

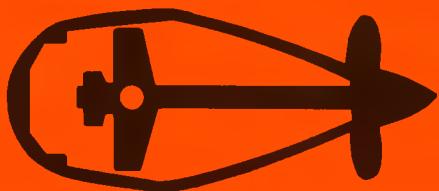
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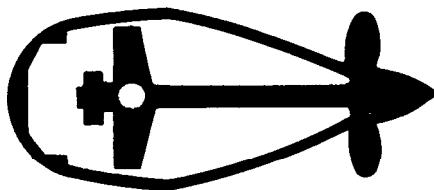
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Gentlemen:

We are pleased to present this report on feasibility studies for the City Hydroelectric Power Plant. Presented in the report are the results of studies of four alternatives, an environmental evaluation of the site, and a recommended plan for redevelopment of the site. We conclude that installation of one 7200-kW bulb turbine-generator is technically and economically feasible and the most attractive of the alternatives investigated. Furthermore, since the City Power Plant is part of an overall three-plant project, we recommend installing three identical units of 7200 kW, one at each site.

We wish to express our appreciation for the excellent cooperation and assistance extended during the studies to our Project Manager, Pablo Chavez, by Electric Division Director Steve Harrison and Chief Engineer J. S. Paine.

We appreciate the opportunity we have had to assist you in bringing the project to this stage of completion. We are ready to assist you in detailed design, if you so desire.

Very truly yours,

R. B. Christensen

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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This report presents the results of a feasibility study to determine the most suitable plan for redeveloping the hydroelectric potential of the Snake River streamflows at the Idaho Falls City Power Plant site. This study is part of an overall feasibility investigation to upgrade all three of the City's hydroelectric plants. Under a contract signed in 1976, IECO performed feasibility studies for the City's other two power plants (the Upper and Lower Power Plants) and in January 1977 submitted a report to the City recommending the installation of one new 7200-kW bulb turbine-generator at each of those plant sites. Turbines of this type are the optimum units for the low-head, run-of-river conditions that prevail at all three Idaho Falls power plant sites.

Replacement of the City Power Plant's four existing generating units, which were installed between 1913 and 1922, has long been necessary because the useful life of these machines is, for all practical purposes, expended. Recently, the replacement of these units with efficient new units capable of utilizing the full streamflows has become a priority item because of the rapidly increasing load growth in the City's service area. In addition, the deterioration of the physical condition of the facilities, especially the concrete structures, makes it necessary to replace them with safe new structures.

The present studies included investigation and comparative evaluation of four alternatives for redeveloping the hydroelectric potential of the streamflows at the City Plant; selection of the most suitable redevelopment alternative; and evaluation of the existing environment and the environmental aspects of the recommended development.

The most viable generating scheme was selected on the basis of studies of installations having one and two bulb turbine-generators and one conventional Kaplan unit. Four alternative powerhouse layouts, to suit these generating schemes, were investigated and are described briefly below:

- Alternative 1 entails demolishing and removing the existing facilities, salvaging any equipment that has salvage value; providing a new diversion weir, trashrack structure, spillway at trashrack structure, powerhouse, spillway at powerhouse, control building, and maintenance shop; installing one new 7200-kW bulb turbine-generator in the new powerhouse; and improving flow conditions in the forebay channel.
- Alternative 2 is the same as Alternative 1, except that two 4000-kW bulb turbine-generators are installed instead of the single 7200-kW unit.
- Alternative 3 is the same as Alternative 1, except that the powerhouse is submerged, and an intake structure is provided instead of the trashrack structure.
- Alternative 4 is the same as Alternative 1, except that a 7200-kW Kaplan turbine is installed instead of the 7200-kW bulb turbine-generator.

Because of the desire to maintain the falls for their scenic value, the average annual energy that can be generated at the site was determined for two different plans of plant operation:

- Under Plan A, the power plant utilizes the full run-of-river flows of the Snake River throughout the year. Flows over the falls occur only when river flows exceed 5200 CFS.
- Under Plan B, the power plant utilizes the run-of-river flows, except during the dry season, when flows through the power plant are reduced to maintain a minimum flow of 850 CFS over the falls. This reduction is not applied during December, January, and February, when the falls are normally frozen and the entire flow is assumed to be available for power generation.

Table S-1 shows pertinent data, including average annual energy, costs, and benefits, for the four alternatives investigated. In selecting the most suitable alternative for redeveloping the City Plant site, Alternative 4 was found to be the least attractive development because its capital, annual, and energy costs are higher and its energy generation, benefits minus costs, and benefit-to-cost ratio are lower than those for any of the other alternatives. Moreover, the relatively high powerhouse profile makes this alternative the least acceptable environmentally.

Alternative 3 is desirable from an environmental standpoint because the submerged powerhouse gives the impression of being an integral part of the falls upstream. However, this advantage is outweighed by the fact that its capital, annual, and energy costs are higher and its energy generation, benefits minus costs, and benefit-to-cost ratio are lower than those for Alternatives 1 and 2.

Alternative 2 provides about 4% more energy and benefits than Alternative 1 (due to its higher installed capacity), and its two units offer greater flexibility of operation than is possible with any of the other alternatives. However, these advantages are outweighed by the fact that its capital, annual, and energy costs are higher and its benefits minus costs and benefit-to-cost ratio are lower than those for Alternative 1.

Alternative 1 is the most attractive alternative investigated, and based on the results of all of the comparative evaluations, it was selected as the recommended development. This development is technically and economically feasible. It will develop about 96% of the power generating potential of the City Plant site, and in comparison with the other three alternatives, it offers the following advantages:

- Lowest initial capital investment.
- Lowest total equivalent annual cost.
- Lowest energy cost (per kilowatt-hour).

TABLE S-1  
COMPARISON OF REDEVELOPMENT ALTERNATIVES

Item	Alternative			
	1	2	3	4
<u>NUMBER AND TYPE OF UNITS</u>	one 7200-kW bulb unit	two 4000-kW bulb units	one 7200-kW bulb unit*	one 7200-kW Kaplan unit
<u>AVERAGE ANNUAL ENERGY (kWh)**</u>				
Plan A	53,600,000	55,500,000	53,600,000	53,000,000
Plan B	48,800,000	50,500,000	48,800,000	48,200,000
<u>COSTS</u>				
<u>Capital Cost (\$)</u>				
Total Construction Cost (including contingencies)***	10,625,000	11,415,000	11,606,000	12,648,000
Engineering and Administration	1,594,000	1,712,200	1,741,000	1,897,000
Interest during Construction	855,000	919,800	934,000	1,018,000
Total Capital Cost	13,074,000	14,046,000	14,281,000	15,563,000
<u>Equivalent Annual Cost (\$/yr)</u>				
Capital Recovery (assuming 50-yr repayment period at 7% interest)	947,340	1,017,770	1,034,800	1,127,700
Operation and Maintenance	63,500	70,560	65,230	62,370
Total Equivalent Annual Cost	1,010,840	1,088,330	1,100,030	1,190,070
<u>Energy Cost (\$/kWh)</u>				
Plan A	0.01886	0.01961	0.02052	0.02245
Plan B	0.02071	0.02155	0.02254	0.02469
<u>BENEFITS****</u>				
Total Annual Benefits (\$/yr)	1,608,000	1,665,000	1,608,000	1,590,000
Total Annual Benefits Minus Total Equivalent Annual Cost (\$/yr)	597,160	576,670	507,970	399,930
Benefit-to-Cost Ratio	1.591	1.530	1.462	1.336

\* Submerged powerhouse.

\*\* Under present flow conditions.

\*\*\* Includes salvage allowance for existing units.

\*\*\*\* Power benefits are based on plant operation under Plan A and on a value of \$0.030/kWh, which was furnished by the Idaho Falls Electric Division.

- Highest benefits minus costs.
- Highest benefit-to-cost ratio.

In addition, the low profile of the powerhouse makes this development very acceptable environmentally, and the layout will strengthen the impression of a continuing green belt and open area along the river. Moreover, Alternative 1 provides a unit of the same size (7200 kW) and type (bulb turbine-generator) as previously recommended for installation at the Idaho Falls Upper and Lower Power Plants. This is an important consideration, since the City Power Plant is part of a three-plant hydroelectric project. The similarity of the three plants will result in: lower engineering costs (because of the similarity of the mechanical and electrical design aspects); lower procurement costs (because the three identical bulb turbine-generators can be obtained from a single supplier under a single contract); simpler installation (because construction personnel will be able to apply experience gained in installing the first unit to expedite installation of the other two units); and lower operation and maintenance costs (because personnel will become familiar with the operation and maintenance of the one plant type).

Therefore, IECO recommends that the Idaho Falls Electric Division proceed immediately with the following steps, which are necessary for implementation of the recommended developments at all three sites:

- Arrange for project financing (issue revenue bonds).
- Proceed with preparation of the bulb turbine-generator contract drawings and specifications.
- Proceed with preparation of final design contract drawings and specifications for construction of the recommended developments.
- Obtain the necessary permits and licenses from the appropriate local, State and Federal agencies (including the Idaho Department of Water Resources, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the Federal Power Commission) for construction of the project.<sup>(1)</sup>

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(1) Preparation of the Federal Power Commission licensing application is underway.

CHAPTER 1  
INTRODUCTION

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1.1 PURPOSE

The City of Idaho Falls is currently experiencing rapid load growth in its power service area, as a result of significant population increases and increasing commercial development in the area. Most of the energy required by the City is purchased from Bonneville Power Administration. Energy deficits are anticipated, starting in 1983, because of Bonneville Power Administration's forecasted inability to provide energy for load growth beyond that date.

The City operates three hydroelectric stations and until about 1950 was self-sufficient in energy. At the present time, these three stations generate only about 5% of the City's energy needs. Upgrading of the three stations is overdue, since the useful life of the machines is almost expended and because the physical condition of the plants has deteriorated.

This study concerns one of the City's three hydroelectric stations: the City Power Plant, located on the Snake River at Idaho Falls. The City Plant has four units, installed between 1913 and 1920, with a total rated capacity of 2000 kW. At present, three machines are operational, and one machine is down. Deterioration of the physical condition of the plant has been evident for several years, and replacement of the facilities is now necessary for reasons of safety, efficiency, and the need to supply additional energy to meet forecasted load growth.

This report has been prepared to assist the City of Idaho Falls in re-developing the hydroelectric potential of the City Plant. It appraises the condition of the existing facilities, analyzes the power potential of the site, evaluates the main redevelopment alternatives, recommends a plan for redevelopment of the site, and presents the results of an environmental evaluation of the site.

## 1.2 AUTHORITY

The engineering services were authorized under an agreement, dated February 2, 1977, between International Engineering Company, Inc. (IECO), San Francisco, California, and the City of Idaho Falls, Idaho.

## 1.3 SCOPE

The specific scope of engineering services is outlined in Appendix A of the above-mentioned agreement, a copy of which is included in Appendix E of this report. In general, the services comprise feasibility studies to determine the best plan for redeveloping the hydroelectric potential of the City Power Plant site, taking into account salvage of existing equipment and the environment of the site.

## 1.4 PRIOR STUDIES

In January 1977 IECO submitted a preliminary report to the Electric Division recommending a plan for redevelopment of the City's Upper and Lower Power Plants. Data contained in that report have been used in the present study.

## 1.5 ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Grateful acknowledgment is made of the excellent cooperation and assistance provided by personnel of the Idaho Falls Electric Division.

CHAPTER 2  
EXISTING FACILITIES

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This chapter describes briefly the existing hydroelectric facilities at Idaho Falls City Power Plant and appraises their present condition, with particular attention to the condition of the concrete structures. The descriptions and evaluations are based on information obtained in discussions with Idaho Falls Electric Division personnel and on observations made during two separate visits to Idaho Falls in March and April 1977.

2.1 DESCRIPTION OF FACILITIES

The City Power Plant is located on the east bank of the Snake River, about 550 feet south of Broadway Bridge, Idaho Falls' main east-west thoroughfare. Existing facilities at the site include a diversion weir, powerhouse, dispatch center, switchhouse, maintenance shop, switchyard, and a new Electric Division building. These facilities are located as shown on Exhibit A-4. The diversion weir and powerhouse are described below, and photographs of these structures are included at the end of this chapter.

A. Diversion Weir, Intake Structure, and Forebay

The diversion weir, a concrete overflow structure that diverts river flows to the power plant for power generation, consists of two sections, connected by a pier of Broadway Bridge. One section extends from the upstream face of the bridge pier to the west bank of the river, about 1800 feet upstream. This section is located along the natural cataract that forms the scenic Idaho Falls. A gated intake structure on the upstream side of the bridge controls flows to the power plant. The other section of the weir extends from the downstream face of the bridge pier to a small island (the site of Pedersen's Sportsman's Park), about 100 feet downstream. Between the bridge and the powerhouse, the forebay channel is irregular in shape and ranges from 70 to 100 feet in width. The invert elevation ranges from El. 4689 under the bridge to El. 4674 halfway between there and the powerhouse.

