

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

March 31, 1999

Excellency:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your Excellency's note of today's date, which reads as follows:

"Excellency,
The Secretary of State,

I have the honour to propose on behalf of the Government of Canada that, in accordance with Article VIII of the Treaty between Canada and the United States of America relating to Cooperative Development of the Water Resources of the Columbia River Basin including its Annexes A and B, signed at Washington, District of Columbia, United States of America on the 17th day of January, 1961, and the Protocol, brought into force by exchange of instruments of ratification and an exchange of notes on September 16, 1964 (hereinafter the "Treaty"), this note and your reply constitute an exchange of notes authorizing disposals from time to time of all or portions of the downstream power benefits to which Canada is entitled under the Treaty (hereinafter the "Canadian Entitlement") within the

His Excellency

Raymond Chretien,

Ambassador of Canada.