to the Department of Energy. Order in Council P.C. 1964-1407, dated 4 September 1964, designated the British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro) as the Canadian Entity.

The names of the members of the Entities are shown in Appendix B.

Powers and Duties of the Entities

In addition to the powers and duties specified elsewhere in the Treaty and related documents, Article XIV(2) of the Treaty requires that the Entities be responsible for the following:

- (a) coordination of plans and exchange of information relating to facilities to be used in producing and obtaining the benefits contemplated by the Treaty;
- (b) calculation of and arrangements for delivery of hydroelectric power to which Canada is entitled for providing flood control;

- (c) calculation of the amounts payable to the United States of America for standby transmission services;
- (d) consultation on requests for variations made pursuant to articles XII(5) and XIII(6);
- (e) establishment and operation of a hydrometeorological system as required by Annex A;
- (f) assisting and cooperating with the Permanent Engineering Board in the discharge of its functions;
- (g) periodic calculation of accounts;
- (h) preparation of the hydroelectric operating plans and flood control operating plans for the Canadian storage together with determination of the downstream power benefits to which Canada is entitled;
- (i) preparation of proposals to implement Article VIII, and carrying out of any disposal authorized or exchange provided for therein;
- (j) making appropriate arrangements for delivery to Canada of the downstream power benefits to which Canada is entitled, including such matters as load factors for delivery, times and points of delivery, and calculation of transmission loss; and
- (k) preparation and implementation of detailed operating plans that may produce results more advantageous to both countries than those that would arise from operation under the plans referred to in annexes A and B.

Article XIV(4) of the Treaty provides that the two governments may, by an exchange of notes, empower or charge the Entities with any other matter coming within the scope of the Treaty.

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ACTIVITIES OF THE BOARD

Meetings

The Board held its 72nd meeting on 23 February 2005 in Vancouver, British Columbia. In conjunction with this meeting, the Board also held its 53rd joint meeting with the Entities.

The following topics were discussed at the meeting: use of the streamline procedure for current and future assured operating plans/determinations of downstream power benefits (AOPs/DDPBs); Libby operations; non-Treaty storage; the damage incident and repair at the Arrow Lakes hydropower facility inlet channel; hydrometeorological issues; the development of a website; and the inspection of Treaty projects.

In accordance with Treaty Article XV(2)(d), from 30 August to 2 September 2005, the Board made an inspection tour of Treaty projects at Libby, Hugh Keenleyside, and Mica dams. The Board also visited the Bureau of Reclamation's Grand Coulee Dam, BC Hydro Canal Plant and Revelstoke Dam, as well as the Cora Linn Dam and the Arrow Lakes power generating station. The previous inspection of Treaty projects by the Board took place in August 2000.

Reports Received

Throughout the reporting year, the Entities maintained contact with the Board and the Board's Engineering Committee. Information pertinent to the operation of Treaty storage projects was made available to the Board.

Since the last Annual Report, the Board has received the following documents involving the operation of Columbia River Treaty storage:

- Columbia River Treaty Operating Committee Agreement on Operation of Treaty Storage for Non-power Uses from 1 December 2004 through 31 July 2005, signed 23 December 2004

This agreement is similar to previous agreements implemented to utilize Treaty storage for non-power uses. These uses include the following: (1) providing flows for Canadian trout spawning for the April through June period; (2) enhancing the capability in the U.S. of providing spring and summer flow augmentation for salmon and

steelhead by storing 1 Maf of water in Arrow by late April; (3) enhancing Arrow Lakes levels by ensuring progressive refill; (4) providing a minimum discharge objective at Arrow during January through March 2005 for the purpose of protecting eggs deposited on the streambed by Mountain Whitefish during December 2004 through January 2005; (5) improving the U.S. capability to meet flow objectives for salmon at Vernita Bar below Priest Rapids Dam during the period of December 2004 through early May 2005. This agreement supplements the 2004–2005 Detailed Operating Plan (DOP).

- Columbia River Treaty Assured Operating Plan and Determination of Downstream Power Benefits for Operating Year 2009–2010, dated November 2004

This document provides information on the operating plan for Columbia River Treaty storage and the resulting downstream power benefits for the period 1 August 2009 through 31 July 2010.

- Columbia River Treaty Entity Agreement on the Assured Operating Plan and Determination of Downstream Power Benefits for the 2009–2010 Operating Year, signed 6 December 2004

This document is the agreement to implement the AOP and DDPB that provide information on the operating plan for Columbia River Treaty storage and the resulting downstream power benefits for the period 1 August 2009 through 31 July 2010.

- Detailed Operating Plan for Columbia River Storage for 1 August 2005 through 31 July 2006, dated June 2005

This document provides the general guidelines, operating criteria, and reservoir rule curves for the operation of the three Treaty reservoirs (Mica, Arrow, and Duncan) in Canada for the operating year from 1 August 2005 through 31 July 2006.

- Columbia River Treaty Entity Agreement on the Detailed Operating Plan for Columbia River Storage for 1 August 2005 through 31 July 2006, signed 24 June 2005

This document is the agreement between the Entities to implement the DOP for Columbia River storage during the period 1 August 2005 through 31 July 2006.

- Annual Report of the Columbia River Treaty, Canadian and United States Entities, for the period 1 October 2004 through 30 September 2005, dated October 2005

This report summarizes the operation of Treaty projects and other activities of the Entities for the period 1 October 2004 through 30 September 2005.

The Board received no documents involving the operation of Columbia River non-Treaty storage during this reporting year.

Report to the Governments

The fortieth Annual Report of the Board, dated 28 February 2005, was submitted to the governments of Canada and the United States of America.



Duncan Dam – Duncan River, British Columbia
The earthen dam with discharge tunnels to the left and spillway to the right.

TREATY IMPLEMENTATION

General

Implementation of the Treaty resulted in the construction of the Treaty projects, development of the hydrometeorological network, annual preparation of power and flood control operating plans, and annual calculation of downstream power benefits. The three Treaty storage projects in British Columbia — the Duncan, Arrow, and Mica projects — produce flood control and power benefits in both Canada and the United States. The Libby storage project in the United States also provides flood control and power benefits in both countries. In the United States, increased flow regulation provided by Treaty projects facilitated the installation of additional generating capacity at existing plants on the Columbia River. In Canada, completion of the Canal Plant on the Kootenay River in 1976, installation of generators at Mica Dam in 1976–1977, and completion of the Revelstoke project in 1984, all owned by BC Hydro, have resulted in additional power benefits. These benefits amount to some 4000 MW of generation capacity in British Columbia that might not have been installed without the Treaty. In addition, the construction of a two-unit, 185-MW hydropower plant adjacent to the Hugh Keenleyside Dam was completed in 2002. Additional generating units at Revelstoke and Mica dams in Canada are being considered for the future.

The Treaty provides Canada with an option, which commenced in 1984, of diverting the Kootenay River at Canal Flats into the headwaters of the Columbia River. BC Hydro undertook certain engineering feasibility and environmental studies of the potential diversion. No further activities have occurred since that time.

Further to the expiration of the Sales Agreement in 1998, 1999, and 2003, the Board has monitored issues relating to the transmission and return of the Canadian entitlement, and the restructuring of

electricity markets. It has also reviewed the impacts of U.S. resource agencies' biological opinions (BiOps) on Treaty operations.

The locations of the Treaty projects are shown in Appendix D, Plate No. 1.

Treaty Projects

Duncan Project

Duncan Dam, the smallest Treaty project, was scheduled in the 30-year Sales Agreement for operation by 1 April 1968, and was the first

of the Treaty projects to be completed. It became fully operational on 31 July 1967, well in advance of Treaty requirements. The Sales Agreement for Duncan expired 31 March 1998.

The earthfill dam is about 39.6 m high (130 feet) and extends 792.5 m (2600 feet) across the Duncan River valley, approximately 9.7 km (6 miles) north of Kootenay Lake. The reservoir behind the dam extends for about 43.5 km (27 miles) and provides 1.73 km³ (1.4 Maf) of usable storage, which is committed under the Treaty. No power facilities are included in this project.

The project is shown on page 12, and project data are provided in Appendix D, Table 1.

Arrow Project

Hugh Keenleyside Dam, at the outlet of the Arrow Lakes, was the second Treaty project to be completed. It became operational on 10 October 1968, well ahead of 1 April 1969, the date scheduled in the 30-year Sales Agreement. The Sales Agreement for Arrow expired 31 March 1999.

The dam consists of two main components: a concrete gravity structure that extends 366 m (1200 feet) from the north bank of the river and includes the spillway, low-level outlets, and navigation lock; and an earthfill section that rises 52 m (170 feet) above the riverbed and extends 503 m (1650 feet) from the navigation lock to the south bank of the river. The reservoir, about 233 km (145 miles) long, includes both the Upper and Lower Arrow lakes and provides 8.8 km³ (7.1 Maf) of Treaty storage.

The new 185-MW power plant at the Arrow Project, owned by Arrow Lakes Power Corporation, is located on the north abutment (left bank). An intake approach channel of about 1493 m (4900 feet) runs along the north end of

the concrete dam and diverts the waters of the Arrow Reservoir through a powerhouse located in a rock outcrop 396 m (1300 feet) downstream. The generating facility contains two 92.5-MW Kaplan turbines. The facility is connected by a new 230-kV transmission line to the Selkirk substation for integration into BC Hydro's existing power grid. The installation of the generating units was completed in the spring of 2002, and the power production at the new generating facilities is incidental to releases for Treaty purposes. This new power plant will reduce spill at Keenleyside Dam and will provide environmental benefits by reducing entrained gases that are harmful to fish.

In April 2004, the concrete lining at the base of the intake approach channel was damaged at one location, and the power plant was shut down for about three months while repairs were undertaken. The owners are investigating a permanent solution to address the problem. Permanent repairs to the channel are planned to start in early 2006.

The project is shown on page 7, and project data are provided in Appendix D, Table 2.

Mica Project

Mica Dam, the largest of the Treaty projects, was scheduled under the 30-year Sales Agreement for initial operation on 1 April 1973. The project was declared operational and commenced storing on 29 March 1973. The Sales Agreement for Mica expired 31 March 2003.

The dam is located on the Columbia River about 137 km (85 miles) north of Revelstoke, British Columbia. The earthfill dam rises more than 244 m (800 feet) above its foundations and extends 793 m (2600 feet) across the Columbia River valley. It is the tallest dam in North America. It creates a reservoir 217 km (135 miles) long, called Kinbasket Lake, with a total storage

capacity of 24.7 km³ (20 Maf). The project utilizes 14.8 km³ (12 Maf) of live storage, of which 8.6 km³ (7 Maf) are committed under the Treaty.

Although not required by the Treaty, BC Hydro added a powerhouse to the project. The underground powerhouse has space for a total of six generating units. So far, four generators have been installed, with a maximum capacity of 1805 MW.

The project is shown on page 20, and project data are provided in Appendix D, Table 3.

Libby Project in the United States

Libby Dam is located on the Kootenai River, 27.4 km (17 miles) northeast of the town of Libby, Montana. Construction began in the spring of 1966, and storage has been fully operational since 17 April 1973. Commercial generation of power began on 24 August 1975, which coincided with the formal dedication of the project. The concrete gravity dam is 931 m (3055 feet) long, rises 113 m (370 feet) above the riverbed, and creates Lake Kootenai, which is 145 km (90 miles) long and extends 67.6 km (42 miles) into Canada. Lake Kootenai has a gross storage of 7.2 km³ (5 869 000 acre-feet), of which 6.1 km³ (4 980 000 acre-feet) are usable for flood control and power purposes. When completed in 1976, the Libby powerhouse had four units with a total installed capacity of 420 MW.

Construction of four additional generating units was initiated during fiscal year 1978, but Congressional restrictions imposed in the 1982 *Appropriations Act* provided for completion of only one of these units. That unit became available for service late in 1987. The total installed capacity for the five units is 525 MW. Recent U.S. legislation (Public Law 104-303, 12 Oct. 1996) authorizes the U.S. Army Corps of

Engineers (USACoE) to complete generating units 6 through 8. No action was taken in this regard during this reporting period.

The Libby project is shown on page 2 and project data are provided in Appendix D, Table 4.