B. Powerhouse

The powerhouse contains four open-flume, vertical-shaft, fixed-blade propeller-type turbines. Pertinent data for these four units are tabulated below:

<u>Unit No.</u>	<u>Nameplate Rating</u>			<u>Generator Volts</u>	<u>Year Installed</u>	<u>Present Condition</u>
	<u>kVA</u>	<u>kW</u>	<u>rpm</u>			
1	400	400	120	2300	1913	Operating
2	625	500	150	2300	1922	Operating
3	625	500	150	2300	1922	Inoperable
4	750	600	150	2300	1919	Operating

The combined discharge capacity of the turbines is about 1750 CFS.

According to information provided by the Electric Division, normal operations are as follows:

Normal headwater elevation	4694.18 feet
Normal tailwater elevation	4675.68 feet
Static head	18.50 feet

Access to the powerhouse is provided by a 300-foot-long, paved service road from Capital Avenue. This road parallels a railroad spur, which divides the area and, in effect, separates the powerhouse from the forebay and the diversion weir upstream.

2.2 APPRAISAL OF CONDITION

A. Concrete Structures

Most of the exposed concrete in the powerhouse, the overflow weir, and the gated intake structure has deteriorated, and the structures are in

need of replacement. The deterioration is the result of the combined effects of freezing and thawing and alkali-aggregate reactivity.<sup>(1)</sup> Unexposed concrete (inside the powerhouse) appears to be in much better condition. The condition of the inside floor and the concrete around the turbines looks satisfactory. Typical conditions at different places are noted below, and selected photos are presented on pages 2-7 through 2-10.

- The concrete in the overflow weir is in an advanced stage of deterioration. Longitudinal cracking along the crest and the downstream unrestrained surface is undoubtedly due to alkali-aggregate reactivity. The action of freezing and thawing has accelerated the disintegration.
- Water seepage through the weir occurs in numerous places. Large fissures of erosion are evident along the length of the weir. These fissures are probably due to reactivity, poor construction joints, poor concrete originally, and other causes.
- On the downstream side of the weir, at the upstream end, there is a large leak, in the form of a boil. This leak should be monitored regularly because it could develop into an unsafe condition.
- The concrete in the intake structure is spalled, and the concrete in the piers that form the gate guides has deteriorated. Considerable leakage occurs around the sides of the gates when they are down.
- A portion of the weir section downstream from Broadway Bridge was partially blasted away, for safety reasons, during the June 1976 flood.

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<sup>(1)</sup> Alkali-aggregate reactivity refers to a chemical reaction that may occur in concrete between alkalies (sodium and potassium) in the portland cement and certain constituents of the aggregates. Deleterious expansion of the concrete may occur under certain conditions.

- The exposed concrete in the powerhouse has deteriorated to different degrees in different places, similar to the deterioration that has occurred in the exposed concrete in the Upper and Lower Power Plants.
- Major repairs to the concrete of the powerhouse were undertaken about 1969-70. Extensive gunite repairs were performed on large interior and exterior areas of the south and east walls. At present, these surfaces look satisfactory, but it is impossible to tell whether all questionable concrete was removed. Since then, additional deterioration has occurred on the south wall at the waterline, from freezing and thawing.
- The superstructure of the powerhouse is generally satisfactory, but the usual shrinkage cracks are visible.

The concrete in these structures is not salvageable. Rehabilitation would be a major costly procedure and could not be justified economically. When these structures were built, the causes of, and remedies for, concrete deterioration were not known. However, measures to prevent deterioration from freezing and thawing and to minimize alkali-aggregate reactivity are now available and should be used in future concrete structures. These measures include air entrainment, maintaining a low water-cement ratio, and using low-alkali portland cement and pozzolans. Competent inspection to ensure that specification requirements are followed is essential.

#### B. Forebay Channel

Bedrock is exposed along the east bank, and silt and sand partially cover the west bank of the forebay channel below Broadway Bridge. The flow conditions under Broadway Bridge and in the channel will have to be improved to satisfy the diversion requirements for a new bulb turbine installation. Thus, consideration should be given to removing the high bedrock under the bridge and to shotcreting the rock surfaces in the channel.

### C. Tailrace Channel

Conditions in the tailrace channel, which extends about 350 feet downstream from the powerhouse to the river, appear to be satisfactory. Excavation for a deeper channel for the bulb turbine installation is not expected to pose any problems. The June 1976 flood apparently undercut the retaining wall on the east bank of the tailrace channel, where it had been placed partially on alluvial fill. The undercut area, which is about 15 feet long and 2 to 15 inches high, extends under the wall about 18 inches. At present there is no sign of instability of this structure, but remedial work should be undertaken to ensure its continued stability.

### D. Operation and Maintenance

The turbines are obsolete. The generators and governors are well maintained, but their useful life is nearly expended. If they continue in service, they will need increasing maintenance.

Operational problems and possible mitigation measures were discussed with Electric Division personnel. During periods of high runoff, the handling of driftwood and other trash reaching the intake structure or the power plant requires considerable attention. Occasionally, a large water-logged tree jams under Broadway Bridge. When this happens, the forebay must be dewatered to allow use of chainsaws to cut the tree up so that it can be removed. In addition, maintenance vehicles frequently occupy one lane of Broadway Bridge, creating a traffic problem, while crews attend to ice and driftwood upstream from the bridge. Consideration should be given to design of a proper trashrack structure and log boom to prevent trees and other large objects from entering the forebay, as well as to mitigation of the traffic problem. Moreover, a suitable trashrack should be provided at the powerhouse to prevent small objects from reaching the unit.

In winter, ice formations frequently adhere to the powerhouse trashracks and gates, hampering flow. Devices for preventing ice formation on the

face of the powerhouse trashracks and keeping an area of open water upstream from the trashracks should be installed at the powerhouse. Also needed are means of passing ice floes downstream in the spring, when the ice breaks up. Consideration should be given to the design of suitable gates for sluicing ice floes, driftwood, and other objects.



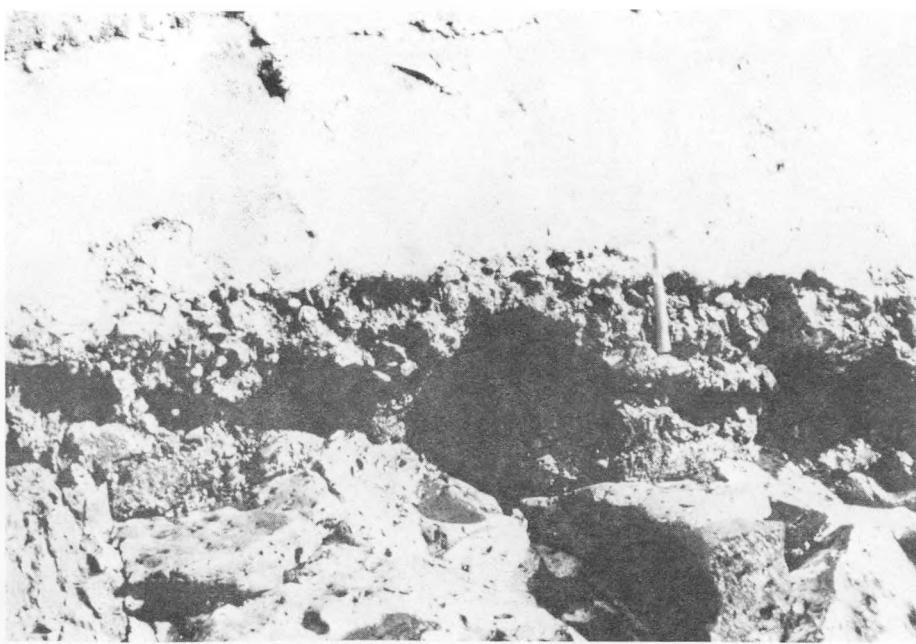
*Overflow weir - Note Longitudinal cracking along crest.*

*Overflow weir - Note longitudinal cracking on downstream unrestrained surface.*

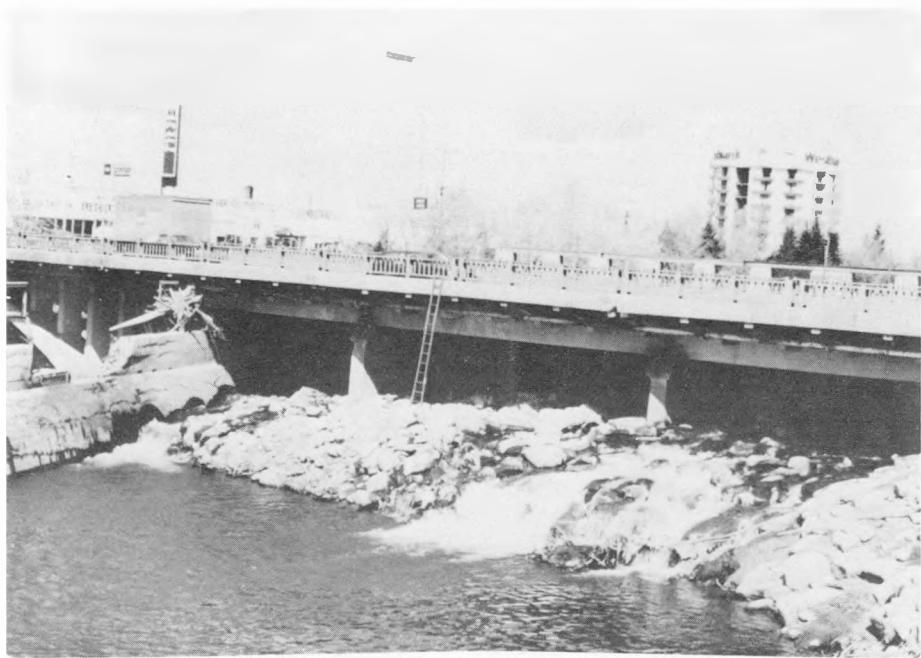




*Seepage through weir - Note boil on downstream side (lower left of photo).*



*Large erosion pockets along length of weir.*



*South side of Broadway Bridge - Note high basalt bedrock under bridge and portion of wall blasted away.*



*Erosion along weir.*



*South side of powerhouse.*



*West side of powerhouse. Water tower and switchyard in background.*

CHAPTER 3  
PROJECT POWER

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This chapter deals with the power and energy that can be generated at the City Power Plant under four redevelopment alternatives, which are described and evaluated in Chapter 4. The following paragraphs summarize the basic data available, the criteria used in sizing the project power facilities, and the results of the power studies.

3.1 BASIC DATA

The following basic data were used in evaluating the power potential at the City Power Plant Site:

- Normal operating pool levels for the plant.
- Average monthly flow data for 45 years of record, representing two different flow conditions--present (1975) flow conditions<sup>(1)</sup> and the flow conditions that will prevail if the Recommended State Water Plan is implemented.
- Cross sections for the river reach between the Lower Plant and the City Plant (for derivation of tailwater curves).
- Cross sections for the forebay and the river upstream from the City Plant (for determination of crest elevations of the diversion dam to ensure that adequate flows will be diverted to the plant for power generation).

River cross sections are presented in Appendix A. Other basic data are presented in Appendix C, and backwater, tailwater, and power studies are discussed in Appendix C.

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(1) In the power studies, present flow conditions were assumed to be the same as 1975 flow conditions, for which data were available.

### 3.2 CRITERIA FOR POWER STUDIES

To compare the amount of energy that can be generated by operating the plant to use the full run-of-river flows with the amount of energy that can be generated if flows through the plant are reduced during the dry season to maintain a minimum flow over the falls, power studies were performed for two plans of plant operation, as follows:

- Plan A - The power plant utilizes the run-of-river flows of the Snake River. Flows over the falls occur only when river flows exceed 5200 CFS.
- Plan B - The power plant utilizes the run-of-river flows, except during the dry season, when flows through the power plant are reduced to maintain a minimum flow of 850 CFS over the falls. This reduction is not applied during December, January, and February, when the river surface and the falls are normally frozen and the entire flow is assumed to be available for power generation.

The following assumptions were made in estimating average annual energy generation:

- The plant will operate as a run-of-river plant and will utilize water only as it comes to it from upstream lakes and reservoirs.
- The plant will operate continuously to carry a portion of the baseload.
- Discharge above the turbine design discharge will not increase the output above the unit rating.
- The overall efficiency is 89% for the bulb units and 88% for the Kaplan unit.

Energy calculations are based on average net head (determined from tailwater-duration curves) and on average flows utilized by the unit (determined from flow-duration curves). The results of the energy calcu-

lations with the two sets of river flows for various possible installed capacities under Plan A and Plan B operation are summarized on Figures C-6, C-7, C-10, and C-11. Separate studies were not made for each alternative because the flow conditions and average head are the same for all four alternatives.

### 3.3 INSTALLED CAPACITY

Studies to determine the installed capacity are presented in Appendix C. Preliminary results of these studies indicated that for maximum benefits the installed capacity should be in the range of 6500 to 8300 kW. To determine the most viable generating scheme, bulb turbine-generator installations of one and two units were selected for comparison. Based on a preliminary analysis of energy and cost, one 7200-kW unit was selected for further study. Two 4000-kW units were investigated to evaluate the greater flexibility offered by smaller machines. On the basis of maintenance considerations, 4000-kW units are the smallest practical size units recommended, and 8000 kW for the two units is within the range selected for study. For comparison with the bulb units, a 7200-kW conventional Kaplan turbine scheme was also studied.

