SYSTEM OPERATIONAL REQUEST: #99-10

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DATE:   May 7, 1999

SUBJECT:  Hells Canyon Complex Operations

SPECIFICATIONS:

    Defer all planned maintenance on turbine units at the Hells Canyon Complex until the 1999 spring freshet has passed and until fall chinook juveniles have migrated from the area.

JUSTIFICATION:

    Deferring planned maintenance is intended to allow the hydrosystem maximum flexibility in meeting flows for salmon migration. The deferral will also address the hydrosystem’s ability to minimize the total dissolved gas levels associated with uncontrolled flows and spills.