Libby Project in Canada

Canada has fulfilled its obligation to prepare the land required for the 67.6-km (42-mile) portion of Lake Kootenai in Canada. British Columbia is responsible for reservoir debris clean-up on the Canadian side of the border.

Hydrometeorological Network

One of the responsibilities assigned to the Entities by the Treaty is the establishment and operation, in consultation with the Permanent Engineering Board, of a hydrometeorological system to obtain data for the detailed programming of flood control and power operation. This system includes snow courses, meteorological stations, and streamflow gauges. The Columbia River Treaty Hydrometeorological Committee, formed by the Entities in 1968, makes recommendations on further development of the Treaty Hydrometeorological System.

In 1976, the Entities, with the concurrence of the Board, adopted a document that defined the Columbia River Treaty Hydrometeorological System, and outlined a method of classifying facilities into those required as part of the Treaty system and those of value as supporting facilities. In 1977, the Entities, with the concurrence of the Board, adopted a plan for the exchange of operational hydrometeorological data.

As a result of the emergence and adoption of more sophisticated streamflow forecasting procedures, the number of stations used in the

Treaty studies increased from 866 in 1992 to about 1500 in 2000. Considerable effort was required to classify and prepare the documentation produced by network stations on a regular basis.

In consultation with the Board, effective 1 October 2001, the Entities adopted a revised method for classifying the stations used in the Treaty studies. The Entities eliminated the practice of categorizing each data station as either "Treaty" or "Support." Instead, a new classification, "Treaty/Support," was adopted for stations that are used directly or indirectly to monitor, plan and operate Treaty projects. Entities communicate with data collection agencies on a regular basis to remain informed of the status of the network, and take the necessary steps to ensure that the monitoring, planning and operation of Treaty facilities are not adversely affected by any changes to the hydrometeorological network. The format of future Hydrometeorological Committee documents was revised to include only changes to the network, as opposed to complete listings of all stations. The first Annual Report of the Hydrometeorological Committee to include these changes was completed in 2003.

During the reporting year, the Hydrometeorological Committee reviewed the new water supply forecast procedures developed by the USACoE and BC Hydro for all Canadian Treaty projects. The Committee continued to deal with a number of issues, including streamflow and water supply forecasting, the coordination of observed data, and hydrometeorological station changes. In February 2005, the Board asked the Hydrometeorological Committee to present a report that identifies more specific issues and makes recommendations regarding the ongoing loss of data acquisition stations. This report is to be submitted to the PEBCOM by the end of October 2005.

Power Operating Plans and Calculation of Downstream Power Benefits

The Treaty and related documents require the Entities to develop and agree on an assured operating plan annually for the sixth succeeding year from the current year. This AOP, prepared five years in advance, represents the basic commitment of the Canadian Entity to operate the Treaty storage in Canada (Duncan, Arrow, and Mica) and provides the Entities with a basis for system planning. At the same time, Canada's commitment to operate under an AOP is tied directly to the benefits produced by that plan. The calculation of downstream power benefits, which defines the power benefits accruing to each country under the Treaty, is also prepared five years in advance based on the Treaty operation criteria contained in the AOP. At the beginning of each operating year, a detailed operating plan, or DOP, which includes the three Treaty projects in Canada, is prepared on the basis of current resources and loads to obtain results that may be more advantageous to both countries than those obtained by operating in accordance with the AOP. To supplement the DOP, the Entities may enter into agreements throughout the year regarding the operations of Treaty storage that provide mutual benefits to both Entities. Since 2000, the operating plan for the Libby project in the United States has been presented separately and has not been included in the DOP. Further details on Libby operations are presented on the next page.

During the reporting year, the actual operations of the Treaty storage in Canada were regulated under the rule curves set out in the Entities' *Detailed Operating Plan for Columbia River Treaty Storage, 1 August 2004 through 31 July 2005*, dated June 2004,

and the *Detailed Operating Plan for Columbia River Treaty Storage, 1 August 2005 through 31 July 2006*, dated June 2005, as well as in accordance with additional agreements between the Entities signed during the year. Both the 2004–2005 and 2005–2006 DOPs for Canadian storage were based on the operating criteria and hydroregulation studies contained in the 2005–2006 AOP, together with any changes agreed to by the Entities. This is a deviation from past practice and is the second time a DOP has been prepared using the operating criteria from a different operating year's AOP (the first time was for the 2003–2004 DOP). This was done because the Entities spent significant effort and used rigorous analysis to prepare the 2005–2006 AOP and believed that it would produce more advantageous results than those of the previous AOPs, including smoother operation of the Canadian storage. The Canadian entitlement was not changed because it is determined separately by the downstream power benefits calculations.

Beginning with the 2000–2001 DOP, the Libby operating criteria and expected operation of the Libby project are no longer included in the annual DOP. Information on Libby operations is presented separately in the Libby Operating Plan prepared by the U.S. Entity. Operations at Libby are based on coordinated operations of the U.S. hydro system which take into account the BiOps and associated non-power requirements of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and of the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), now the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration Fisheries Service. One of the main measures defined in the BiOps concerns changing the customary seasonal release rates from Libby Dam so that spring and summer flows would be higher, and fall and winter flows lower, than in the past. In addition, in January 2003, the USACoE adopted the variable discharge flood control

(VarQ) for operations at Libby on an interim basis. VarQ is the conditional use of reserved flood control storage to provide augmentation flows for fisheries during the spring period. VarQ is used only when dry-to-moderate hydrologic runoff conditions are forecasted.

The Libby Coordination Agreement (LCA), signed on 16 February 2000, addressed some of the issues concerning salmon and white sturgeon fisheries operations at the Libby Project, and allowed the Entities to coordinate reservoir releases and agree to AOPs and DDPBs without having to fully resolve the matter in dispute at that time. The LCA essentially suspends the active issues of disagreement, potentially until 2024, unless either Entity chooses to terminate early, on 30 days' notice. Details of the LCA are presented later in this report under "Operations Under the Treaty." The Entities have successfully implemented the LCA for the past five years.

A lengthy dispute between the Entities during the early 1990s regarding the calculation of downstream power benefits was resolved by signing the *Entity Agreement on Resolving the Dispute on Critical Period Determination, the Capacity Entitlement for the 1998–1999, 1999–2000, and 2000–2001 AOP/DDPBs, and Operating Procedures for the 2001–2002 and Future AOPs*. If this issue is raised in the future, the Board will re-examine the matter by using its earlier recommendations as guidelines for the appropriate Treaty interpretation, and for the application of the critical streamflow period definition and the established operating procedures. A more detailed discussion of this issue is contained in the 1996 and 1997 annual reports of the Board.

The arrangements for returning the Canadian entitlement to British Columbia across existing transmission lines are based on the *Columbia River Treaty Entity Agreement on Aspects of the*

Delivery of the Canadian Entitlement for April 1, 1998 through September 15, 2024, signed 29 March 1999. This agreement provides arrangements for the delivery of the Canadian entitlement, including the point of delivery, method of accounting for transmission losses, and guidelines for scheduling.

In addition to the delivery agreement referred to above, the terms and conditions for the disposal of portions of the Canadian entitlement within the United States are based on the *Agreement on Disposals of the Canadian Entitlement Within the United States for April 1, 1998 through September 15, 2024 Between Bonneville Power Administration, Acting on Behalf of the U.S. Entity, and the Province of British Columbia*, signed 29 March 1999.

Both the delivery agreement and the disposal agreement became effective on 31 March 1999 through an exchange of diplomatic notes between Canada and the United States.

Transmission Developments

The BPA continues to work on potential new transmission construction, configurations and operational practices to secure entitlement returns to the Canada-U.S. border. During this reporting period, the BPA partially implemented curtailment procedures which would have placed entitlement return deliveries on an equal footing with other firm Pacific Northwest customers during curtailment periods. However, there were technical problems in implementing these procedures, and additional work remains to be done. The Canadian entitlement was delivered as scheduled 99.99 percent of the time, and the remaining 0.01 percent was delivered within seven days of the schedule.

In September 2005, the Sea Breeze Power Corp. commenced an "Open Season" for 550 MW each of transmission capacity and ancillary services made available via two proposed HVDC submarine cables across the Strait of Juan de Fuca. One line will run between Port Angeles in Washington State and Vancouver Island, with a second line to run between Fairmount in Washington State and Vancouver. If the project receives regulatory approval and proceeds, the first cable could be in service by winter 2007, and the second line would follow as soon as 2008.

Due to concerns expressed regarding its Standard Market Design rulemaking, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission terminated the proceeding in July 2005. The Commission now plans to address what it sees as "undue transmission discrimination" by proposing revisions to its Order 888 pro forma tariff.

In 2004, the BPA announced the creation of a Northwest task force that will publish a draft report defining standards for transmission adequacy. A *Transmission Expansion Planning White Paper*, including a timeline which stretches to the end of 2006, was posted for comments in September 2005. RTO GridWest development continues to be a work in progress, and the Entities will continue to monitor its potential impacts on the Treaty.

Flood Control Operating Plan

The Treaty provides that Canadian storage reservoirs will be operated by the Canadian Entity in accordance with operating plans designed to minimize flood damage in the United States and Canada. The *Columbia River Treaty Flood Control Operating Plan (FCOP)*, dated October 1972, was received from the Entities and reviewed by the

Board in the 1973 reporting year, and was in effect until October 1999. The revised plan, dated October 1999 and updated in May 2003, defines the flood control operations of the Duncan, Arrow, Mica, and Libby reservoirs during the period covered in this report.

Flow Records

Article XV(2)(a) of the Treaty specifies that the Permanent Engineering Board shall assemble records of flows of the Columbia and Kootenai rivers at the Canada-U.S. boundary. Flows for this reporting year are tabulated in Appendix C for the Kootenai River at Porthill, Idaho, and for the Columbia River at Birchbank, British Columbia.

Non-Treaty Storage

Since 1984, agreements have also been reached between BC Hydro and the BPA concerning the use of non-Treaty storage. These agreements do not interfere with operations under the Treaty. They do extend the concepts of the Treaty and benefit both BC Hydro and the BPA. As per contract terms, release rights under the Non-Treaty Storage Agreement terminated effective 30 June 2004. The extended provision of the agreement requires that active non-Treaty storage space in Mica be refilled within seven years (the deadline is 30 June 2011). The parties to the agreement have indicated their interest in negotiating a new Non-Treaty Storage Agreement.

Fisheries Operations

Many U.S. reservoirs are presently operated in accordance with BiOps issued by the FWS and the NMFS under the *Endangered Species Act*. Treaty reservoirs in Canada are operated in accordance with the requirements of Fisheries and Oceans Canada. These efforts continue to evolve. In this regard, the Board notes that the AOP and DDPB are to be based on optimal operations for power and flood control in accordance with the requirements of the Treaty. The Board continues to maintain its long-standing position that the Entities may develop DOPs to address fisheries' needs, providing these actions do not conflict with Treaty objectives.



Mica Dam and Lake Kinbasket – Columbia River, British Columbia
The spillway is on the right of the earthfill dam, and the underground powerhouse is on the left.

OPERATIONS UNDER THE TREATY

General

The Columbia River Treaty Operating Committee (CRTOC) was established by the Entities to develop operating plans for the Treaty storage, and to direct the operation of this storage in accordance with the terms of the Treaty and subsequent Entity agreements. These plans follow the water year from August to July of the following year. Although the Permanent Engineering Board reporting period is 1 October 2004 to 30 September 2005, Treaty operations thereunder are based on the Treaty operating year of 1 August 2004 to 31 July 2005. Additional information for 1 August 2005 to 30 September 2005 is based on the Treaty operating year 1 August 2005 to 31 July 2006.

Treaty storage in Canada was operated by the Canadian Entity in accordance with the documents listed below. Treaty storage in the United States at the Libby project was operated by the U.S. Entity according to the 2003 FCOP, the 2000 LCA, U.S. requirements for power, and the guidelines set forth in the 2000 BiOp by the FWS and the 2004 BiOp by the NMFS.

- Columbia River Treaty Entity Agreement on Principles for Preparation of the Assured Operating Plan and Determination of Downstream Power Benefits, dated July 1988

This agreement states the principles for changes to the preparation of the AOP and DDPB. These changes involve revisions to the information to be used

in studies, such as the definition of the power loads and generating resources in the Pacific Northwest area, streamflows to be used, estimates of irrigation withdrawals and return flows, and other related information.