Four alternative powerhouse layouts, to suit these generating schemes, were prepared and are presented in Appendix A. Estimated costs for the four alternatives are presented in Appendix B, and the alternatives are evaluated in Chapter 4. The installed capacities and the number of units in each alternative investigated are shown in Table 3-1. In the present study, 7200 kW, corresponding to a turbine design flow of 5200 CFS, is recommended as the bulb turbine installed capacity, on the basis of cost and greater benefits.

TABLE 3-1  
INSTALLED CAPACITY

<u>Alter- native*</u>	<u>No. of Bulb Units</u>	<u>No. of Kaplan Units</u>	<u>Installed Capacity per Unit (kW)</u>	<u>Total Installed Capacity (kW)</u>	<u>Turbine Design Flow (CFS)</u>
1	1	0	7200	7200	5200
2	2	0	4000	8000	5800
3	1	0	7200	7200	5200
4	0	1	7200	7200	5200

\* See Chapter 4 for description of alternatives.

### 3.4 RESULTS OF POWER STUDIES

The average annual energy that can be generated at the City Plant for the two plans of operation and each redevelopment alternative, under both present flow conditions and flow conditions expected with the Recommended State Water Plan, are given in Table 3-2. These results are based on:

- Monthly streamflow data for water years 1938 through 1972.
- Flow-duration curves showing the percent of time flows would be equaled or exceeded.
- Tailwater-duration curves computed for each of the two flow conditions.
- Average tailwater elevations developed from flow-duration and tailwater-duration curves.
- Average operating pool elevations.

TABLE 3-2  
AVERAGE ANNUAL ENERGY (in Million kWh)

<u>Alter- native*</u>	Plan A		Plan B	
	<u>Under Present Flow Conditions</u>	<u>Under Flow Conditions of the Recommended State Water Plan</u>	<u>Under Present Flow Conditions</u>	<u>Under Flow Conditions of the Recommended State Water Plan</u>
1	53.6	56.5	48.8	54.3
2	55.5	60.7	50.5	57.4
3	53.6	56.5	48.8	54.3
4	53.0	55.9	48.2	53.7

\* See Chapter 4 for description of alternatives.

CHAPTER 4  
REDEVELOPMENT ALTERNATIVES

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This chapter describes and evaluates the main alternatives considered for redevelopment of the hydroelectric potential of the Snake River streamflows at the City Power Plant site. The main features of each alternative are outlined below:

- Alternative 1 entails demolishing the existing facilities, salvaging any equipment that has salvage value; providing a new diversion weir, trashrack structure, spillway at trashrack structure, powerhouse, spillway at powerhouse, control building, and maintenance shop; installing one new 7200-kW bulb turbine-generator; and improving flow conditions in the forebay channel.
- Alternative 2 is the same as Alternative 1, except that two 4000-kW bulb turbine-generators are installed instead of the single 7200-kW unit.
- Alternative 3 is the same as Alternative 1, except that the powerhouse is submerged, and an intake structure is provided instead of the trashrack structure.
- Alternative 4 is the same as Alternative 1, except that a 7200-kW Kaplan turbine is installed instead of the 7200-kW bulb turbine-generator.

4.1 BASIC INPUT DATA AND CRITERIA

A. Hydrologic Data and Power Studies

Streamflow data (obtained from the Idaho Department of Water Resources) and flood data (obtained from the U.S. Geological Survey) are presented and discussed in Appendix C, along with other pertinent data, including the design flood, tailwater rating curve, flow-duration curves, and tailwater-duration curves. Power studies are also discussed in Appendix C, and the results are summarized in Chapter 3.

B. Geotechnical Data

Geotechnical data for the City Power Plant site, obtained by field reconnaissance of the site, are presented in Appendix D and on Exhibits A-2 and A-3.

C. Condition of Existing Facilities

The condition of the existing facilities, (particularly the concrete structures), as determined by field inspection of the facilities, is described in Chapter 2.

D. Cross Sections

River cross sections, provided by the Idaho Falls Electric Division for use in the backwater and tailwater studies, are shown on Exhibits A-14 through A-25.

## 4.2 OVERALL ENGINEERING CONSIDERATIONS

The main considerations, except environmental considerations, that formed the basis for the four alternatives investigated are discussed briefly below. The environmental considerations are presented in Chapter 6, Section 6.2.

A. Condition of Existing Facilities

Because of the severe deterioration of the physical condition of the structures and the obsolescence of the equipment of the City Power Plant, complete redevelopment of the City Plant facilities is considered necessary. Such redevelopment will maximize the power generation at the site and provide new safe structures.

## B. Generating Units and Powerhouses

The main factors considered in selecting the type of units and powerhouses are:

- Provision of turbine-generator units that are best suited to the low-head, run-of-river conditions at the site, consistent with economy.
- Alignment of the powerhouse to result in minimum excavation quantities, consistent with operating requirements and foundation conditions.
- Utilization of existing space and prevention of interference with existing facilities, if practical and economical.
- Provision of adequate freeboard to prevent overtopping of the structures.

The optimum turbine-generator type for the low-head, high-flow-rate, run-of-river conditions that exist at all three Idaho Falls power plant sites is a unit known as a bulb turbine, which has a generator as an integral part of the unit. Under such conditions, bulb turbine-generators are more efficient than vertical-shaft, propeller turbines, both fixed-blade and adjustable-blade (Kaplan) types, for the following reasons: 1) they eliminate the need to turn the water through more than two 90° angles; 2) they can achieve the same capacity with a smaller size because of both the deeper setting possible (which allows higher rotative speed) and the better straight-through flow characteristics. The greatest advantage of bulb turbine-generators, however, stems from the substantial reduction in the amount of excavation that is required and the amount of concrete supporting structure that must be provided. Although the manufacturer's price for bulb turbine-generators may exceed the manufacturer's price for vertical-shaft turbines, the overall power plant cost is substantially less. Bulb turbine-generators are somewhat more sophisticated than vertical-shaft turbines, and a higher degree of skill and care is required, particularly during installation. Recently, because of growing energy demands and the

spiraling costs of thermal power production, many utilities have been considering additions to existing hydro installations. Bulb turbine-generators are particularly well suited to this type of application--for either replacing or supplementing existing low-head units.

#### C. Concrete Materials

Aggregate material in the Idaho Falls area is known to be susceptible to chemical reaction with alkalis in portland cement (alkali-aggregate reaction). The main consideration in providing new concrete structures is to use all known measures to prevent deterioration from freezing and thawing and to minimize deterioration from alkali-aggregate reactivity. These measures include air entrainment, maintaining a low water-cement ratio, and using low-alkali portland cement and pozzolans.

#### D. Spillway Gates and Hoists

The following factors were considered in selecting the type of spillway gates and hoists:

- Flood requirements.
- Ice problems (in the winter).
- Means of discharging ice floes and driftwood.
- Devices to prevent the formation of ice or to thaw ice adhering to the gates and seals.

#### E. Design Flood

The peak discharge selected for design of the structures is 75,000 CFS. Such a flood has an estimated frequency of once in 650 years, which exceeds the requirement of the Idaho Safety of Dams Regulations. The selected design flood represents a conservative estimate of the flood potential, considering the enormous flood control storage capability available upstream, especially at Palisades Reservoir. The design flood

exceeds the estimated peak of the June 1976 flood and has an estimated probability of occurrence of 0.154%. Flood data and a more detailed discussion of the design flood are presented in Appendix C.

#### F. Geotechnical Considerations

Bedrock of the powerhouse and diversion structure is a dark basalt, which is fine grained to microcrystalline, slightly vesicular, hard, layered, and blocky. Joints are tight and clean. No geologic features were observed that would preclude the construction of the diversion weir or powerhouse.

Available information on seismicity indicates that the structures are within a potential seismic zone. However, the size, standard design criteria, and construction of the structures will be such that no special seismic considerations will be required.

#### G. Plant Operation

As discussed in Chapter 3 and Appendix C, two plans of operation (A and B) were investigated. With both plans, the power plant operates as a run-of-river plant. Under Plan A, the plant uses the full run-of-river flows throughout the year, and flows over the falls occur only when river flows exceed 5200 CFS. Under Plan B, flows through the power plant are reduced during the dry season to maintain a minimum flow of 850 CFS over the falls. This reduction does not apply during December, January, and February, when the falls are normally frozen.

### 4.3 REDEVELOPMENT ALTERNATIVES

The four alternatives investigated are described briefly below. The following project data are common to all four alternatives:

Weir crest elevation (ft)	4694.7
Average headwater elevation at powerhouse (ft)	4694.0
Average tailwater elevation (ft)	4674.7
Assumed head losses through power plant (ft)	1.0
Net head (ft)	18.3

#### A. Alternative 1

The plan for Alternative 1 consists of replacing the four existing units (2000 kW total installed capacity) with a new bulb turbine-generator having an installed capacity of 7200 kW. The existing concrete structures, estimated at 6100 cubic yards of concrete, will be demolished and removed. They will be replaced with the following new safe structures.

- Diversion Weir - The new diversion weir, a mass concrete structure located at the same site as the existing weir (as shown on Exhibit A-4), will divert river flows to the power plant for power generation. Like the existing weir, the new weir will consist of two sections--one extending about 1870 feet upstream from the upstream side of Broadway Bridge to the west bank of the river and the other extending about 100 feet downstream from the downstream side of the bridge. The new weir will be designed to pass the major portion of the Snake River flood flows, thus minimizing the flood flows reaching the powerhouse.
- Trashrack Structure - A concrete trashrack structure will be located upstream from Broadway Bridge, as shown on Exhibit A-5.
- Spillway at Trashrack Structure - For sluicing out floating debris and ice from in front of the trashrack structure, an adjoining spillway will be provided. This spillway will be a continuation of the diversion weir on the upstream side, except that a 40-foot-wide by 5-foot-high Bascule gate will be provided on top of an ogee weir.

- Powerhouse - The new powerhouse will be a concrete structure, located immediately downstream from the existing powerhouse, as shown on Exhibit A-6. It will be flanked by mass concrete wing walls connecting to the banks. An earthfill between the powerhouse and the east bank will provide access to the powerhouse, which will contain a single 7200-kW bulb turbine-generator.
- Spillway at Powerhouse - At the end of the right wing wall, a 20-foot-wide spillway with a 20-foot by 5-foot Bascule gate will be provided to sluice out floating debris and ice floes from in front of the powerhouse.
- Control Building - A new control building, replacing the existing dispatch building, will be constructed on the east bank to house the electrical control facilities.
- Maintenance Shop - A new maintenance building, replacing the existing maintenance building, will be constructed adjacent to the control building.

Other features in Alternative 1 include excavating (deepening) the existing forebay channel, guniting the rock surfaces in selected areas, and removing all silt deposits.

For Alternative 1, the turbine design flow is 5200 CFS, and the average annual energy that can be generated under present flow conditions is as follows:

<u>Plan</u>	<u>Average Annual Energy (kWh)</u>
A	53,600,000
B	48,800,000

Alternative 2 is the same as Alternative 1, except that two smaller, identical bulb turbine units, each of 4000 kW capacity, will be installed instead of a single 7200-kW unit. The project features are the same as those in Alternative 1, with the following exceptions:

- The powerhouse will be wider in plan, but shallower in vertical profile because of the smaller size of the units, resulting overall in lesser quantities of excavation and concrete than in Alternative 1.
- The intake and the tailrace channel will be wider, but shallower than in Alternative 1.

The design discharge for the two units is 5800 CFS. The average annual energy that can be generated with Alternative 2, under present flow conditions, is as follows:

<u>Plan</u>	<u>Average Annual Energy (kWh)</u>
A	55,500,000
B	50,500,000

#### C. Alternative 3

Alternative 3 is the same as Alternative 1, except that the powerhouse will be submerged (as shown on Exhibit A-8) and a gated concrete intake structure will be provided upstream from Broadway Bridge (as shown on Exhibit A-5A), instead of the trashrack structure.

Because the powerhouse is submerged, only an overflow weir across the east channel will be evident. The general plan of the powerhouse will be the same as for the powerhouse in Alternative 1, except that the bulb

turbine unit will be set deeper. A mass concrete overflow weir will be provided on the downstream wall of the powerhouse. This weir will extend on both sides of the powerhouse building, connecting to the east bank and to the spillway on the island to the west. Beyond the spillway on the island, this weir will continue north to higher ground on the island, near the existing ice chute. Access to the powerhouse will be from a room on the right bank through a gallery within the concrete overflow section at the downstream side. The spillway operator chamber will be accessible from a gallery within the concrete overflow weir to the west side. The deck of the powerhouse will be at El. 4689, five feet below the normal water surface (El. 4694.0). The deck of the drafttube structure (El. 4673) will be set about 1 foot below the tailwater (El. 4674). An access ramp to the drafttube structure will be provided on the east bank.

The gated intake structure will allow dewatering of the forebay, a necessity during maintenance at the power plant. Flows will be controlled by 14 rectangular submerged Butterfly valves, each 6 feet wide by 8 feet high. The forebay will be dewatered to an elevation below the top deck of the powerhouse, permitting access through hatches on the deck. A mobile crane parked on the east bank will be used during maintenance and servicing.

