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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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To Whom It May Concern:

Please know that the bearer of this letter is an operator of critical infrastructure owned by the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, and is engaged in the performance of official duties. Many federal water (municipal, industrial, agricultural/irrigation, etc.) and hydropower and related facilities in western states are operated by local water and/or power districts pursuant to operating agreements.

Water and power facilities are defined as critical infrastructure by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, as described in the March 19, 2020 “Guidance on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce: Ensuring Community and National Resilience in COVID-19 Response”¹. Please treat the bearer as an essential employee, free to travel to perform his or her official water and/or power related duties without regard to any quarantine, shelter-in-place, or other local restriction.

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¹ <https://www.cisa.gov/publication/guidance-essential-critical-infrastructure-workforce>