- Columbia River Treaty Entity Agreement on Changes to Procedures for the Preparation of the Assured Operating Plan and Determination of Downstream Power Benefit Studies, dated August 1988

This agreement states the specific procedures to be used in implementing the previous agreement on Principles for Preparation of the Assured Operating Plan and Determination of Downstream Power Benefits.

- Agreement executed by the United States of America Department of Energy, acting by and through the Bonneville Power Administration, and the British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority relating to: (a) Use of Columbia River Non-Treaty Storage, (b) Mica and Arrow Refill Enhancement, and (c) Initial Filling of non-Treaty Reservoirs, signed 9 July 1990

This agreement provides information relating to the initial filling of Revelstoke Reservoir, the coordinated use of some of the Columbia River non-Treaty storage, and actions taken to enhance the refill of the reservoirs impounded by the Mica and Arrow dams.

- Columbia River Treaty Entity Agreement on Aspects of the Delivery of the Canadian Entitlement for 1 April 1998 through 15 September 2024, signed 29 March 1999

This agreement provides arrangements for the delivery of the Canadian entitlement, including the point of delivery, method of accounting for transmission losses, and guidelines for scheduling. The Agreement became effective on 31 March 1999 through an exchange of diplomatic notes between the United States and Canada. Execution of this agreement supersedes and terminates the Columbia River Treaty Entity Agreement on Aspects of the Delivery of the Canadian Entitlement for 1 April 1998 through 15 September 2024 between the Canadian Entity and the United States Entity, dated 20 November 1996, and the Entity Agreement of the same name, dated 26 March 1998, which never reached its effective date.

- Agreement on Disposals of the Canadian Entitlement Within the United States for 1 April 1998 through 15 September 2024

Between the Bonneville Power Administration, Acting on Behalf of the U.S. Entity, and the Province of British Columbia, signed 29 March 1999

This agreement describes the arrangements by which the Province of British Columbia may dispose of the Canadian entitlement in the United States.

- Columbia River Treaty Assured Operating Plan and Determination of Downstream Power Benefits for Operating Year 2004–2005, dated January 2000

This document provides information on the operating plan for Columbia River Treaty storage and the resulting downstream power benefits for the period 1 August 2004 through 31 July 2005.

- Columbia River Treaty Entity Agreement Coordinating the Operation of the Libby Project with the Operation of Hydroelectric Plans on the Kootenay River and Elsewhere in Canada, signed 16 February 2000

The LCA addresses issues concerning the operation of the Libby project and allows the Entities to coordinate reservoir operations and agree to AOPs and DDPBs without having to alter their respective positions on the validity of the Libby fisheries operations under the Treaty.

- Columbia River Treaty Assured Operating Plan and Determination of Downstream Power Benefits for Operating Year 2005–2006, dated August 2001

This document provides information on the operating plan for Columbia River Treaty storage and the resulting downstream

power benefits for the period 1 August 2005 through 31 July 2006.

- Columbia River Treaty Entity Agreement Relating to Extension of the Expiration Date of the Non-Treaty Storage Agreement, signed 28 June 2002

This agreement between the Entities extends the use of Columbia River non-Treaty storage, Mica and Arrow refill enhancements, and the initial filling of non-Treaty storage to 24:00 PST on 30 June 2005.

- Columbia River Treaty Flood Control Operating Plan, updated May 2003

This plan prescribes the criteria and procedures by which the Canadian Entity will operate the Mica, Duncan, and Arrow reservoirs to achieve desired flood control objectives in the United States and Canada. Criteria for the Libby Reservoir were included in the plan to meet the Treaty requirement to coordinate its operation for flood control protection in Canada. The plan was originally prepared in October 1972. The 1999 plan provides current information, incorporates new storage reservation diagrams, and clarifies procedures. The plan was updated in May 2003.

- U.S. Entity Approval Relating to Amendatory Agreement No. 1 to the 1997 Pacific Northwest Coordination Agreement, signed 13 June 2003

This agreement amends the 1997 Pacific Northwest Coordination Agreement to include definitions, adds text related to previously received interchange energy, and replaces text related to interchange pricing, accounting, and review of charges.

- Columbia River Treaty Operating Committee Agreement on Operation of Treaty Storage for Enhancement of Mountain Whitefish Spawning for the period 27 September 2003 through 30 April 2004, signed 3 October 2003

This agreement supplements the 2003–2004 DOP. The purpose of this agreement is to provide the Canadian Entity with enhanced spawning protection for Mountain Whitefish below Keenleyside Dam and to provide the U.S. Entity with increased flexibility in the operation of Treaty storage. This is accomplished by a provisional draft from Keenleyside Reservoir from 4 September 2003 through 22 December 2003, or the beginning of whitefish spawning. Storage will occur from 1 January 2004 through 20 January 2004, unless otherwise agreed. All provisional drafts will be returned by 30 April 2004 but shall not detrimentally impact whitefish during the March 2004 incubation period.

- Columbia River Treaty Principles and Procedures for Preparation and Use of Hydroelectric Operating Plans for Operation of Canadian Treaty Storage, dated 16 December 2003

This document serves as a guide for the preparation and use of hydroelectric operating plans, such as the AOP and DOP, for operation of the Columbia River Treaty storage.

- Detailed Operating Plan for Columbia River Storage for 1 August 2004 through 31 July 2005, dated June 2004

This document provides the general guidelines, operating criteria, and reservoir rule curves for the operation of the three

Treaty reservoirs (Mica, Arrow, and Duncan) in Canada for the operating year from 1 August 2004 through 31 July 2005.

- Columbia River Treaty Operating Committee Agreement on Operation of Treaty Storage for Non-power Uses from 1 December 2004 through 31 July 2005, signed 23 December 2004

This agreement is similar to previous agreements implemented to utilize Treaty storage for non-power uses. These uses include: (1) providing flows for Canadian trout spawning for the April through June period; (2) enhancing the capability in the U.S. of providing spring and summer flow augmentation for salmon and steelhead by storing 1 Maf of water in Arrow by late April; (3) enhancing Arrow Lakes levels by ensuring progressive refill; (4) providing a minimum discharge objective at Arrow during January through March 2005 for the purpose of protecting eggs deposited on the streambed by Mountain Whitefish during December 2004 through January 2005; (5) improving the U.S. capability to meet flow objectives for salmon at Vernita Bar below Priest Rapids Dam from December 2004 through early May 2005. This agreement supplements the 2004–2005 DOP.

- Detailed Operating Plan for Columbia River Storage for 1 August 2005 through 31 July 2006, dated June 2005

This document provides the general guidelines, operating criteria, and reservoir rule curves for the operation of the three Treaty reservoirs (Mica, Arrow, and Duncan) in Canada for the operating year from 1 August 2005 through 31 July 2006.

- Columbia River Treaty Operating Committee Agreement on Implementation Procedures for Flood Control Reallocation for the 2005–2006 Operating Year, signed 13 July 2005

This agreement instructs the USACoE to calculate and distribute flood control rule curves for Mica, Arrow, and Grand Coulee using the 5.03/4.44 km³ (4.08/3.6 Maf) flood control allocation between Mica and Arrow. The effect of the allocation and power drafts at upstream projects will be included in the Grand Coulee flood control rule curves.

System Storage

The 2004–2005 operating year began on 1 August 2004, with Canadian Treaty storage (Canadian storage) at 16.9 km³ (13.7 Maf) or 88.5 percent full and below the Treaty Storage Regulation (TSR) level of 89.6 percent full. This starting condition for storage was slightly below the DOP levels (by 125.3 hm³ or 101.6 kaf) determined in the TSR study and was operated to forecasted TSR levels during August through December 2004, except for a small provisional draft authorized by the LCA. A substantial inadvertent draft occurred in September 2004, with Canadian storage ending the 2004 water year at 909 hm³ (737 kaf) below the TSR. This was due to a large increase in forecasted September inflows from late August to early October, causing the end-of-September 2004 TSR level to rise by 1,083 hm³ (874 kaf). In accordance with two Supplemental Operating Agreements, Canadian storage filled 1,360.8 hm³ (1,103.3 kaf) above the TSR in January 2005, remained above the TSR through June 2005, and returned to the TSR in July 2005. Unlike the previous year, Canadian storage refilled

to near full by the end of the operating year, reaching 18.8 km³ (15.3 Maf) or 99.0 percent full on 31 July 2005.

The 1 January 2005 water supply forecast (WSF) for the Columbia River at The Dalles was 105.6 km³ (85.6 Maf), or 79.8 percent of the 1971–2000 average for January through July. The WSF fell to a low of 60.6 percent of normal in March, and ended up at 78.8 percent of normal by the June forecast. The actual January through July runoff volume at The Dalles was 100.35 km³ (81.35 Maf) or 76 percent of the 1971–2000 average. At 89 percent of average, the seasonal precipitation for the water year was below average above The Dalles. At 89 percent of average, the peak unregulated flow at The Dalles in 2005 was estimated at 12 704 m³/s (448 672 cfs) on 22 May 2005, with a measured regulated peak flow of 8113 m³/s (286 500 cfs) on 18 May 2005.

Operations of the three Canadian reservoirs — Mica, Arrow, and Duncan — and the Libby Reservoir in the United States, are illustrated on pages 28 to 31 for the 13-month period from 31 August 2004 to 30 September 2005. The hydrographs show actual reservoir levels (Storage Curve) and key rule curves which govern the operations of the Treaty storage. The Flood Control Rule Curve specifies maximum month-end reservoir levels which will permit evacuation of the reservoir to control precipitation and snowmelt events. The Critical Rule Curve shows minimum month-end reservoir levels which should be maintained to enable the anticipated power demands to be met under the most adverse water supply conditions. The Variable Refill Curve shows the reservoir elevations necessary to ensure refilling of the reservoir by the end of July with a reasonable degree of confidence.

Mica Reservoir

Mica (Kinbasket) Reservoir inflows were above normal during the fall and winter of 2004 due to rainfall runoff. With above-normal inflows and low discharge requirements from Mica, the reservoir continued to refill from August through the first half of October to reach a maximum elevation of 748.01 m (2454.1 ft) on 19 October 2004. The reservoir drafted steadily, reaching 740.56 m (2429.7 feet) on 31 December 2004 and a minimum elevation of 724.91 m (2378.3 feet) on 21 April 2005, 17.8 m (58.3 feet) above empty. The reservoir refilled to a maximum elevation of 750.57 m (2462.5 feet) on 8 August 2005, 3.81 m (12.5 feet) below full pool.

Arrow Reservoir

Arrow Reservoir reached a maximum of 436.24 m (1431.3 feet) on 12 August 2004, 3.9 m (12.7 feet) below full pool. Influenced by a low initial level, Arrow reservoir drafted to below-normal levels, reaching 426.84 m (1400.4 feet) by 31 December 2004. A minimum elevation of 426.09 m (1397.9 feet) was observed 25 January 2005, 6.07 m (19.9 ft) above empty. Arrow reservoir refilled to a maximum elevation of 434.63 m (1425.9 feet) on 1 July 2005, 5.5 m (18.1 feet) below full pool. The operation of Arrow Reservoir was modified during the operating year under two CRTOC agreements. These agreements helped to enhance the success of whitefish and rainbow trout spawning and their emergence downstream of the Arrow project in British Columbia, and to provide additional non-power benefits in the United States. Through coordinated efforts, BC Hydro was able to achieve the best (Tier 1 level) protection for whitefish for the 2004–2005 operating year as defined by the Columbia Water Use Plan.

Duncan Reservoir

Duncan Reservoir reached a maximum elevation of 576.45 m (1891.2 feet) on 17 August 2004, 0.20 m (0.8 feet) below full pool. From September 2003 through April 2004, Duncan discharge was used to supplement inflow into Kootenay Lake and to provide spawning and incubation flows for fish. The reservoir drafted to a minimum elevation of 547.56 m (1796.6 feet) on 21 April 2005, 0.69 m (2.4 feet) above empty. Reservoir discharge was reduced to the minimum of 3 m³/s (100 cfs) on 25 May to initiate reservoir refill. The reservoir refilled to a maximum elevation of 576.48 m (1891.4 feet) on 31 July 2005, 0.17 m (0.6 feet) below full pool.