The average annual energy that can be generated under Alternative 3 is the same as under Alternative 1.

#### D. Alternative 4

Alternative 4 is the same as Alternative 1, except that a new 7200-kW Kaplan turbine will be installed instead of the bulb turbine-generator. The Kaplan unit layout is intended for comparison with bulb turbine units. As shown on Exhibit A-9, the Kaplan powerhouse deck will be at El. 4705.0, fixed by the turbine runner centerline at El. 4675 (1 foot above tailwater). This powerhouse will be an outdoor type with a removable cover over the generator. Freeboard above normal water surface will be 11 feet.

The access ramp required in the other alternatives can be eliminated in this alternative because the drafttube gate slots can be reached from the deck of the powerhouse. A parking area, flush with the top of the powerhouse deck, will be provided.

The design flow for the turbine is 5200 CFS. The average annual energy that can be generated with Alternative 4, under present flow conditions, is as follows:

<u>Plan</u>	<u>Average Annual Energy (kWh)*</u>
A	53,000,000
B	48,200,000

\* Assuming an overall turbine/generator efficiency of 88%.

#### 4.4 COMPARISON OF ALTERNATIVES

The costs, benefits, and average annual energy for the four redevelopment alternatives investigated are shown in Table 4-1. Basic quantity and cost estimates for each alternative are shown in Appendix B (Tables B-1 through B-4). Criteria for estimating quantities and costs are presented in Chapter 5 (Section 5.2) and summarized below:

- Estimated quantities for civil works are based, in general, on quantity takeoffs from the drawings.
- Costs of turbines, governors, and generators were obtained from information provided by manufacturers.
- Unit costs are based on costs for similar types of construction, adjusted to Idaho Falls and are considered current for the second quarter of 1977. No price escalation has been added.
- Operation and maintenance costs reflect Federal Power Commission experience records for hydroelectric projects.

TABLE 4-1  
COMPARISON OF REDEVELOPMENT ALTERNATIVES

Item	Alternative			
	1	2	3	4
<u>NUMBER AND TYPE OF UNITS</u>	one 7.2-MW bulb unit	two 4.0-MW bulb units	one 7.2-MW bulb unit*	one 7.2-MW Kaplan unit
<u>AVERAGE ANNUAL ENERGY (kWh)**</u>				
Plan A	53,600,000	55,500,000	53,600,000	53,000,000
Plan B	48,800,000	50,500,000	48,800,000	48,200,000
<u>COSTS</u>				
<u>Capital Cost (\$)</u>				
Total Construction Cost (including contingencies)***	10,625,000	11,415,000	11,606,000	12,648,000
Engineering and Administration	1,594,000	1,712,200	1,741,000	1,897,000
Interest during Construction	855,000	919,800	934,000	1,018,000
Total Capital Cost	13,074,000	14,046,000	14,281,000	15,563,000
<u>Equivalent Annual Cost (\$/yr)</u>				
Capital Recovery (assuming 50-yr repayment period at 7% interest)	947,340	1,017,770	1,034,800	1,127,700
Operation and Maintenance	63,500	70,560	65,230	62,370
Total Equivalent Annual Cost	1,010,840	1,088,330	1,100,030	1,190,070
<u>Energy Cost (\$/kWh)</u>				
Plan A	0.01886	0.01961	0.02052	0.02245
Plan B	0.02071	0.02155	0.02254	0.02469

\* Submerged powerhouse.

\*\* Under present flow conditions.

\*\*\* Includes salvage allowance for existing units.

Benefits are used to determine economic justification, priorities, and scale of development and to select the most economical alternative. The economic analysis, shown in Table 4-2, compares the economic benefits with the project costs. The results of the analysis are expressed numerically as benefit-to-cost (B/C) ratios. A project is considered economically justified when the benefits to be derived from it, over the period of analysis, exceed the costs. Secondary benefits, such as the environmental improvement of the project area, and the recreational and tourism values, are not considered in the economic analysis.

Table 4-2 summarizes the benefits, costs, B/C ratio, and benefits minus costs for each alternative. As indicated, the B/C ratio is greater than 1.0 in each case; therefore, all four redevelopment alternatives are economically justified.

The main advantages and disadvantages of each alternative are presented below. (The alternatives are shown in the order of increasing capital costs.)

#### A. Alternative 1

Alternative 1 has the following advantages:

- It will require the least initial investment of capital.
- It will have the lowest total annual cost.
- It will provide a unit of the same size (7200 kW) as at the Upper and Lower Power Plants; consequently, installation will be simpler.
- Operation and maintenance will be relatively economical because personnel will become familiar with the same type of plant as the Upper and Lower Power Plants.
- The powerhouse layout is environmentally acceptable and will strengthen the impression of a continuing green belt and open area along the river.

TABLE 4-2  
ECONOMIC ANALYSIS OF REDEVELOPMENT ALTERNATIVES

(ANALYSIS BASED ON TOTAL ANNUAL BENEFITS AND TOTAL ANNUAL COST)

PLAN A

<u>Alter- native</u>	Total Annual Benefits (\$)	Total Annual Cost (\$)	Total Benefits Minus Total Cost (\$)	Benefit- to-Cost Ratio
1	1,608,000	1,010,840	597,160	1.591
2	1,665,000	1,088,330	576,670	1.530
3	1,608,000	1,100,030	507,970	1.462
4	1,590,000	1,190,070	399,930	1.336

PLAN B

<u>Alter- native</u>	Total Annual Benefits (\$)	Total Annual Cost (\$)	Total Benefits Minus Total Cost (\$)	Benefit- to-Cost Ratio
1	1,464,000	1,010,840	453,160	1.448
2	1,515,000	1,088,330	426,670	1.342
3	1,464,000	1,100,030	363,970	1.331
4	1,446,000	1,190,070	255,930	1.215

\* Power benefits are based on a value of \$0.030/kWh, which was furnished by the Idaho Falls Electric Division.

The disadvantages of Alternative 1 are:

- The construction cost for the powerhouse civil works is higher than for Alternative 2.
- One 7200-kW unit offers less flexibility of operation than two 4000-kW units.
- Compared with Alternative 2, Alternative 1 will develop about 96% of the power potential of the site.

B. Alternative 2

The advantages of Alternative 2 are:

- Installation of two 4000-kW bulb turbine-generators will develop about 1.1 times more energy and benefits than Alternative 1.
- The construction cost for the powerhouse civil works will be lower than for Alternative 1.
- Greater flexibility of operation is possible than with one 7200-kW unit.
- The powerhouse layout is environmentally acceptable and, as in the case of Alternative 1, will strengthen the impression of a continuing green belt and open area along the river.

The disadvantages of Alternative 2 are:

- The initial investment of capital will be about 1.1 times higher than for Alternative 1.
- The operation and maintenance cost will be higher than for Alternative 1, because of the two units compared to the single unit for Alternative 1.
- The cost of the units and the mechanical auxiliary equipment will be higher than for Alternative 1; consequently, the overall powerhouse cost will be higher.

C. Alternative 3

Alternative 3 has the following advantages:

- It will provide a unit of the same size (7200 kW) as at the Upper and Lower Power Plants (the same as Alternative 1).
- The powerhouse will be completely submerged, providing a more environmentally acceptable layout and giving the impression of being an integral part of the falls upstream.

The disadvantages of Alternative 3 are:

- The initial investment of capital will be about 1.1 times that for Alternative 1.
- The operation and maintenance costs will be higher than for Alternative 1 due to more difficult access.
- A gated intake structure will be required to lower the forebay water level for major maintenance; consequently, overall costs will be higher.

D. Alternative 4

Alternative 4 has the following advantages:

- Operation and maintenance will be more economical than for Alternative 1 (about 98% of the Alternative 1 operation and maintenance cost).
- U.S. firms are more experienced in the manufacture of Kaplan turbines.
- Permanent access to the tailrace structure will not be required.

The disadvantages of Alternative 4 are:

- The initial investment of capital will be about 1.2 times higher than for Alternative 1.

- The overall powerhouse construction cost will be about 1.2 times higher than for Alternative 1, due to higher civil works costs (about 1.5 times higher) and higher turbine and auxiliary equipment costs (about 1.1 times higher).
- The powerhouse layout will be less acceptable environmentally because the top deck of the powerhouse will be at a higher elevation and consequently more exposed.
- The benefits minus costs are only about 67% of that for Alternative 1.

#### 4.5 SELECTION OF RECOMMENDED DEVELOPMENT

As shown in Section 4.4, all four alternatives investigated are economically justified. Alternatives 1 and 2 are more attractive than Alternatives 3 and 4 for the following reasons:

- Higher benefits minus costs.
- Higher benefit-to-cost ratios.
- Lower energy cost (\$/kWh).

Although Alternative 2 has higher average annual energy and higher installed capacity than Alternative 1, Alternative 1 is preferable to Alternative 2 for the following reasons:

- Lower initial investment of capital.
- Higher benefit-to-cost ratio.
- Lower operation and maintenance cost.

If the previously recommended developments at the Upper and Lower Power Plants are undertaken, then the following additional factors become advantages for Alternative 1.

- Lower engineering costs because of similarity of mechanical and electrical design aspects to those of the Upper and Lower Power Plants (three identical 7200-kW units).

- Lower procurement costs because only one contract and one supplier will be involved for the three plants (three identical 7200-kW units).
- Installation will be simpler because of the similarity of the plants.

Therefore, for these reasons and based on all of the comparative evaluations, Alternative 1 is selected as the recommended development. This development is technically and economically feasible and will be economically beneficial to the City. It is described in detail in Chapter 5.

CHAPTER 5  
RECOMMENDED DEVELOPMENT

## CHAPTER 5 RECOMMENDED DEVELOPMENT

This chapter sets forth the recommended project works to redevelop the streamflows of the Snake River at the Idaho Falls City Power Plant site for power generation. The recommended development evolved from studies to determine the most viable generating scheme to suit the low-head, run-of-river conditions at the site. As discussed in Chapter 4, Alternative 1 was selected as the best plan for redeveloping the hydroelectric potential at the City Plant site. Briefly, Alternative 1 comprises the following:

- Demolishing and removing the existing facilities, salvaging any equipment that has salvage value.
- Providing a new diversion weir, trashrack structure, spillway at trashrack structure, powerhouse, spillway at powerhouse, control building, and maintenance shop.
- Installing one new 7200-kW bulb turbine-generator unit in the new powerhouse.
- Improving flow conditions in the forebay channel.

This chapter describes the recommended development in detail and presents project costs and a construction schedule. Environmental aspects of the recommended development are presented in Chapter 6, Section 6.3.

### 5.1 PROJECT FEATURES

The main features of the recommended development are shown on Exhibits A-4 through A-6 and described below. The layout and arrangement were selected from studies made to determine the most suitable combination of the project features, consistent with the site conditions. Pertinent project data are given in Table 5-1.

TABLE 5-1  
RECOMMENDED DEVELOPMENT  
PROJECT DATA

<u>General Data</u>			
Normal water surface elevation (ft)	4,694.7	Installed capacity (kW)	7,200
Maximum water surface elevation (ft)	4,700.0	Average headwater elevation (ft)	4,694.0
Design flood peak discharge (CFS)	75,000	Average tailwater elevation (ft)	4,674.7
Design flood frequency (yr)	650	Minimum tailwater elevation (ft)	4,674.0
		Maximum headwater elevation (ft)	4,699.7
		Assumed head losses (ft)	1.0
		Net head (ft)	18.3
		Average annual energy (kWh)*	
<u>Diversion Weir</u>			
Elevation of weir crest (ft)	4,694.7	Plan A	53,600,000
Total weir length (ft)	1,970	Plan B	48,800,000
Flood discharge (CFS)	75,000	Design capacity (CFS)	5,200
Concrete volume (cu yd)	7,200	Freeboard above average headwater (ft)	7.0
Removal of existing weir (cu yd)	1,800	Freeboard above maximum headwater (ft)	1.3
		Deck elevation (ft)	4,701.0
		Concrete volume (cu yd)	
		Powerhouse	4,450
		Wing walls	3,600
		Miscellaneous	820
<u>Trashrack Structure</u>			
Minimum freeboard (ft)	1.0	Total	8,870
Elevation of top of structure (ft)	4,701.0	Rock excavation (cu yd)	9,760
Normal discharge (CFS)	5,200		
Concrete volume (cu yd)	1,000		
<u>Spillway at Powerhouse (ice chute)</u>			
Spillway at Trashrack Structure		Normal water surface elevation (ft)	4,694.0
Crest elevation (ft)	4,689.7	Maximum water surface elevation (ft)	4,699.7
Top of gate elevation (ft)	4,694.7	Crest elevation (ft)	4,689.7
Bascule gate size (ft)	40 x 5	Top of gate elevation (ft)	4,694.5
Maximum discharge (CFS)	5,000	Bascule gate size (ft)	20 x 5
Concrete volume (cu yd)	290	Maximum discharge (CFS)	2,500
		Concrete volume (cu yd)	200.0

#### A. Diversion Weir

The new diversion weir, a concrete overflow structure, will be located at the same site as the existing weir (see Exhibit A-4). Like the existing weir, it will consist of two sections--one section, about 1870 feet long, will extend upstream from Broadway Bridge along the natural cataract that forms the falls, and the other section, about 100 feet long, will extend downstream from the bridge. It will create a pool in the east channel, divert flows to the powerhouse, and provide a differential head of about 18 feet for the new powerhouse.

The crest level and the new crest shape will be such that major floods will be able to pass over the weir with the upstream water levels no higher than those that result with the existing weir. The uncontrolled ogee weir crest will be at El. 4694.7, and the weir will be capable of passing 75,000 CFS with a surcharge of 5.3 feet, which will give an upstream water surface elevation of 4700.0 feet. The ogee shape will be more efficient hydraulically than the existing square-topped weir.

The weir will be founded on the same competent basalt rock as the existing weir. The average height will be about 7 feet. The height of the upstream section of the weir, where it crosses the main Snake River channel, will be about 20 to 30 feet. The maximum height of the short section downstream from Broadway Bridge will be about 18 feet.

#### B. Trashrack Structure

The new trashrack structure, located immediately upstream of Broadway Bridge (as shown on Exhibit A-5), will be designed to pass a normal flow of 5200 CFS. A truck-mounted mobile unit will be used for cleaning the trashracks.

C. Spillway at Trashrack Structure

Immediately adjoining the trashrack structure, a gated spillway with a 40-foot-wide by 5-foot-high Bascule type of gate will be provided, as shown on Exhibit A-5. The main function of this spillway will be to sluice trash and ice from in front of the trashrack structure. A log boom will be provided to catch driftwood and ice floes and to divert them through the spillway. The top of the gate, when the gate is upright, will be at El. 4695.2, providing 6 inches of freeboard above the crest of the diversion weir. The gate will be operated by two hydraulic operators, housed one each at a chamber within the end piers. With the gate lowered (at El. 4689.7 feet), the spillway will be capable of discharging about 1600 CFS with normal water surface elevation of 4694.7 feet and about 5000 CFS for maximum flood water surface elevation of 4700.0 feet.

D. Powerhouse

The existing powerhouse, including the adjoining dispatch building and the existing ice chute, will be removed and replaced by a new powerhouse, which will house a new 7200-kW bulb turbine-generator.

The new powerhouse will be located immediately downstream from the existing powerhouse in the east channel. Mass concrete wing walls will connect the powerhouse to the banks. A gallery within the right wing wall will provide direct access from the powerhouse to the new spillway on the right bank. The powerhouse will have a freeboard of 7 feet above the normal water surface elevation of 4694.0 feet, and the deck of the powerhouse will be at El. 4701.

Trashracks will be provided at the powerhouse intake. They will be cleaned periodically by the same truck-mounted raking unit that will be used to clean the trashracks at the trashrack structure.

The powerhouse will contain a single bulb turbine-generator with horizontal shaft, as shown on Exhibit A-6. The unit will have a rated capacity of 7200 kW and an overall efficiency of 89% under a net head of 18.3 feet at a design discharge of 5200 CFS. It will have a speed of 94.7 rpm with a runner diameter of about 15.5 feet. The governor will control the wicket gates and the runner blades for normal operations, and a trip weight will activate emergency closure of the wicket gates, when required. Two shafts will provide access from above to the unit bearings, the packing box, the generator cooling system, and the turbine blade control system. The unit will be supported by a single pier, and the turbine stay vanes will help to carry the thrust load.

Drainage pumps, sump, and valves will be provided below the unit. Fire protection, ventilation, and oil systems will be provided. A mobile crane will be required to operate the headgates and tailgates, as when the unit is to be dewatered or serviced. Remote control of the plant is planned, with periodic visits by operating personnel for startup of units, maintenance, and inspections.

The tailrace extends about 350 feet downstream from the powerhouse to the river. The existing channel is excavated in basalt rock. As shown on Exhibit A-6, additional excavation will be required due to the deeper setting of the new bulb turbine-generator, but should not pose any special problems.

A 15-foot-wide ramp along the east side of the tailrace channel will provide access to the top of the powerhouse drafttube deck (see Exhibit A-6).

#### E. Spillway at Powerhouse

A 20-foot-wide spillway will be provided at the end of the right wing wall of the powerhouse, as shown on Exhibit A-6. The spillway will be operated to discharge water and to sluice out floating debris and ice

from the vicinity of the powerhouse intake and into the main channel of the river. A log boom across the forebay channel will direct the debris and ice toward the spillway.

The spillway will be a mass concrete ogee weir with a 20-foot-wide by 5-foot-high Bascule gate. The top of the gate, in the upright position, will be set at El. 4694.0 feet; with the gate in the lowered position, the spillway will form a smooth ogee section with crest at El. 4689.7. The gate will be operated by a single hydraulic operator, which will be housed in a chamber in the left pier. The operator chamber will be connected to the powerhouse by an access gallery within the right wing wall. With the gate lowered, the spillway will be capable of discharging 800 CFS with water surface elevation of 4694.0 feet, and 2500 CFS with estimated maximum water surface elevation of 4699.0 feet.

#### F. Control Building

The existing dispatch building will be removed, and a new 50-foot by 90-foot control building will be provided on the east bank, as shown on Exhibit A-4. This building will house electric equipment and facilities for remote control and monitoring of the Upper, City, and Lower Power Plants. It will also house control equipment for the City's substations, including necessary equipment for the transition from the existing distribution system to the new indoor substation, located inside the new control building.

#### G. Maintenance Shop

The existing maintenance shop will be removed, and a new 50-foot by 25-foot maintenance shop will be provided adjacent to the control building, as shown on Exhibit A-4. Routine maintenance for the turbines can be performed in this shop. Large turbine components will require little maintenance. What maintenance is required will be done in place during scheduled shutdowns.

#### H. Forebay Channel Improvements

The forebay extends downstream from the upstream end of the weir to the powerhouse, a distance of about 2000 feet, passing under Broadway Bridge (see Exhibit A-4). The water passage section under the bridge is restricted due to high bedrock. This results in unacceptably high hydraulic head losses with flows of 5200 CFS.

The channel modifications to improve the flow conditions will consist of excavating and enlarging the existing channel, guniting the rock surfaces in selected areas, and removing all silt deposits in the channel. The excavation under Broadway Bridge will require controlled blasting. The rock between the piers will be excavated at a sufficient distance from the piers to prevent them from being damaged. At the powerhouse, the setting of the new bulb turbine-generator will require excavation of a deeper intake channel. The powerhouse layout takes into account the location of the existing railroad bridge piers so as not to disturb them.

#### 5.2 PROJECT COSTS

The estimated capital, annual, and energy costs for the recommended development are summarized in Table 5-2, and the estimated annual costs and energy costs for different repayment periods and interest rates are shown in Table 5-3. The criteria used in estimating the project costs (for all four alternatives) are discussed below.

##### A. Capital Costs

Detailed quantity and construction cost estimates for the recommended development are presented in Appendix B (Table B-1).

TABLE 5-2  
RECOMMENDED DEVELOPMENT  
SUMMARY OF CAPITAL, ANNUAL AND ENERGY COSTS

CAPITAL COST (\$)

Construction Cost (including contingencies)

Diversion weir, trashrack structure, spillway, and channel improvements	2,122,000
Powerhouse	
Civil works	2,936,000
Mechanical works	5,074,000
Electrical works	508,000
Subtotal - Powerhouse Cost	<u>8,518,000</u>
Subtotal	10,640,000
Less salvage allowance for existing units	<u>15,000</u>
Total	10,625,000
Engineering and administration	1,594,000
Interest during construction	<u>855,000</u>
Total capital cost	13,074,000

EQUIVALENT ANNUAL COST (\$/yr)

Capital recovery (assuming 50-yr repayment period at 7% interest)	947,340
Operation and maintenance	<u>63,500</u>
Total equivalent annual cost	1,010,840

ENERGY COST (kWh)\*

Plan A	0.01886
Plan B	0.02071

\* Based on average annual energy generation (under present conditions) as follows:

Plan A      53,600,000 kWh  
Plan B      48,800,000 kWh

TABLE 5-3  
RECOMMENDED DEVELOPMENT  
ESTIMATED ANNUAL COSTS AND ENERGY COSTS  
FOR DIFFERENT REPAYMENT PERIODS AND INTEREST RATES

Repayment Period and Interest Rate	Capital Recovery Factor	Capital Recovery (\$)*	Annual	Total	Cost Per Kilowatt-Hour (\$)*	
			O&M Cost (\$)	Annual Cost (\$)	Plan A	Plan B
<u>50 Years</u>						
6%	0.06344	829,415	63,500	892,915	0.01666	0.01830
7%	0.07246	947,342	63,500	1,010,842	0.01886	0.02071
8%	0.08174	1,068,669	63,500	1,132,169	0.02112	0.02320
9%	0.09123	1,192,741	63,500	1,256,241	0.02344	0.02574
<u>40 Years</u>						
6%	0.06646	868,898	63,500	932,398	0.01740	0.01911
7%	0.07501	980,681	63,500	1,044,181	0.01948	0.02140
8%	0.08386	1,096,386	63,500	1,159,886	0.02164	0.02377
9%	0.09296	1,215,359	63,500	1,278,859	0.02386	0.02621
<u>30 Years</u>						
6%	0.07265	949,826	63,500	1,013,326	0.01891	0.02076
7%	0.08059	1,053,634	63,500	1,117,134	0.02084	0.02289
8%	0.08883	1,161,363	63,500	1,224,863	0.02285	0.02510
9%	0.09734	1,272,623	63,500	1,336,123	0.02493	0.02738
<u>25 Years</u>						
6%	0.07823	1,022,779	63,500	1,086,279	0.02027	0.02226
7%	0.08581	1,121,880	63,500	1,185,380	0.02212	0.02429
8%	0.90368	1,224,772	63,500	1,288,272	0.02403	0.02640
9%	0.10181	1,331,064	63,500	1,394,564	0.02602	0.02858

\* Based on capital cost of \$13,074,000 and average annual energy generation of 53,600,000 kWh under Plan A and 48,800,000 kWh under Plan B.

1. Quantity and Cost Estimates - Quantity estimates are based, in general, on takeoffs from the drawings, to an accuracy consistent with the purposes of the present studies. Costs of turbines, governors, and generators were obtained from information provided by manufacturers. The costs of the other mechanical and electrical items were estimated on the basis of experience.

2. Unit Costs - The unit costs applied in the estimates are based on information gathered for similar construction projects, adjusted to the Idaho Falls area. They are considered current (for the second quarter of 1977), complete, and adequate for the studies. No price escalation was added.

3. Contingencies - A contingency factor of 15% was added to the estimated construction costs to ensure that sufficient financing and credit are obtained.

4. Engineering and Administration - Costs for engineering and administration, including construction surveillance, were estimated by applying a factor of 15% to the estimated construction costs.

5. Interest during Construction - Interest during construction was estimated by assuming an annual interest rate of 7% and a 24-month construction period.

#### B. Equivalent Annual Costs

Annual costs comprise capital recovery and operation and maintenance costs.

1. Capital Recovery - Capital recovery is based on a 50-year period of analysis, assuming an annual interest rate of 7%.

2. Operation and Maintenance Costs - Operation and maintenance costs include costs for manpower, services, offices, repair shops, equipment,

and parts incurred in project operation and maintenance. They reflect Federal Power Commission experience records for hydroelectric power plants.

C. Unit Cost of Energy

The unit cost of energy was estimated based on the estimated average annual energy generation for plant operation under Plans A and B (see Chapter 4, Section 4.2 G).

5.3 ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

Although the City Plant is a part of an overall three-plant redevelopment project, it is not known at this time whether all three plants will be constructed under one contract. Therefore, the engineering and construction schedule presented herein is for the City Plant only.

The engineering and construction schedule for the project, presented on Figure 5-1, extends over a period of 42 months for design, construction, and testing and startup of the power plant. This schedule allows sufficient time for final design and investigations, preparation of bid documents, and contractor's mobilization. Engineering and preparation of specifications for the bulb turbine-generator will be performed at the beginning of the design studies. Delivery time for the bulb turbine-generator is approximately 24 months after receipt of a firm order; the work of detailed design for construction and the award of the construction contract are scheduled during this time. All the planned construction can be accomplished by present-day equipment. The construction, including final testing and startup, is scheduled over a 21-month period.