Libby Reservoir

Due to above-normal precipitation in August and a recommendation by the Technical Management Team (TMT) to maintain a constant outflow, Libby Reservoir operations did not achieve the BiOps draft limit elevation of 743.6 m (2439 ft) by 31 August 2004. The TMT agreed to maintain the flat flows through August and into September until the target elevation was reached. Above-normal precipitation in late August and the continuation of a flat outflow of 354 m³/s, however, did not allow Libby to reach the target elevation in September either. Instead, the TMT decided to keep weekly average flows between 225 and 354 m³/s (9 and 12.5 kcfs) while allowing weekly shaping for power needs. Libby was operated for power purposes from September through December 2004.

In 2005, Libby was operated according to the VarQ operating rule. VarQ is the conditional use of reserved flood control storage to provide

augmentation flows for fisheries during the spring period. VarQ is used when dry to moderate hydrologic runoff conditions are forecasted. The minimum elevation of Lake Kootenay was 734.0 m (2408.3 ft) on 18 January 2005. By the end of April, the lake was 7.3 m (24 feet) below the VarQ elevation. The May Final WSF at Libby was 6.27 km³ (5.096 Maf), or 81.7 percent of the 30-year average. This forecast level required a 0.984 km³ (800 kaf) release volume for a sturgeon pulse in the May-June time frame. Outflows continued at a minimum 113 m³/s (4 kcfs) until 19 May, when the FWS sturgeon pulse operation was started. Outflows were raised to 707 m³/s (25 kcfs) through 26 May. After that time, outflows were lowered and held at various levels through 2 June. This operation provided flows sufficient to allow the U.S. Geological Survey to gather basic field measurements necessary to expand their flow and sediment transport modeling throughout the “braided reach” of the Kootenai River. The findings of this work were important for defining both the evolving habitat strategies and spill tests to provide for sturgeon needs.

The maximum elevation of 749.3 m (2458.3 feet) at Libby was achieved on 10 July — just 0.2 m (0.7 ft) from full. The State of Montana submitted draft and final System Operational Requests (SOR 2005-MT-1) to the TMT on 29 June and 6 July 2005, asking the TMT to implement the Northwest Planning and Conservation Council Mainstem Amendments. The request was to draft to 743.6 m (2439 ft) (6.1 m or 20 ft from full) by the end of September rather than the end of August as specified in the BiOp. On 28 June the FWS and Columbia River Inter-tribal Fish Commission submitted SOR-2005-16, asking to draft to 743.6 m (2439 ft) as specified in the

BiOp. The final decision was to draft to elevation 743.6 m (2439 ft) by the end of August. The actual elevation at the end of August was 743.8 m (2439.5 ft). For August, the operational goal was to gradually ramp down flows while meeting the agreed target elevation. Outflow was near 537.6 m³/s (19 kcfs) at the end of July and was gradually reduced to 339.6 m³/s (12 kcfs) near the end of August.

During the period covered by this report, the LCA procedures allowed the Canadian Entity to provisionally draft the Arrow reservoir and exchange power with the U.S. Entity, and required delivery to the U.S. Entity of one (1) aMW, shaped flat, over the entire operating year. The Libby Operating Plan was not updated during the reporting period.

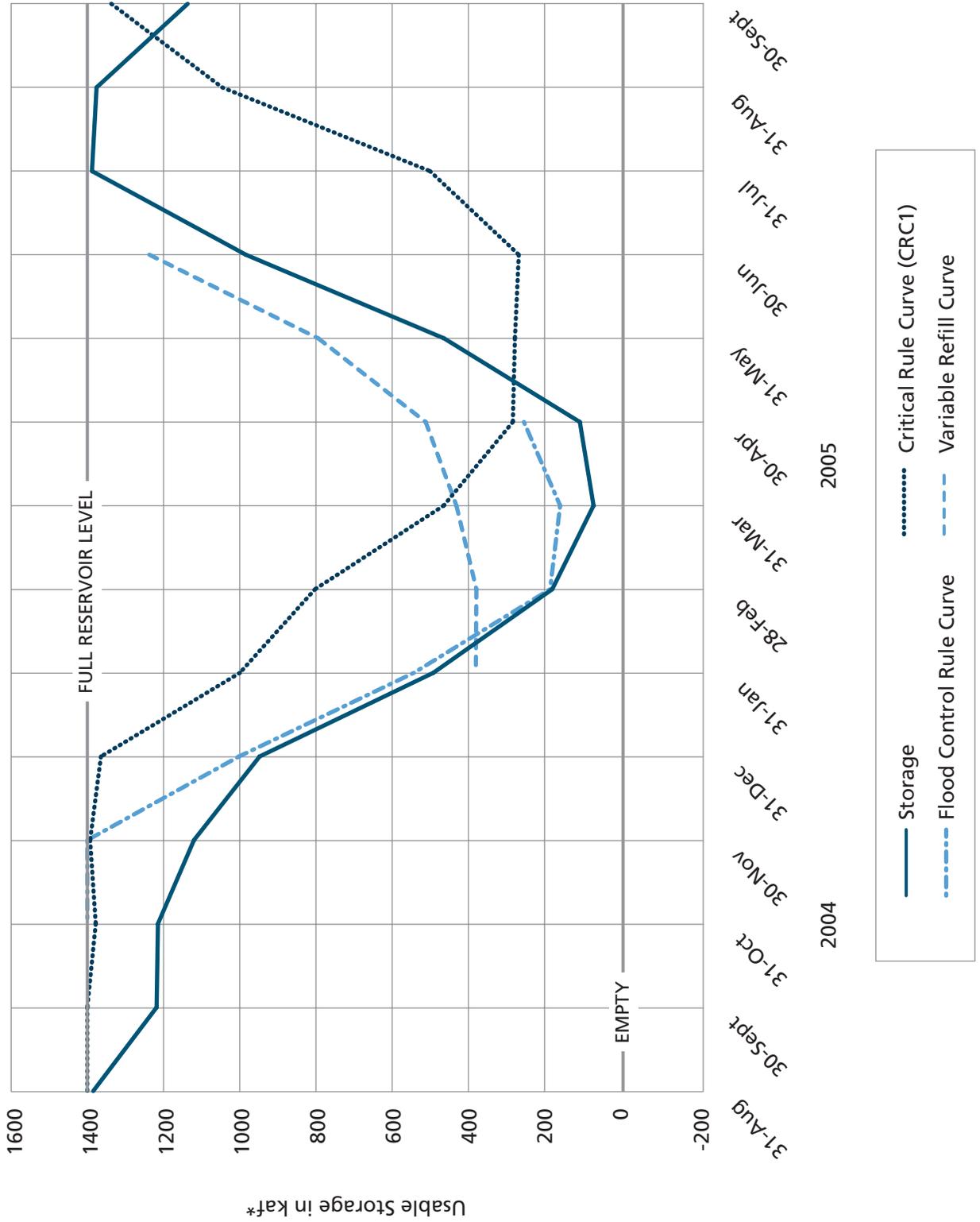
Federal Columbia River Power System

The U.S. Federal Columbia River Power System was operated to meet chum needs below Bonneville Dam from 8 November 2004 through 5 May 2005. U.S. reservoirs were operated to achieve the 10 April flood control elevation as per the NMFS 2004 BiOp for juvenile fish needs, but low inflow from January through March prevented this from happening. For 2005, Libby Dam released the volume of water requested by the FWS to meet downstream Kootenai River white sturgeon needs. The U.S. storage projects were targeted to be full by 30 June 2005 as per the BiOps. Libby, Grand Coulee and Hungry Horse all reached their end-of-August target elevations as per the BiOps. Dworshak Dam reached the draft limit in September.

Flood Control Operations

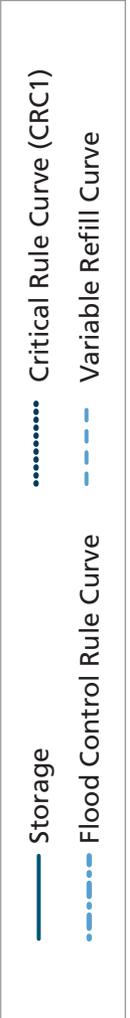
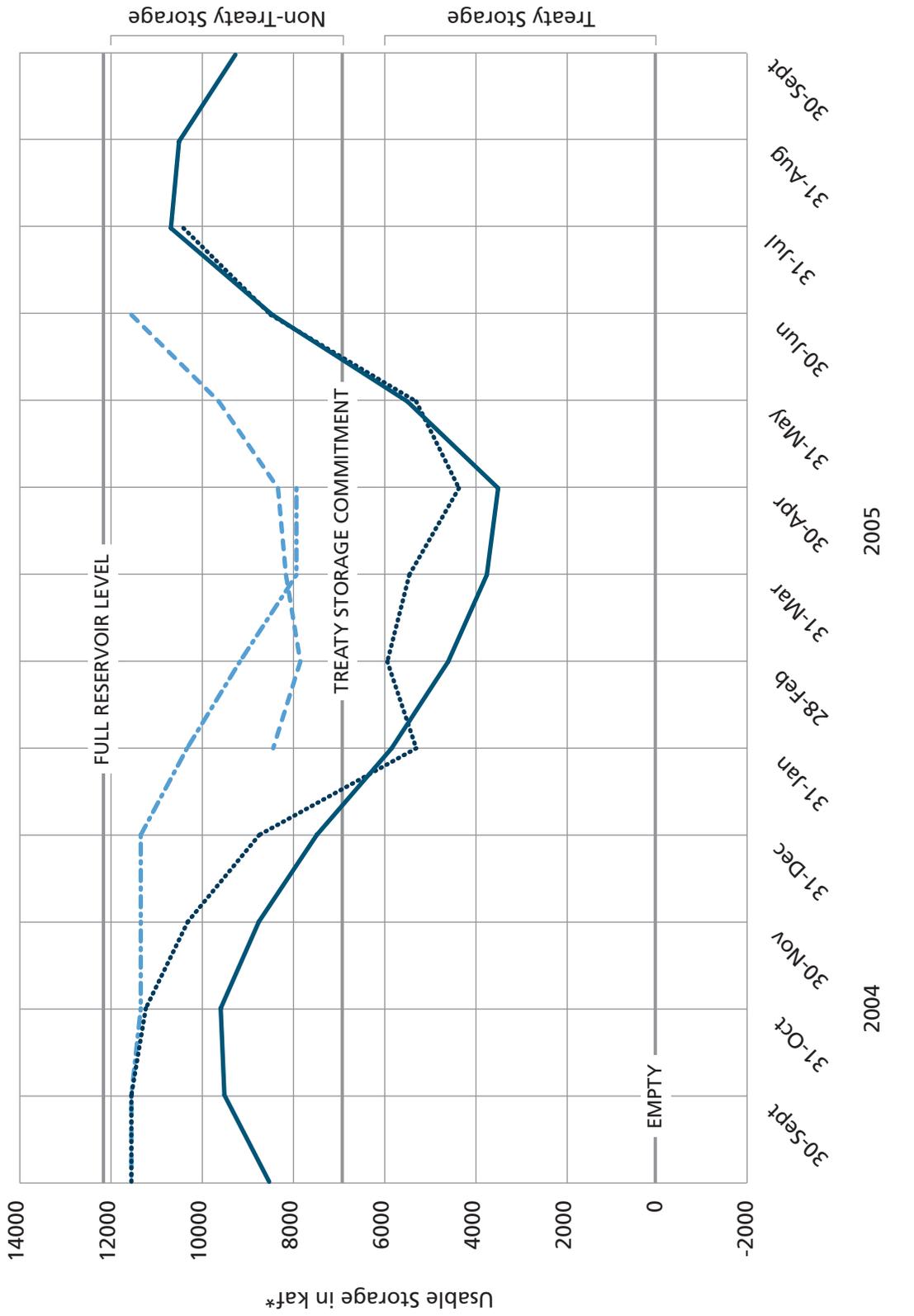
With the 2005 water supply forecasts well below average across the Columbia River Basin, the reservoir system, including the Columbia River Treaty projects, required minimal draft for flood control in preparation for the spring freshet. Projects were operated according to the May 2003 FCOP, resulting in no major flooding in the Basin. The regulated peak flow at The Dalles, Oregon, was 8113 m³/s (286 500 cfs) on 18 May 2005, and the unregulated flow was estimated at 12 705 m³/s (448 700 cfs) on 22 May 2005. The peak stage observed at Vancouver, Washington, was 2.94 m (9.7 feet) on 22 May 2005, and the estimated unregulated stage was 4.62 m (15.1 ft) on 23 May 2005.