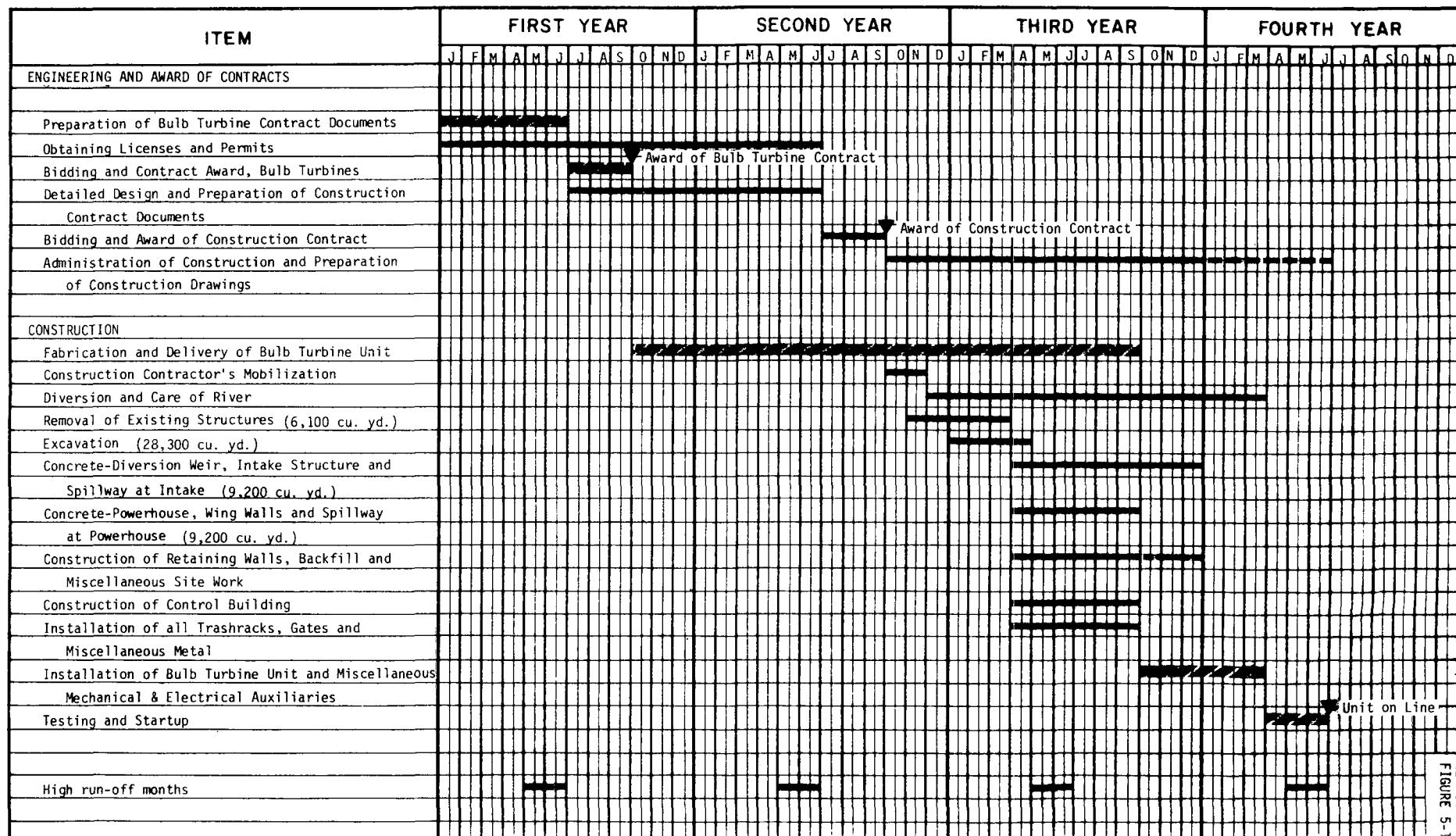
River flows will have to be handled over a minimum period of 12 months. Initial diversion for construction can be accomplished immediately

following the annual spring runoff. River diversion will be accomplished in two stages. Initially, cofferdams No. 1 and 2 will be constructed at proposed locations (shown on Exhibit A-4), permitting the construction of a major part of the diversion weir, the trashrack structure, the spillways, and the powerhouse. After this work has been completed, cofferdams No. 1 and 2 will be removed, and cofferdams No. 3 and 4 (located as shown on Exhibit A-4) will be constructed, permitting completion of the upstream portion of the diversion weir.

LEGEND:

Activities on Critical Path       Partial Time Activities       Other Activities   

IDAHO FALLS HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT  
CITY POWER PLANT  
ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE



CHAPTER 6  
ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECTS

## CHAPTER 6 ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECTS

During the studies, IECO's architect performed an environmental evaluation of the three Idaho Falls power plant sites. The results of that evaluation are presented in a report, which was submitted to the Idaho Falls Electric Division in April 1977.

The environmental study area for the City Plant included the sites of the powerhouse, switchyard, forebay, intake structure, diversion weir, Electric Division maintenance yard, and the new Electric Division building, as well as Pedersen's Sportman's Park, Eagle Rock Park, the water tower near the powerhouse, the unimproved parking lot between Broadway and the Electric Division building, and the new library. The results of the environmental evaluation of this area formed the basis for studies made to preserve or enhance the scenic value of the City Plant site.

This chapter describes the present environment of the City Plant, presents the main factors that were considered in selecting an environmental development concept for the City Plant area, discusses the environmental aspects of the recommended development, and suggests other desirable environmental improvements.

### 6.1 CITY POWER PLANT ENVIRONMENT

The City Plant is located in the central section of the city, at the edge of an industrial area. From the north, it is partially screened from view from Broadway Bridge by Pedersen's Sportsman's Park. However, because it is so close to the center of the city and to heavily traveled Broadway, it is viewed by many people every day.

A developing greenbelt and park south of the plant and a proposed greenbelt on the west bank, opposite the plant, will strengthen the impression of a continuing open area along the river. New landscaping and a forebay overlook in Eagle Rock Park on the east bank just north of the plant (facing Pedersen's Sportsman's Park) are popular attractions. The falls upstream are an attractive, integral part of the power-generating complex.

Because of their high profiles, the switchyard and water tower are highly visible from both the north and the south. The switchyard contrasts sharply with the nearby greenbelt, parks, and urban-renewal areas, and the water tower is an incongruous landscape element. Moreover, the strong vertical lines of the water tower work against the generally horizontal lines and lower profile of its surroundings.

The new library, under construction 300 feet northeast of the plant site, is part of an urban-renewal program. Its modern brick architecture complements the recently landscaped area in Eagle Rock Park. The new Electric Division building is also an aesthetically pleasing addition to the area. However, the existing powerhouse lends nothing to its surroundings. Its architectural style most closely resembles that of nearby buildings that have been razed for urban-renewal and greenbelt purposes. It is incompatible with the variety of structures that comprise the city, even the water tower and switchyard.

The railroad spur that bisects the area interrupts the visual concept of an integral power-generating system. It separates the falls and forebay from the powerhouse, in effect segregating integral parts of the generating complex. However, it does reinforce the historic value of the adjacent old bridge site and the area's historical significance as a main crossing point on the Snake River.

Power lines along the streets, rather than in alleys, interrupt views toward and away from the plant site. The parking lot between Broadway and the Electric Division building, adjacent to Eagle Rock Park, detracts from the scenic value of the entire area.

## 6.2 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

The main factors considered in selecting an environmental development concept for the City Plant area are:

- The historical significance of the site should be conserved and enhanced.
- The falls should be maintained, if possible, for their scenic value.
- All structures should be made as attractive as possible and they should be designed to be visually compatible with nearby physical features of the city.
- Open area with suitable landscaping should be provided to extend the greenbelt that is developing along the river.

## 6.3 RECOMMENDED DEVELOPMENT

The recommended development reflects the environmental considerations outlined above. A conceptual site plan and a powerhouse design resulting from the environmental studies are illustrated on Exhibits A-10 and A-11, respectively.

The scenic value of the falls can be preserved by reducing flows through the power plant during the dry season to maintain a minimum flow of 850 CFS over the falls. This reduction will not be necessary during December, January, and February, when the river surface and the falls are normally frozen.

### A. Power Plant

In contrast to the relatively high profile of the existing powerhouse, the new powerhouse will present a low profile (see Exhibit A-11). The top of the building will be practically level with the east bank of the river, and the architecture will blend with the open area and greenbelt developing along the river.

B. Forebay

The forebay will remain essentially unchanged. Construction activities required to improve flow conditions in the forebay will have only temporary effects.

C. Trashrack Structure

The top of the operating deck of the new trashrack structure will be essentially level with the river bank. To help solve the traffic problems that now arise when maintenance crews are removing ice and debris, the operating deck will be designed to support a maintenance vehicle.

D. Diversion Weir

The new diversion weir will be located at the same site as the existing weir. Construction activities required to replace the existing weir with the new weir will have only temporary effects.

E. Control Building

The new control building, which will replace the existing dispatch building, will have a low profile and be compatible with its surroundings.

F. Switchyard

Although hidden to some extent by the Electric Division building, the switchyard, because of its high profile, is still highly visible. Landscaping and screening will be provided to further hide it from view, for safety as well as aesthetic reasons.

#### 6.4 OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS

Other possible environmental improvements (not included in the costs of the recommended development) are outlined below:

- Landscaping - Providing an open area and suitable landscaping around the power plant to visually connect Eagle Rock Park and Pedersen's Sportsman's Park with the greenbelt south of the plant.
- Circulation - Providing the following circulation features: a pedestrian overpass connecting Eagle Rock Park with the power plant area; access along the wingwall from the powerhouse to the south end of Pedersen's Sportsman's Park; and a pedestrian bridge passing under the main railroad bridge for circulation from the north end of Pedersen's Sportsman's Park to the powerhouse.
- Water Tower - Making the water tower the visual focal point of the City, remodeling it to incorporate a viewing platform and stairway, and providing landscape elements that have strong vertical components (such as Lombardy poplars) to complement the water tower's vertical line. (The water tower might be considered symbolic of the importance of the water supply, as well as the power supply, to the vitality of the City.)
- Visitors' Center - Incorporating a visitors' center in the new control building, putting parts of one of the old turbines on permanent display, and providing information on power generation before the advent of bulb turbine technology, in comparison with power generation using bulb turbine technology.

- Switchyard - Relocating the switchyard across the river from the power plant, giving it a lower profile to blend it into its surroundings, and providing landscaping and screening.
- Power Lines - Removing power lines from streets and restricting them to alleys or rear portions of lots.
- Parking Lot - Paving the parking lot, landscaping it to integrate it visually with adjacent areas, and creating a plaza at its south end for commercial and cultural activities.

APPENDIX A  
PROJECT DRAWINGS

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PROJECT DRAWINGS

<u>Drawing Number</u>		
KV-03-001	Exhibit A-1	Location Map
-002	Exhibit A-2	City Power Plant, Project Area and Site Geology
-003	Exhibit A-3	City Power Plant, Geological Cross Sections
-004	Exhibit A-4	City Power Plant - General Plan
-005	Exhibit A-5	City Power Plant - Trashrack Structure, Spillway and Diversion Weir
-026	Exhibit A-5A	City Power Plant - Intake Structure
-006	Exhibit A-6	City Power Plant - One 7.2 MW Bulb Turbine Unit
-007	Exhibit A-7	City Power Plant - Two 4.0 MV Bulb Turbine Units
-008	Exhibit A-8	City Power Plant - One 7.2 MW Bulb Turbine Unit - Overflow Layout
-009	Exhibit A-9	City Power Plant - One 7.2 MW Kaplan Unit
-010	Exhibit A-10	Conceptual Site Plan
-011	Exhibit A-11	Powerhouse Area Perspective
-012	Exhibit A-12	Key Map, Cross Section Location
-013	Exhibit A-13	Key Map - Reach No. 1
-014	Exhibit A-14	Cross Sections North of Power Plant - Reach No. 1, Sheet 1 of 3
-015	Exhibit A-15	Cross Sections North of Power Plant - Reach No. 1, Sheet 2 of 3
-016	Exhibit A-16	Cross Sections North of Power Plant - Reach No. 1, Sheet 3 of 3
-017	Exhibit A-17	Key Map - Reach No. 2
-018	Exhibit A-18	Cross Sections South of Power Plant - Reach No. 2, Sheet 1 of 3
-019	Exhibit A-19	Cross Sections South of Power Plant - Reach No. 2, Sheet 2 of 3
-020	Exhibit A-20	Cross Sections South of Power Plant - Reach No. 2, Sheet 3 of 3
-021	Exhibit A-21	Key Map - Reach No. 3
-022	Exhibit A-22	Cross Sections South of Power Plant - Reach No. 3, Sheet 1 of 1
-023	Exhibit A-23	Key Map - Reach No. 4
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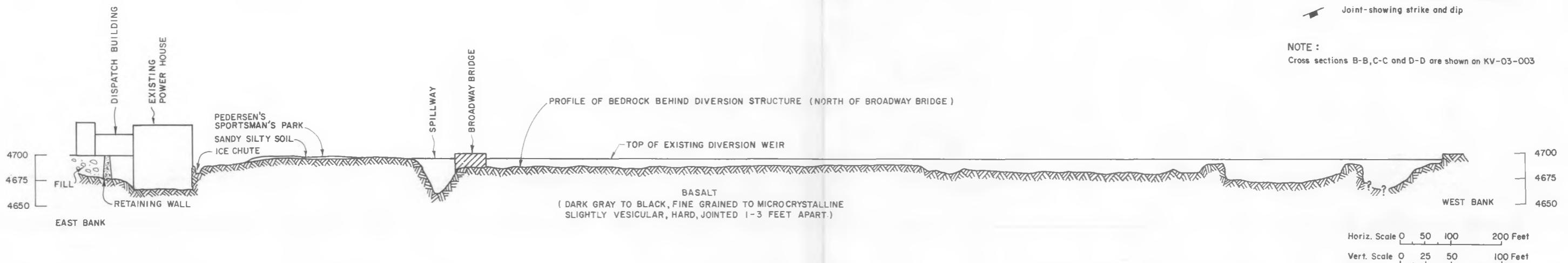


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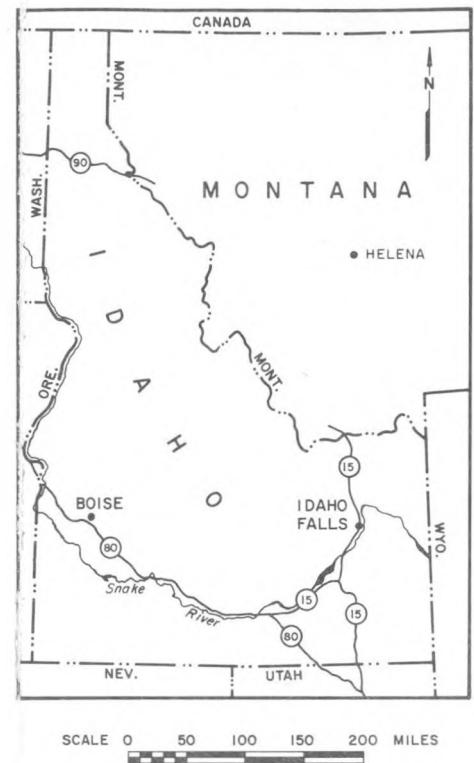
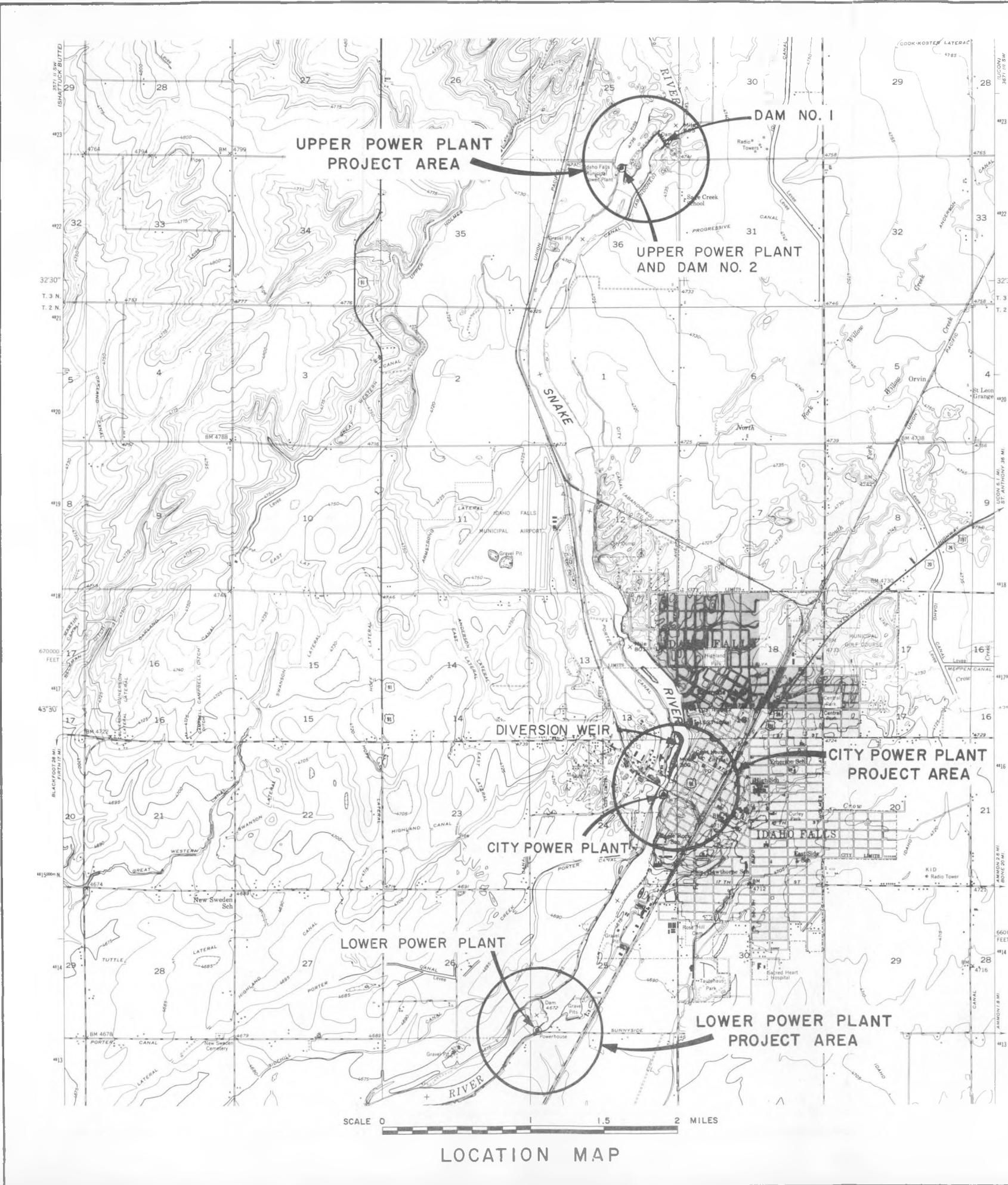
LEGEND:

- Loose rock blocks, gravel and sand - usually river deposits
- Artificial fill and slope wash deposits
- Basalt - bedrock. Dark gray to black, slightly vesicular, fine grained to microcrystalline, hard, jointed, blocky to tabular structure. Contains river worn potholes.
- Vertical joint - showing direction (strike)
- Joint - showing strike and dip

NOTE :  
Cross sections B-B, C-C and D-D are shown on KV-03-003

DEVELOPED GEOLOGIC CROSS SECTION A-A  
(FROM POWER PLANT TO END OF DIVERSION WEIR)

CITY OF IDAHO FALLS			
IDAHO FALLS HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT CITY POWER PLANT			
PROJECT AREA AND SITE GEOLOGY			
INTERNATIONAL ENGINEERING COMPANY, INC.			
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## KEY MAP

#### PROPOSED PROJECT WORKS

## POWER PLANT

## DIVERSION DAM

CITY OF IDAHO FALLS  
IDAHO FALLS HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT  
LOCATION MAP

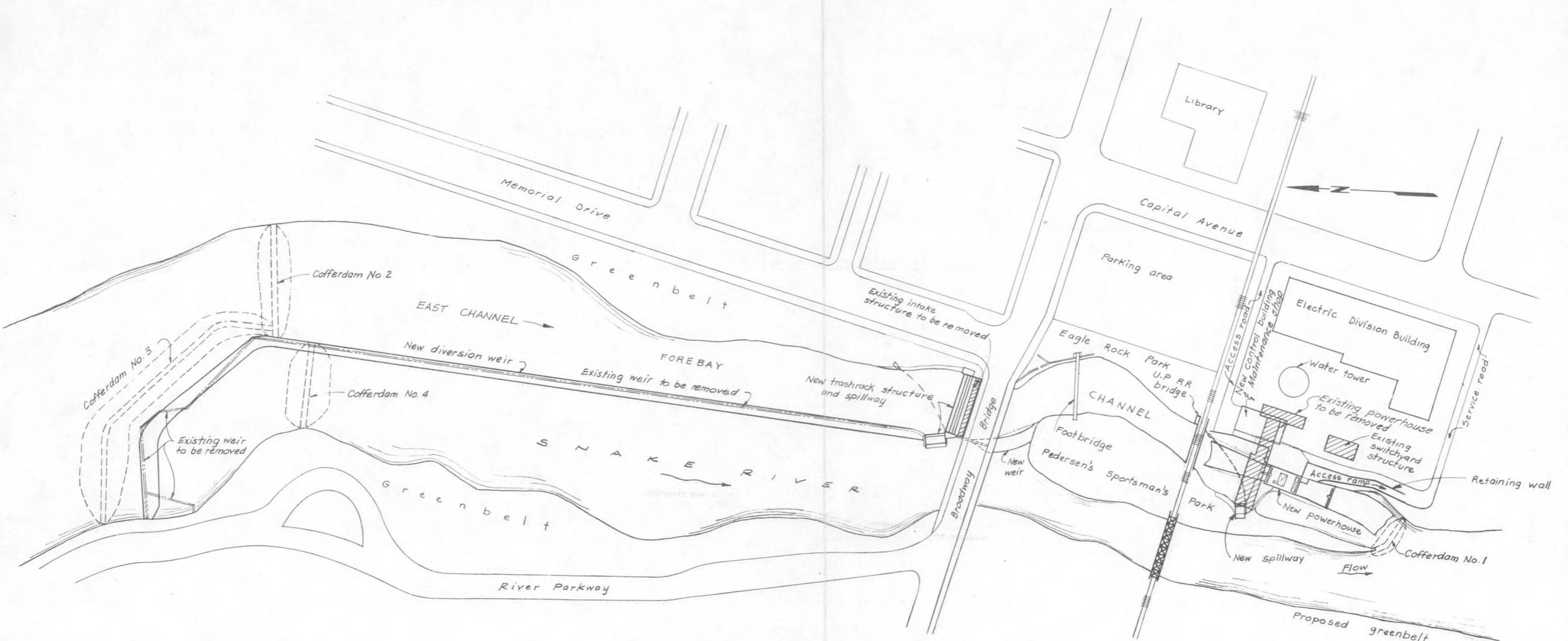
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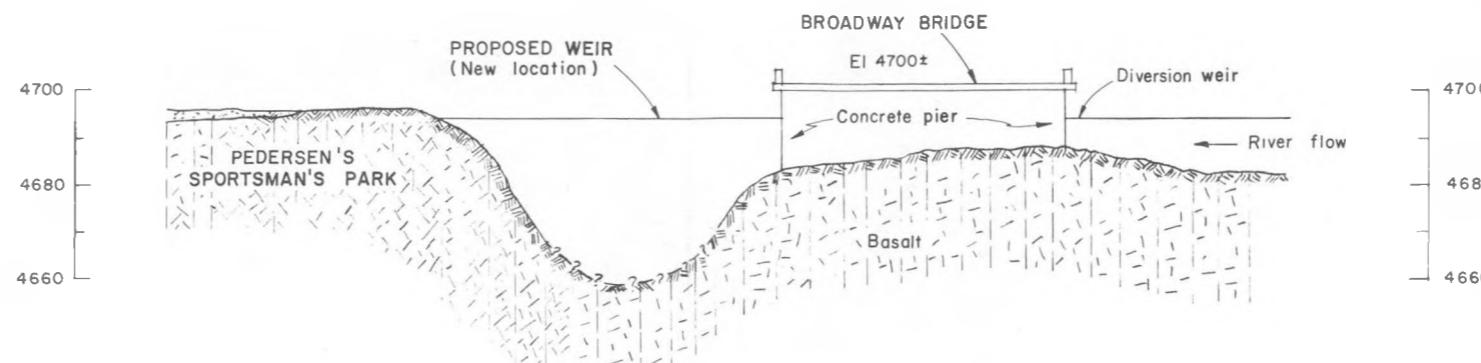
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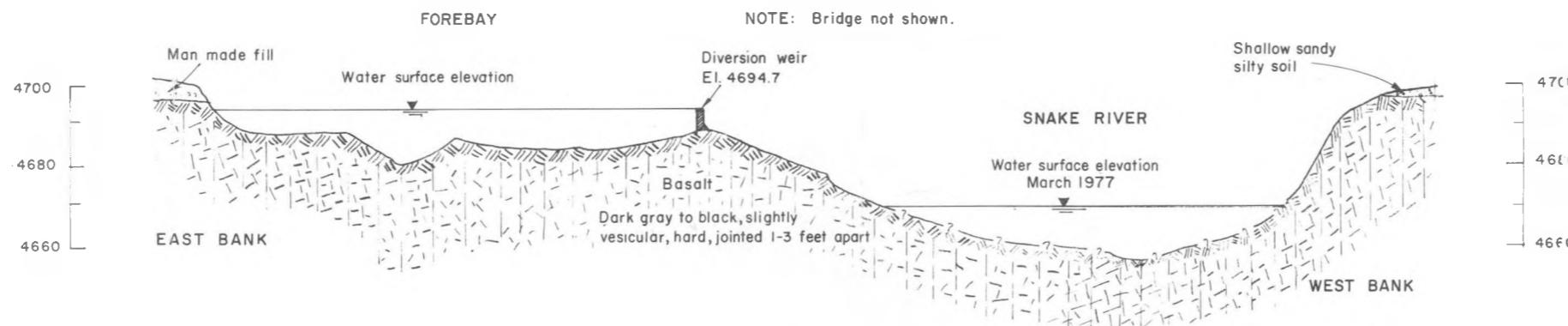