Duncan Reservoir Levels



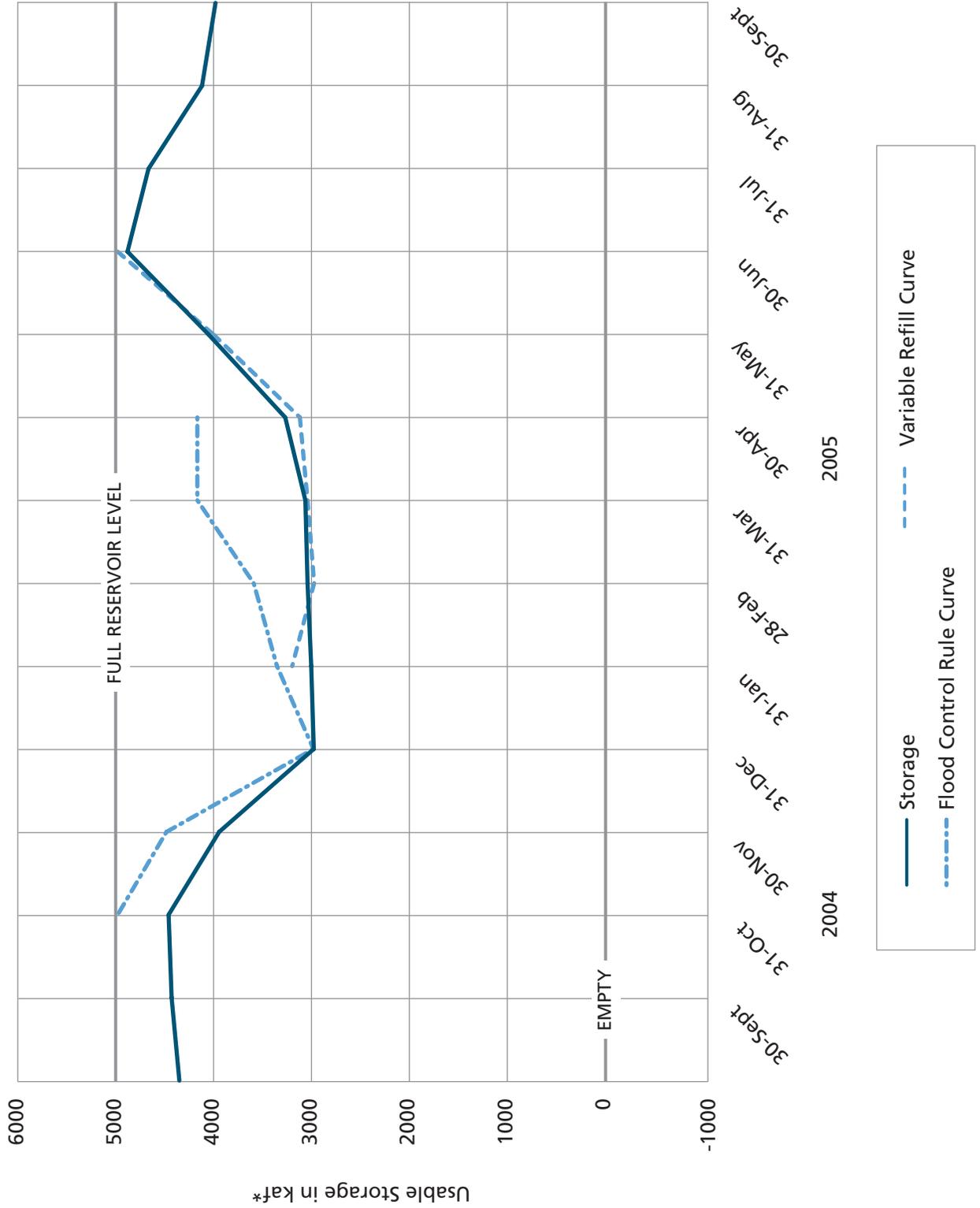
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Mica Reservoir Levels



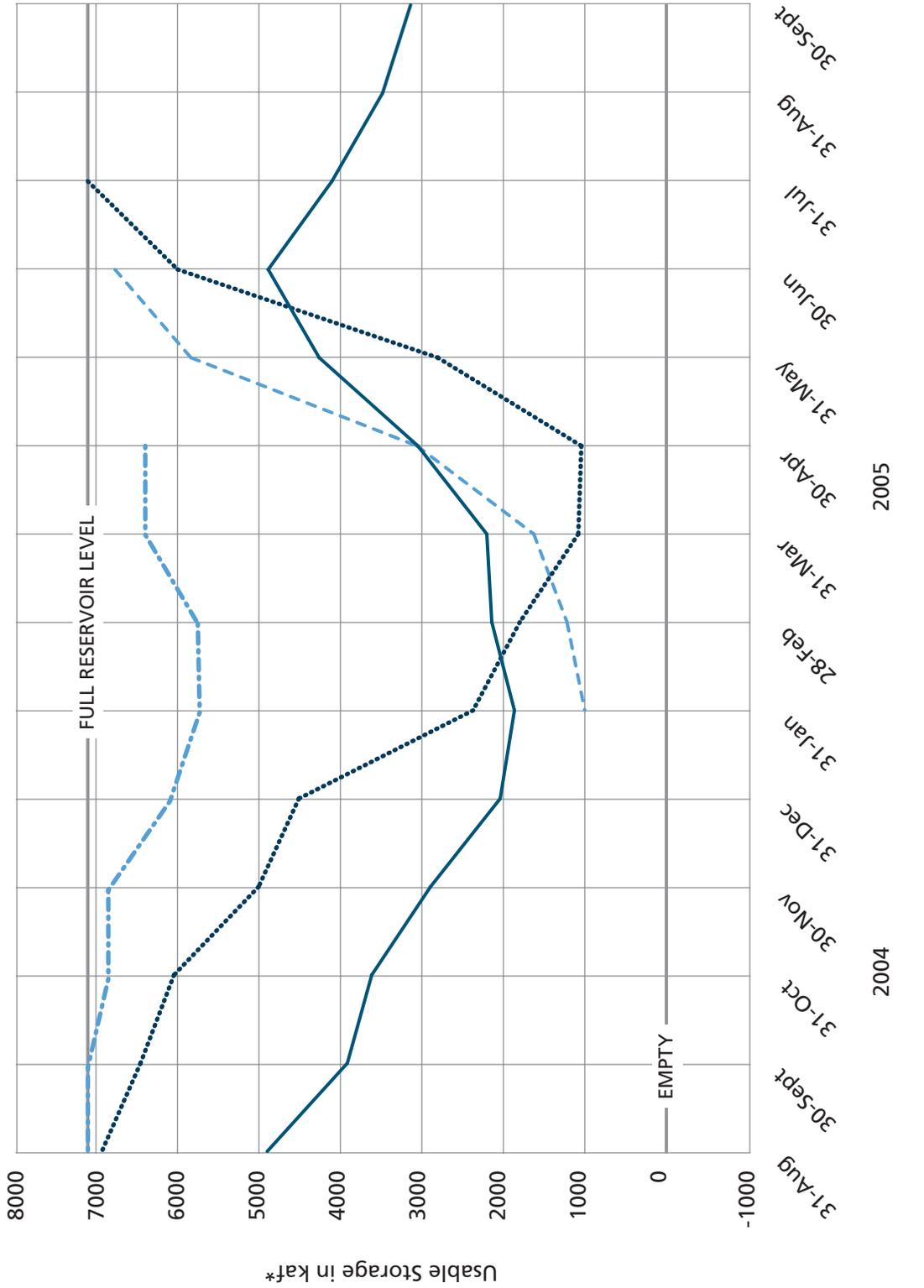
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Libby Reservoir Levels



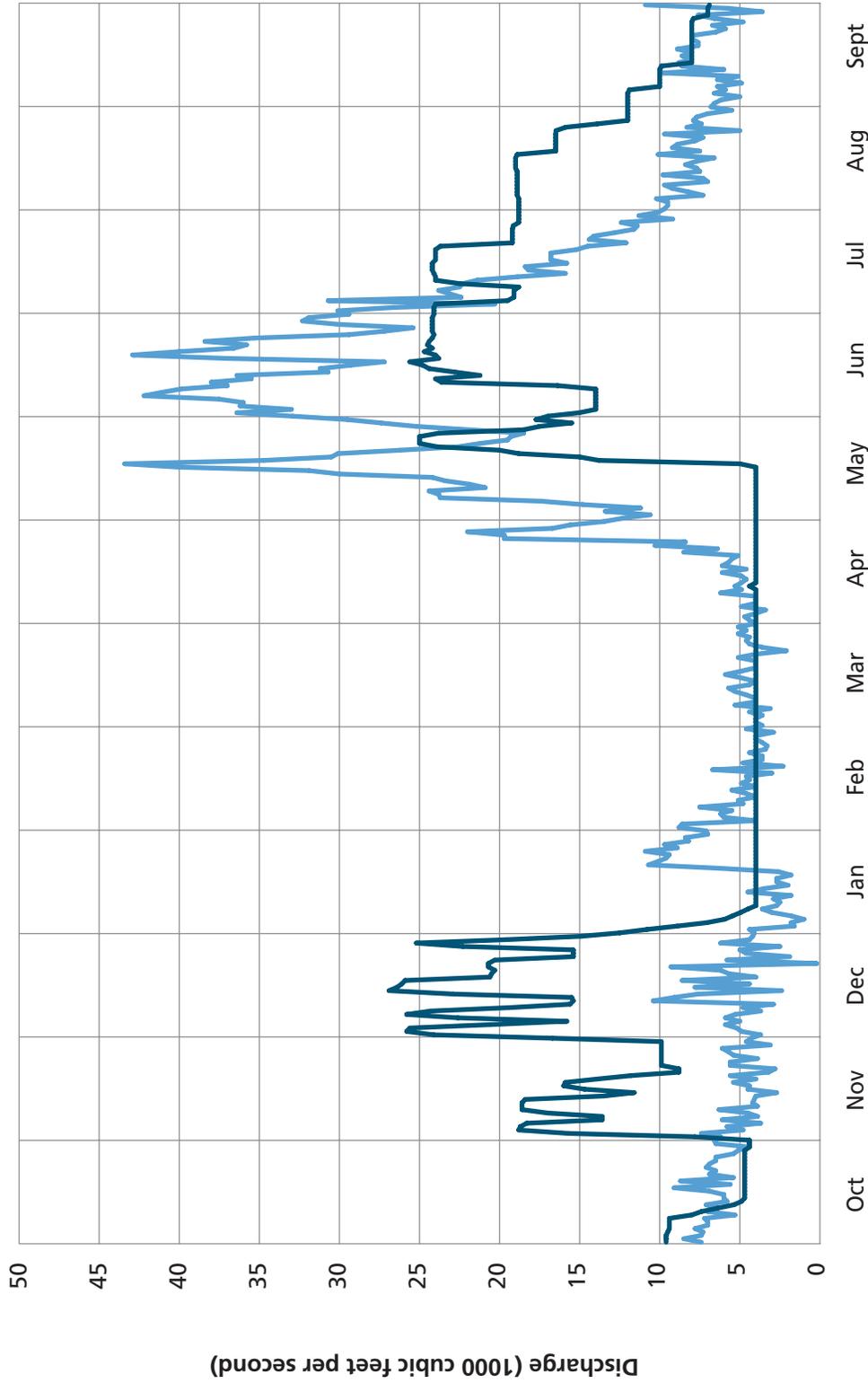
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Arrow Reservoir Levels



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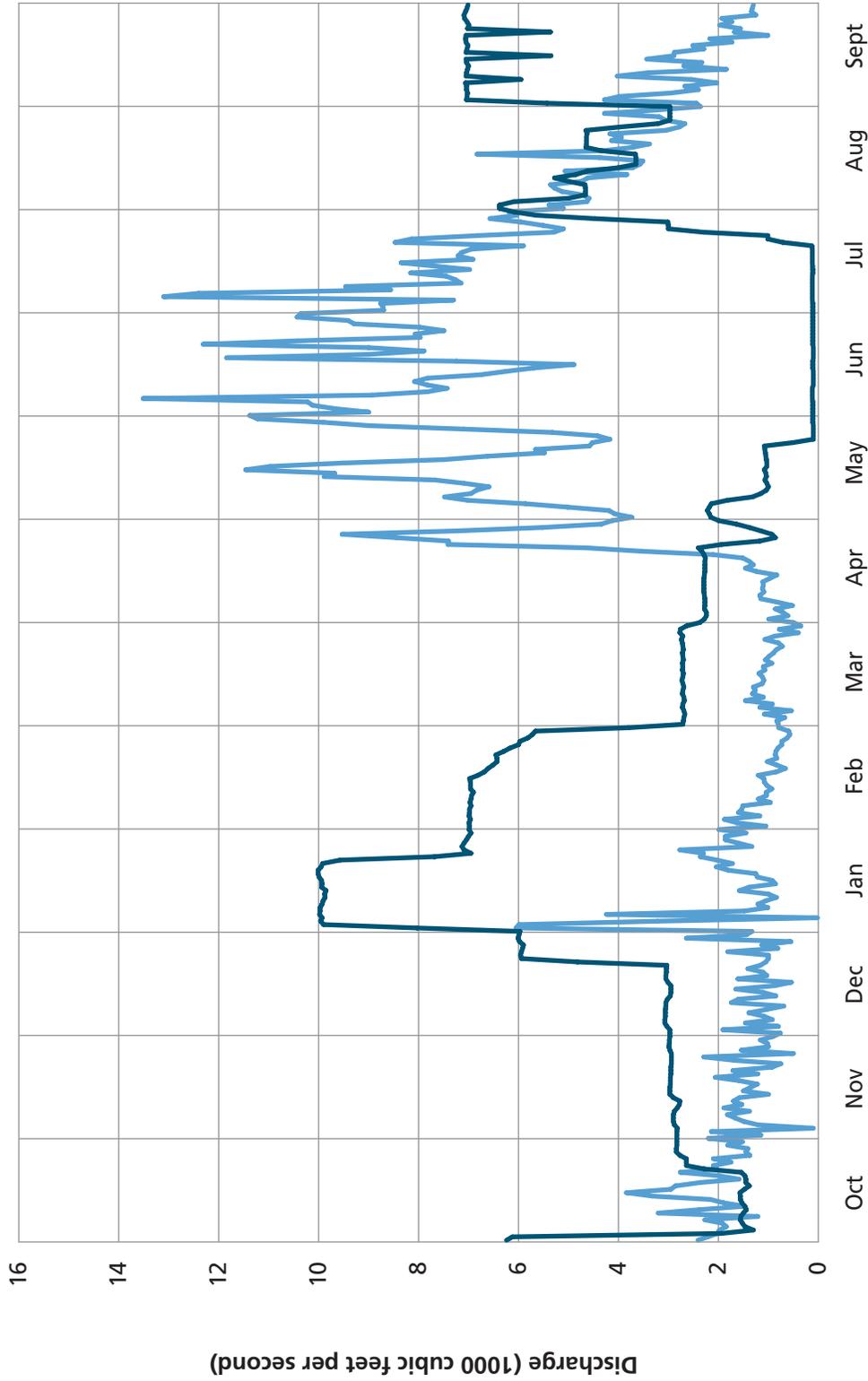
Kootenai River at Libby Dam



Estimated natural flow and regulated flow for the year ending September 30, 2005



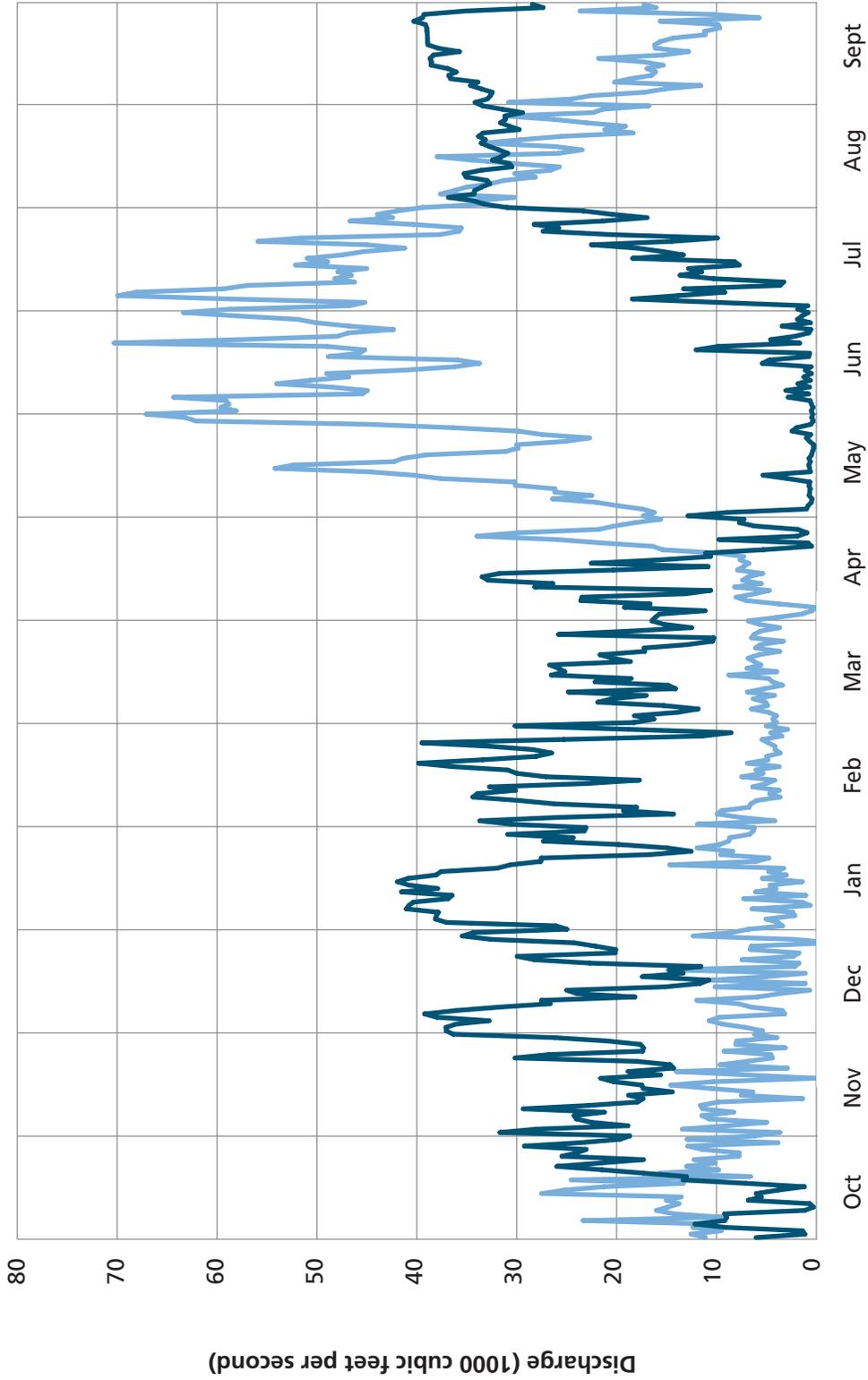
Duncan River at Duncan Dam



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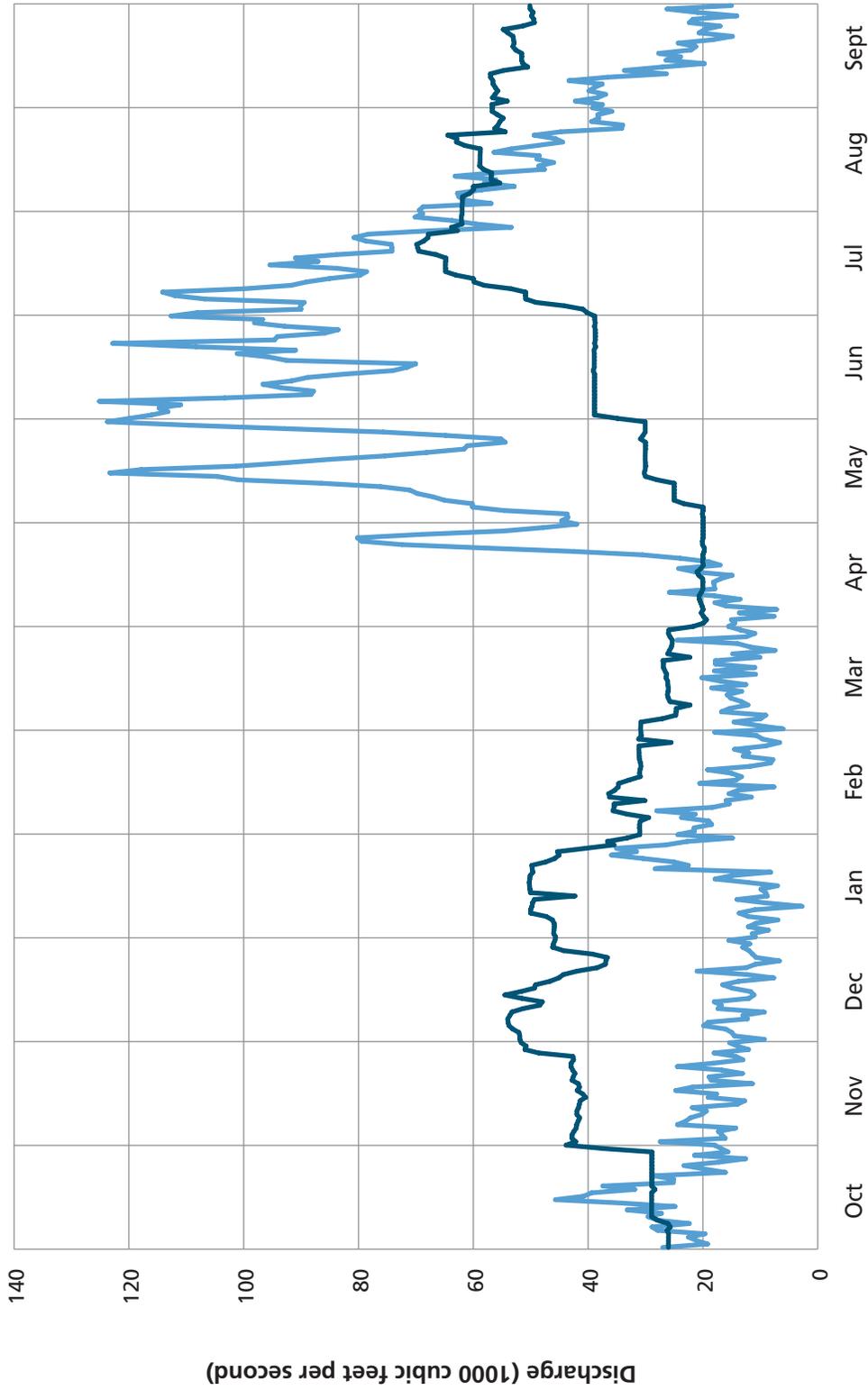
Columbia River at Mica Dam



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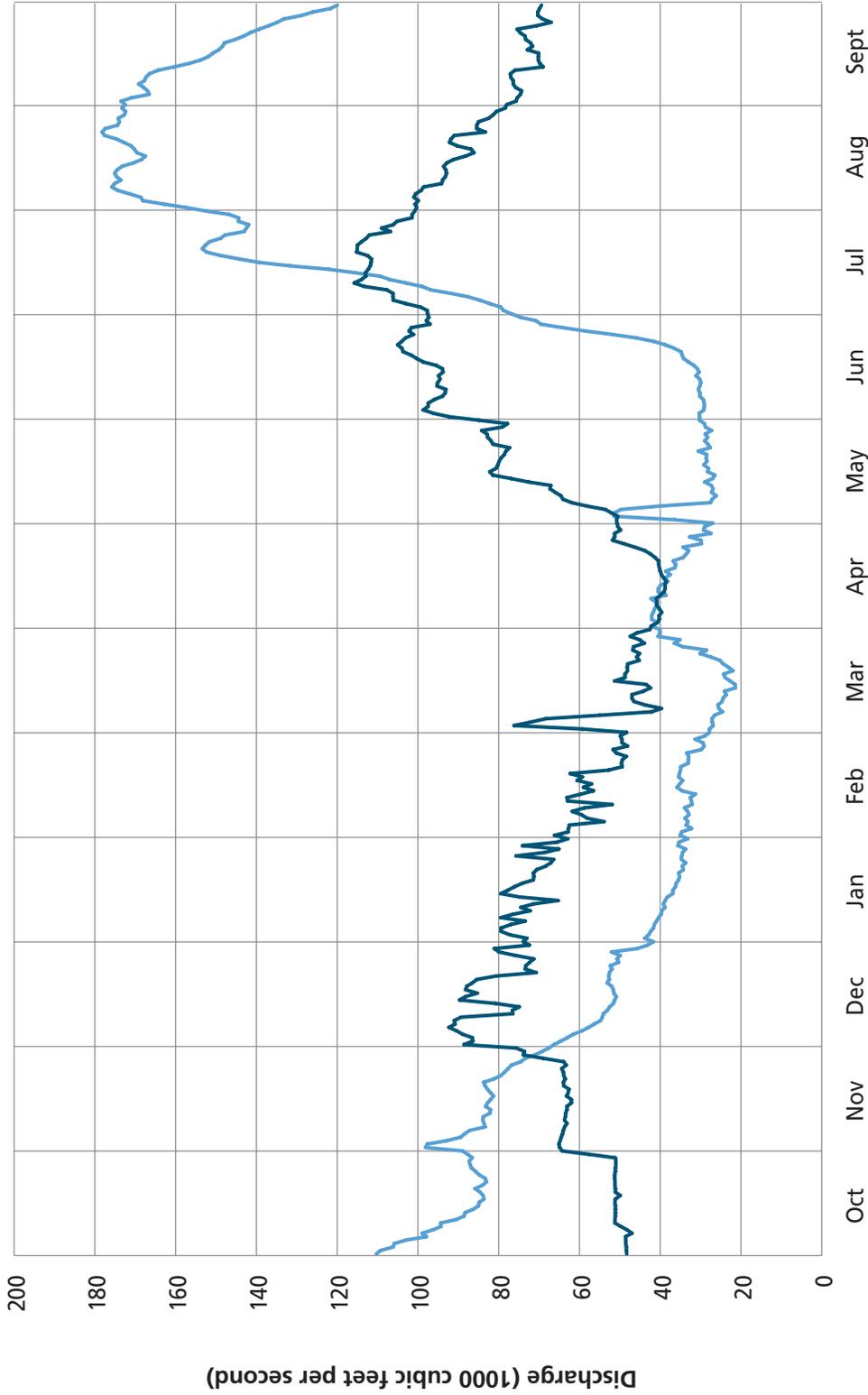
Columbia River at Hugh Keenleyside Dam



Estimated natural flow and regulated flow for the year ending September 30, 2005



Columbia River at Birchbank



Estimated natural flow and regulated flow for the year ending September 30, 2005



TREATY BENEFITS

Flood Control Benefits

There was no Columbia River flooding during the 2004–2005 operating year. With natural flows well below average, operations for flood control were not a major factor and storage operations did keep peak flows below flood control levels. The peak regulated flow and river stages are shown in the tables below.

Columbia River Stream Flow at The Dalles, Oregon

Date	Peak Regulated Flow m ³ /s (cfs)	Date	Peak Unregulated Flow m ³ /s (cfs)
18 May 2005	8113 (286 500)	22 May 2005	12 705 (448 700)

Columbia River Stage at Vancouver, Washington (Flood Stage is 4.9 meters [16.0 feet])

Date	Peak Regulated Stage meters (feet)	Date	Peak Unregulated Stage meters (feet)
22 May 2005	2.94 (9.7)	23 May 2005	4.62 (15.1)

It is estimated that the Duncan and Libby projects reduced the peak stage of Kootenay Lake by about 0.576 m (1.89 feet). The Duncan, Arrow, Mica, and Libby projects reduced the peak stage of the Columbia River at Trail, just upstream of Birchbank, British Columbia, by about 1.90 meters (6.22 feet).

It should be noted that both regulated and unregulated peak stages at Kootenay Lake and Birchbank were well below flood stages. The hydrographs on pages 28 to 36 illustrate the effect of storage in the Duncan, Arrow, Mica, and Libby reservoirs on flows at the project sites and on flows of the Columbia

River at Birchbank. These show the actual discharges and the flows that would have occurred if the dams had not been built. The hydrograph showing pre-project conditions for Birchbank has been computed on the assumption that the effects of Duncan, Arrow, Mica, and Libby regulation, and of the regulation provided by the Cora Linn development on Kootenay Lake, have been removed.

Power Benefits

From 1 August 2004 to 30 September 2005, the U.S. Entity delivery of the Canadian entitlement to downstream power benefits was 537.3 aMW at rates of up to 1176 MW. From 1 August 2005 to 30 September 2005, the U.S. Entity delivery of the Canadian entitlement to downstream power benefits was 535.1 aMW at rates of up to 1218 MW.

An agreement between the Entities, signed on 20 November 1996, sets out the details of delivery points and the reliability of delivery for the downstream power benefits returnable to Canada beginning 1 April 1998 and completed on 1 April 2003. Further, on 31 March 1999, the agreement permitting disposal of the Canadian entitlement directly in the United States was adopted through an exchange of diplomatic notes. The Province of British Columbia was

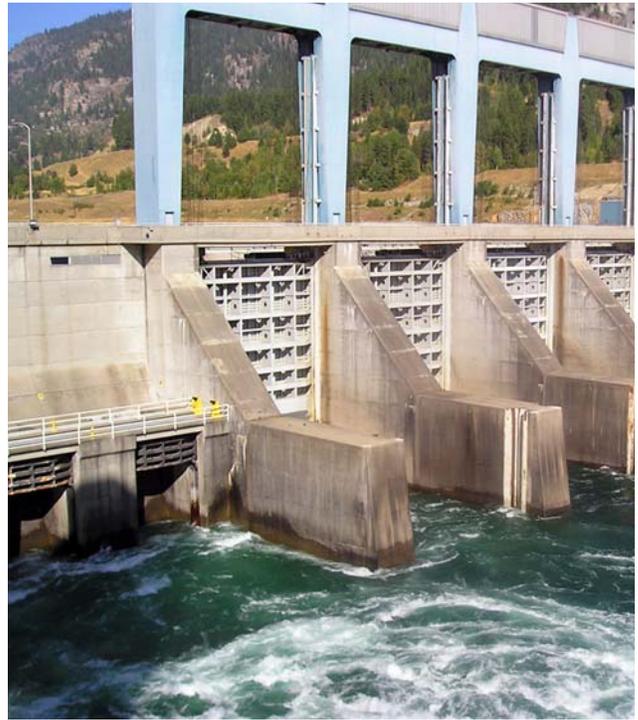
designated as the Canadian Entity for the purpose of the disposal. Utilizing the section of the Disposal Agreement for mutually agreed arrangements, the Province of British Columbia disposed of entitlement energy directly in the United States during the period 1 July 2004 to 31 October 2004. During these four months, 506 000 Megawatt hours (MWh) were sold directly to the U.S. at a maximum rate of 400 MW.

Other Benefits

By agreement between the Entities, streamflows are regulated for non-power purposes, such as accommodating construction in river channels and providing water to meet fisheries' needs in both countries. These arrangements are implemented under the DOP and other agreements to provide mutual benefits.



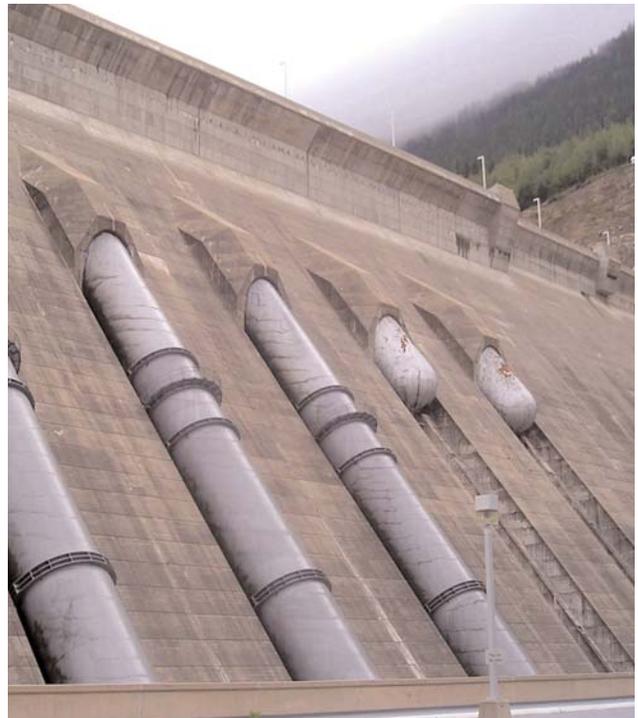
Grand Coulee Dam (U.S. Bureau of Reclamation) – Columbia River, Washington State



Hugh Keenleyside Dam (Arrow Lakes) – Columbia River, British Columbia



Cora Linn Dam (FortisBC) – at the outflow of Kootenay Lake, British Columbia



Revelstoke Dam – Columbia River, British Columbia

CONCLUSIONS

1. The Duncan, Arrow, and Mica projects were operated in compliance with the Treaty during the period covered by this report. Operations reflected DOPs developed by the Entities, the FCOP for Treaty reservoirs, and other agreements between the Entities.
2. The entitlement to the downstream power benefits accruing to each country from Treaty storage for the reporting period was determined, according to the procedures set out in the Treaty and Protocol, to be 537.3 aMW of energy and 1176.4 MW of capacity from 1 October 2004 to 31 July 2005, and 535.1 aMW of energy and 1218 MW of capacity from 1 August 2005 to 30 September 2005.
3. Utilizing the section of the 1999 Disposal Agreement for mutually agreed arrangements, the Province of British Columbia disposed of 506 000 MWh directly in the United States at rates of up to 400 MW during the period 1 July 2004 to 31 October 2004.
4. With the 2004 water supply forecasts well below average across the Columbia River Basin, the reservoir system, including the Columbia River Treaty projects, required minimal draft for flood control in preparation for the spring freshet. No major flooding occurred. Flow at

The Dalles remained below average throughout the water year. The observed January through July flow volume above The Dalles was 100.3 km³ (81.3 Maf), 76 percent of the 1971–2000 average. The unregulated peak flow at The Dalles was estimated at 12 705 m³/s (448 700 cfs) on 22 May 2005, while a regulated peak flow of 8113 m³/s (286 500 cfs) occurred on 18 May 2005. Canadian Treaty storage began the year at 88.5 percent full, and ended the year at 98.3 percent full.

5. The Entities continued to operate the hydrometeorological network as required by the Treaty. The Columbia River Treaty Hydrometeorological Committee dealt with a number of issues, including streamflow and water supply forecasting, the coordination of observed data, and hydrometeorological station changes. In February 2005, the Board asked the Hydrometeorological Committee to provide, by end of October 2005, a report that identifies specific issues and makes recommendations regarding the ongoing loss of data acquisition stations.
6. The Board concludes that the objectives of the Treaty have been met.

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APPENDIX C

RECORD OF FLOWS AT THE INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY

Kootenai River at Porthill, Idaho

Daily discharges in thousands of cubic feet per second for the year ending 30 September 2005

Day	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept
1	12.2	6.7	19.9	15.7	9.0	6.1	8.2	11.3	23.4	28.0	19.8	13.0
2	12.0	9.9	25.2	13.5	8.8	6.2	8.2	11.1	23.4	27.5	19.7	12.9
3	12.4	18.4	26.4	11.8	8.6	6.3	8.7	11.5	21.2	27.4	19.7	13.0
4	12.4	21.2	25.6	9.5	8.4	6.4	8.4	11.4	20.7	27.0	19.8	13.1
5	12.5	21.2	21.5	8.2	8.1	6.2	8.1	11.7	20.3	26.5	19.8	13.1
6	9.9	20.1	18.1	7.2	8.2	6.2	8.1	12.2	19.8	22.9	19.8	12.3
7	10.1	16.9	24.4	7.0	8.2	6.1	8.1	13.7	19.5	22.0	19.8	10.1
8	10.2	16.5	26.8	6.5	7.9	6.4	8.2	14.6	20.3	22.0	19.6	10.7
9	9.8	19.8	24.8	5.9	7.5	6.4	9.1	15.8	20.4	22.1	19.7	10.9
10	9.3	21.0	20.3	5.8	7.5	6.5	9.0	15.9	21.0	22.1	19.8	11.1
11	8.5	21.1	21.7	5.8	7.6	6.5	9.0	15.3	23.8	25.5	20.0	11.3
12	7.1	21.0	27.3	5.9	7.4	7.4	9.0	14.5	29.1	26.8	20.0	11.4
13	6.7	20.0	24.5	5.8	7.4	7.2	9.4	14.7	28.3	26.8	20.0	10.8
14	6.6	16.3	29.5	5.7	7.0	7.0	8.9	15.2	26.8	26.8	20.0	9.6
15	6.1	14.3	30.8	5.3	7.0	6.8	8.4	14.8	28.1	26.0	20.0	9.4
16	6.3	17.3	29.9	5.5	6.5	6.8	8.4	16.5	28.9	26.2	20.1	9.4
17	7.2	18.5	29.5	5.7	6.4	7.1	8.6	17.1	30.1	26.1	19.7	9.3
18	7.1	18.0	27.9	6.1	6.8	7.0	9.1	16.5	31.4	25.9	18.7	9.3
19	6.7	15.5	24.4	7.6	6.8	7.0	9.0	16.8	31.0	26.1	17.8	9.2
20	6.8	13.7	23.9	10.3	6.7	6.9	8.8	25.0	29.9	26.0	17.7	9.3
21	6.9	12.0	23.8	11.2	6.4	7.0	8.5	25.8	29.6	25.7	17.3	9.3
22	7.1	11.6	23.6	11.2	6.3	6.9	8.8	29.2	29.3	24.7	17.1	9.2
23	6.9	11.8	23.3	11.1	6.2	6.8	9.9	30.2	28.7	21.6	17.2	9.3
24	7.4	11.7	22.2	10.9	6.1	6.6	10.5	33.2	28.1	20.9	17.2	9.2
25	7.0	12.8	18.9	10.8	6.3	6.4	12.6	33.4	27.7	20.8	16.9	9.2
26	7.0	13.6	18.2	10.4	6.2	6.5	13.9	33.2	27.6	20.7	16.0	9.3
27	6.9	13.2	18.6	9.9	6.2	7.0	15.4	33.0	28.0	20.7	14.7	9.0
28	6.6	13.0	25.0	9.8	6.2	8.2	15.4	30.6	27.9	20.8	13.5	7.9
29	6.4	12.4	25.9	9.5	--	8.7	14.2	26.0	28.1	20.5	13.3	7.8
30	6.4	12.5	21.6	9.1	--	8.7	12.4	23.4	28.1	20.4	13.0	8.4
31	6.6	--	17.7	8.9	--	8.5	--	22.7	--	19.9	13.1	--
Mean	8.2	15.7	23.9	8.6	7.2	6.9	9.8	19.9	26.0	24.1	18.1	10.3

Columbia River at Birchbank, British Columbia

Daily discharges in thousands of cubic feet per second for the year ending 30 September 2005

Day	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept
1	48.3	64.9	88.6	73.0	62.8	49.9	42.6	50.5	84.9	97.3	100.8	78.0
2	48.4	65.1	86.4	77.2	62.7	48.3	42.2	50.7	92.2	97.6	100.3	75.7
3	48.4	64.8	86.5	79.4	62.5	59.3	40.7	50.8	96.1	97.7	100.7	75.4
4	48.5	64.5	88.9	79.4	53.9	76.2	40.2	50.5	98.7	99.4	99.9	74.6
5	48.5	64.2	90.4	77.0	58.1	72.1	40.3	52.1	97.5	103.0	101.0	74.3
6	48.6	64.0	92.3	73.4	59.5	68.3	39.6	53.6	97.4	106.1	100.6	75.8
7	47.0	63.7	90.8	79.5	61.8	55.0	40.2	58.2	96.0	106.2	99.2	76.4
8	48.2	63.1	91.0	76.4	58.8	42.1	40.8	62.0	93.9	106.2	98.6	76.4
9	49.8	63.7	89.3	72.2	51.9	39.7	40.8	64.1	93.2	107.7	94.1	77.0
10	51.2	63.5	76.5	74.5	62.9	43.7	40.9	64.6	93.1	113.3	93.9	77.1
11	51.2	63.4	76.6	71.4	63.1	46.5	40.0	66.0	95.3	115.8	93.2	76.0
12	51.1	63.1	74.9	65.3	59.7	47.0	39.0	67.3	95.1	114.0	92.9	69.0
13	51.1	63.1	80.8	74.7	56.5	47.0	38.8	67.1	94.5	112.9	93.1	69.8
14	51.1	62.0	89.7	79.5	59.0	44.2	38.8	72.6	94.9	113.0	93.6	70.2
15	51.1	62.0	88.2	77.7	57.0	42.4	38.5	76.9	93.8	112.3	92.9	70.2
16	51.2	63.2	85.3	76.1	60.6	43.5	39.1	81.4	93.9	111.8	91.2	70.1
17	51.1	62.8	88.2	74.2	59.3	51.3	39.7	82.2	95.5	111.6	88.2	72.9
18	49.9	62.6	87.9	71.4	62.3	48.7	40.0	80.6	98.7	111.5	86.1	71.6
19	51.1	63.9	86.5	71.3	52.8	48.7	40.2	80.2	100.3	112.5	86.8	72.1
20	51.1	64.0	85.4	71.4	49.4	48.1	40.4	79.9	101.7	115.2	90.3	73.3
21	51.2	63.5	80.6	70.6	49.6	48.2	40.4	79.4	103.7	115.0	92.2	73.5
22	51.2	63.9	70.7	68.4	49.4	48.0	41.3	78.6	104.0	115.0	91.8	74.7
23	51.3	64.0	73.4	67.1	48.4	45.2	42.4	78.2	105.0	114.0	91.0	75.4
24	51.3	64.4	73.3	66.4	50.9	45.8	43.8	77.3	104.0	112.8	83.3	70.6
25	51.1	63.3	72.3	75.7	51.7	45.1	46.3	81.4	103.1	112.0	85.4	67.0
26	51.1	63.9	71.3	68.6	48.1	46.8	49.0	81.9	101.1	106.8	85.4	69.2
27	51.0	69.0	75.9	65.1	49.5	46.6	51.8	82.7	102.2	109.0	85.0	70.3
28	51.0	73.9	79.9	74.1	49.5	43.9	51.3	82.9	101.6	106.1	82.5	70.3
29	51.1	73.6	81.1	65.6	--	45.1	51.3	84.2	97.0	105.2	81.4	69.9
30	57.5	75.7	72.4	62.9	--	47.4	49.8	79.1	97.9	101.5	80.5	69.4
31	64.3	--	73.9	66.2	--	45.8	--	77.8	--	101.4	78.4	--
Mean	50.9	64.9	82.2	72.4	56.1	49.4	42.3	70.8	97.5	108.5	91.4	72.9

APPENDIX D

PROJECT INFORMATION

Power and Storage Projects

Northern Columbia Basin

Plate No. 1

Project Data

Duncan Project

Table No. 1

Arrow Project

Table No. 2

Mica Project

Table No. 3

Libby Project

Table No. 4

TABLE 1**DUNCAN PROJECT****Duncan Dam and Duncan Lake****Storage Project**

Construction began	17 September 1964
Storage became fully operational	31 July 1967

Reservoir

Normal full pool elevation	577 m (1892 feet)
Normal minimum pool elevation	547 m (1794.2 feet)
Surface area at full pool	7290 hectares (18 000 acres)
Total storage capacity	1.77 km ³ (1 432 400 acre-feet)
Usable storage capacity	1.73 km ³ (1 400 000 acre-feet)
Treaty storage commitment	1.73 km ³ (1 400 000 acre-feet)

Dam, Earthfill

Crest elevation	581 m (1907 feet)
Length	792.5 m (2600 feet)
Approximate height above riverbed	39.6 m (130 feet)
Spillway—Maximum capacity	1350 m ³ /sec (47 700 cfs)
Discharge tunnels—Maximum capacity	570 m ³ /sec (20 000 cfs)

Power Facilities

None

TABLE 2

ARROW PROJECT

Hugh Keenleyside Dam and Arrow Lakes

Storage Project

Construction began	March 1965
Storage became fully operational	10 October 1968

Reservoir

Normal full pool elevation	440 m (1444 feet)
Normal minimum pool elevation	420 m (1377.9 feet)
Surface area at full pool	52 650 hectares (130 000 acres)
Total storage capacity	10.3 km ³ (8 337 000 acre-feet)
Usable storage capacity	8.8 km ³ (7 100 000 acre-feet)
Treaty storage commitment	8.8 km ³ (7 100 000 acre-feet)

Dam, Concrete Gravity and Earthfill

Crest elevation	445 m (1459 feet)
Length	869 m (2850 feet)
Approximate height above riverbed	52 m (170 feet)
Spillway—Maximum capacity	6700 m ³ /sec (240 000 cfs)
Low-level outlets—Maximum capacity	3740 m ³ /sec (132 000 cfs)

Power Facilities

Currently installed	
2 units at 92.5 MW	185 MW
Power commercially available	2002
Head at full pool (Gross maximum head)	23.6 m (77 feet)
Maximum turbine discharge	1200 m ³ /sec (42 400 cfs)

TABLE 3**MICA PROJECT****Mica Dam and Kinbasket Lake****Storage Project**

Construction began	September 1965
Storage became fully operational	29 March 1973

Reservoir

Normal full pool elevation	754.4 m (2475 feet)
Normal minimum pool elevation	707.1 m (2320 feet)
Surface area at full pool	42 930 hectares (106 000 acres)
Total storage capacity	24.7 km ³ (20 000 000 acre-feet)
Usable storage capacity	14.8 km ³ (12 000 000 acre-feet)
Treaty storage commitment	8.6 km ³ (7 000 000 acre-feet)

Dam, Earthfill

Crest elevation	762.0 m (2500 feet)
Length	792.5 m (2600 feet)
Approximate height above foundation	244 m (800 feet)
Spillway—Maximum capacity	2250 m ³ /sec (150 000 cfs)
Outlet works—Maximum capacity	1060 m ³ /sec (37 400 cfs)

Power Facilities

Designed ultimate installation	
6 units at 450 MW	2700 MW
Power commercially available	1976
Currently installed	
4 units at 451 MW	1805 MW
Head at full pool	183 m (600 feet)
Maximum turbine discharge	
of 4 units at full pool	1080 m ³ /sec (38 140 cfs)

TABLE 4

LIBBY PROJECT

Libby Dam and Lake Koochanusa

Storage Project

Construction began	June 1966
Storage became fully operational	17 April 1973

Reservoir

Normal full pool elevation	749.5 m (2459 feet)
Normal minimum pool elevation	697.0 m (2287 feet)
Surface area at full pool	18 830 hectares (46 500 acres)
Total storage capacity	7.2 km ³ (5 869 000 acre-feet)
Usable storage capacity	6.1 km ³ (4 980 000 acre-feet)

Dam, Concrete Gravity

Deck elevation	753.5 m (2472 feet)
Length	916.0 m (3055 feet)
Approximate height above riverbed	112.8 m (370 feet)
Spillway—Maximum capacity	4106 m ³ /sec (145 000 cfs)
Low-level outlets—Maximum capacity	1730 m ³ /sec (61 000 cfs)

Power Facilities

Designed ultimate installation	
8 units at 105 MW	840 MW
Power commercially available	1975
Currently installed	
5 units at 105 MW	525 MW
Head at full pool	107.0 m (352 feet)
Maximum turbine discharge	
of 5 units at full pool	745.6 m ³ /sec (26 500 cfs)