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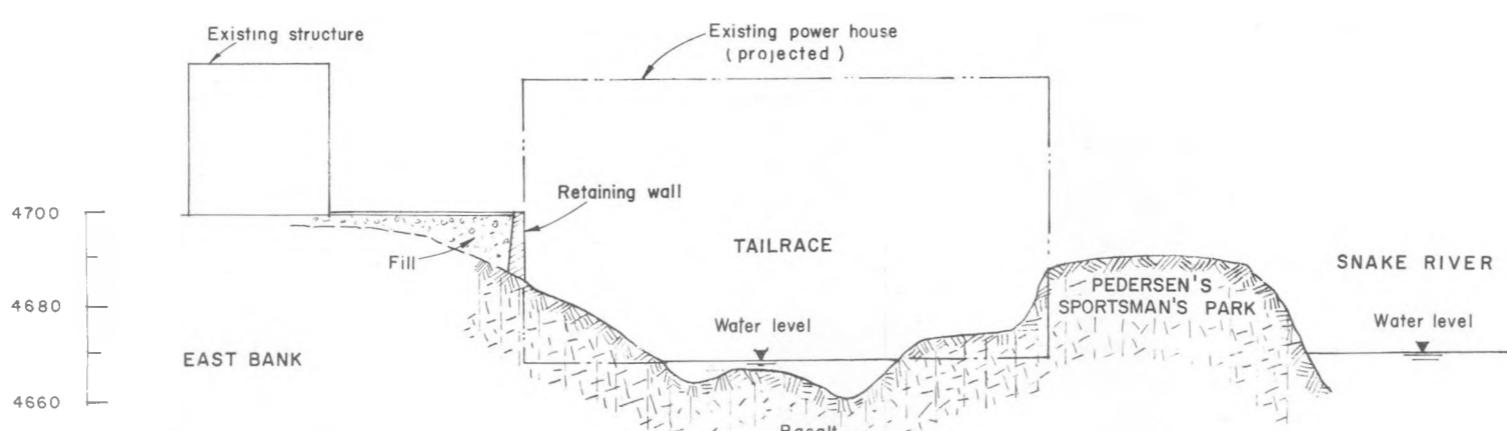




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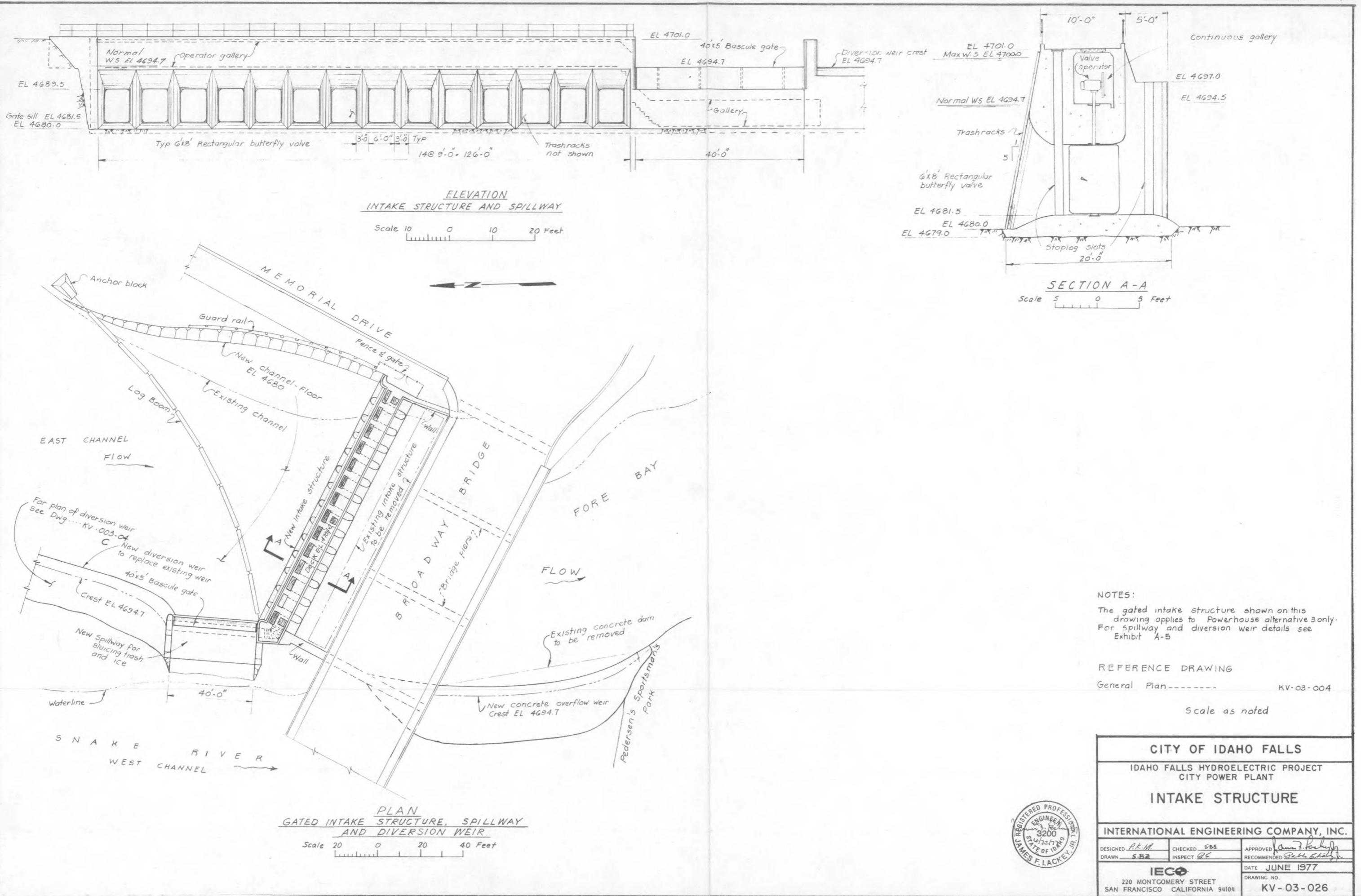
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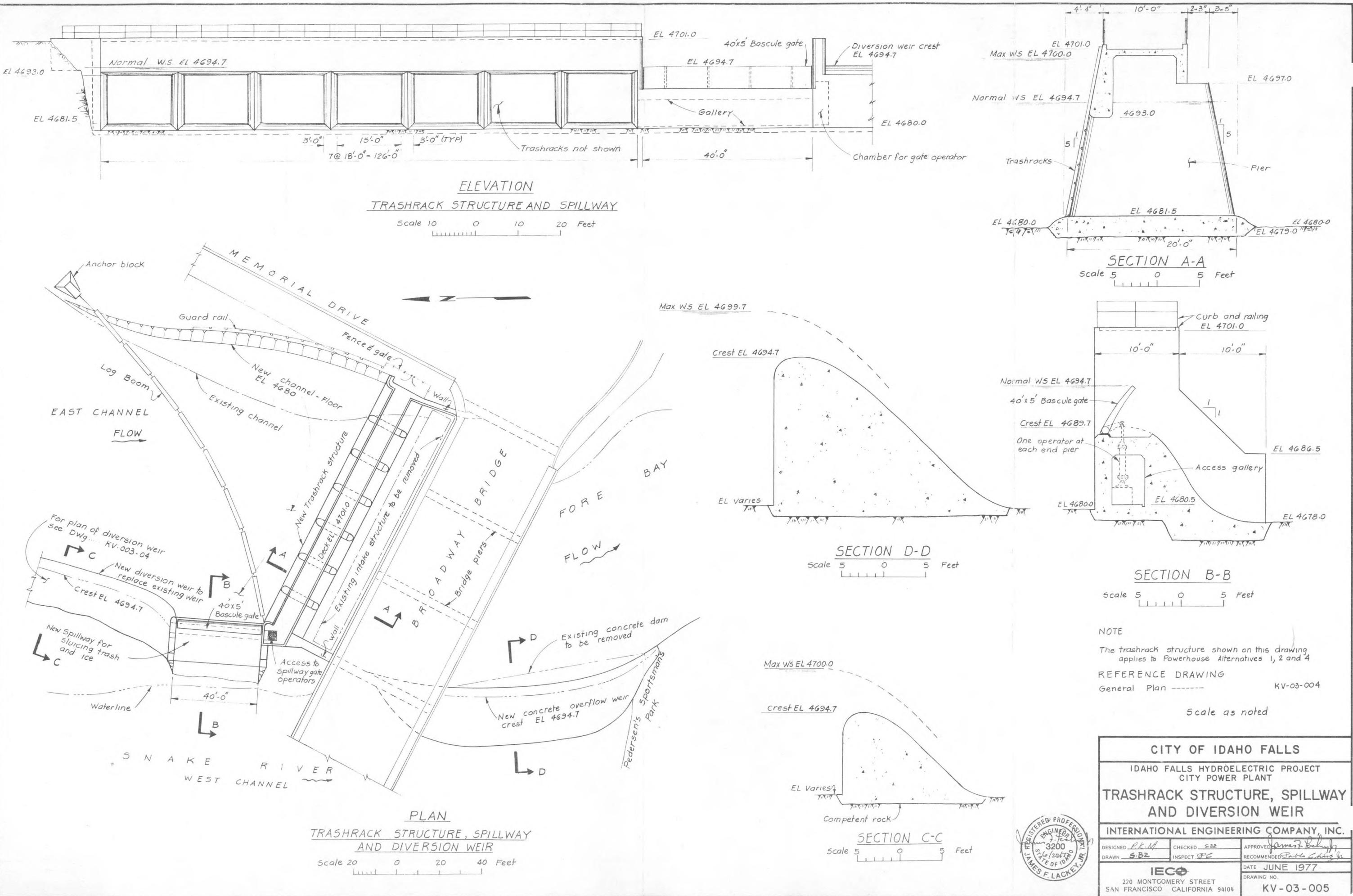
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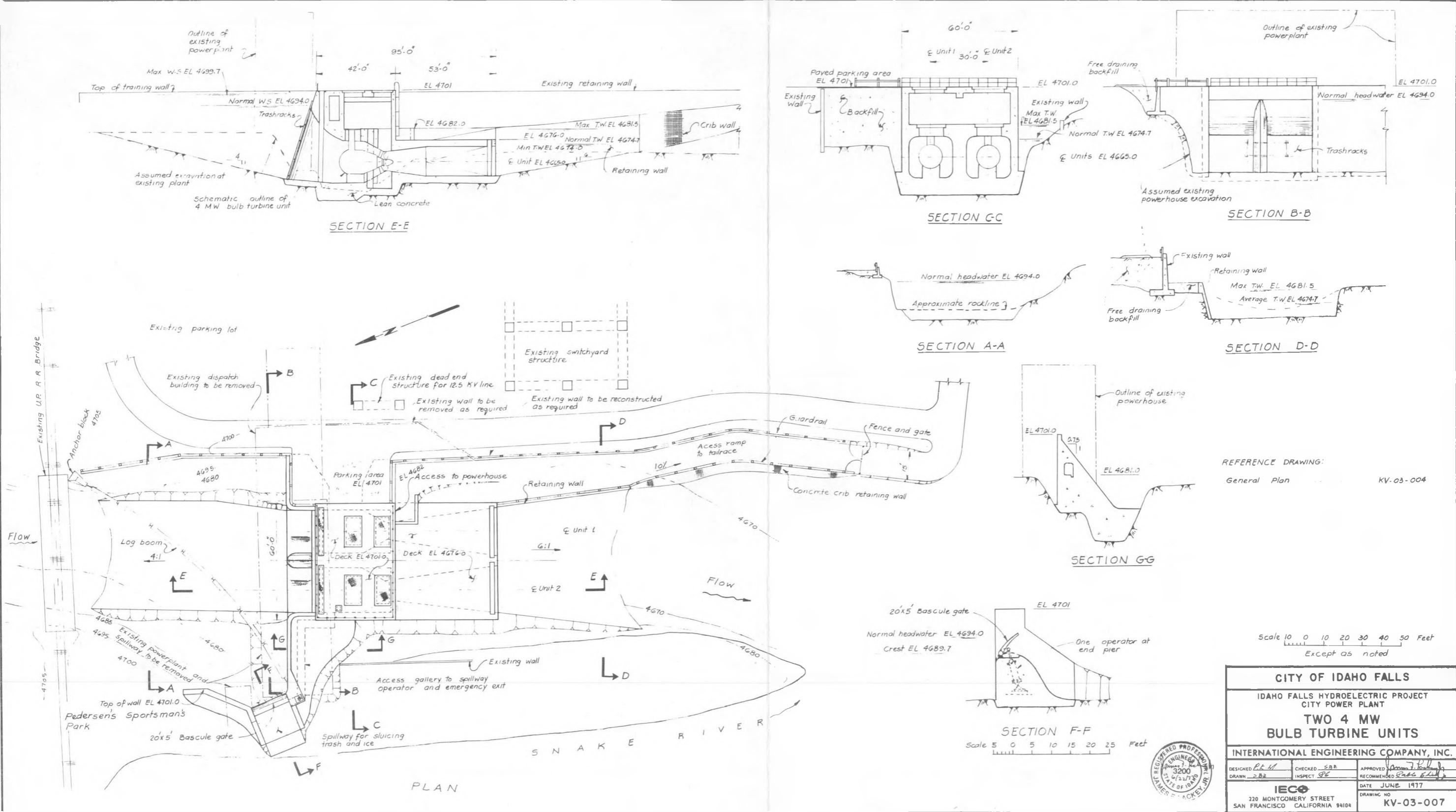
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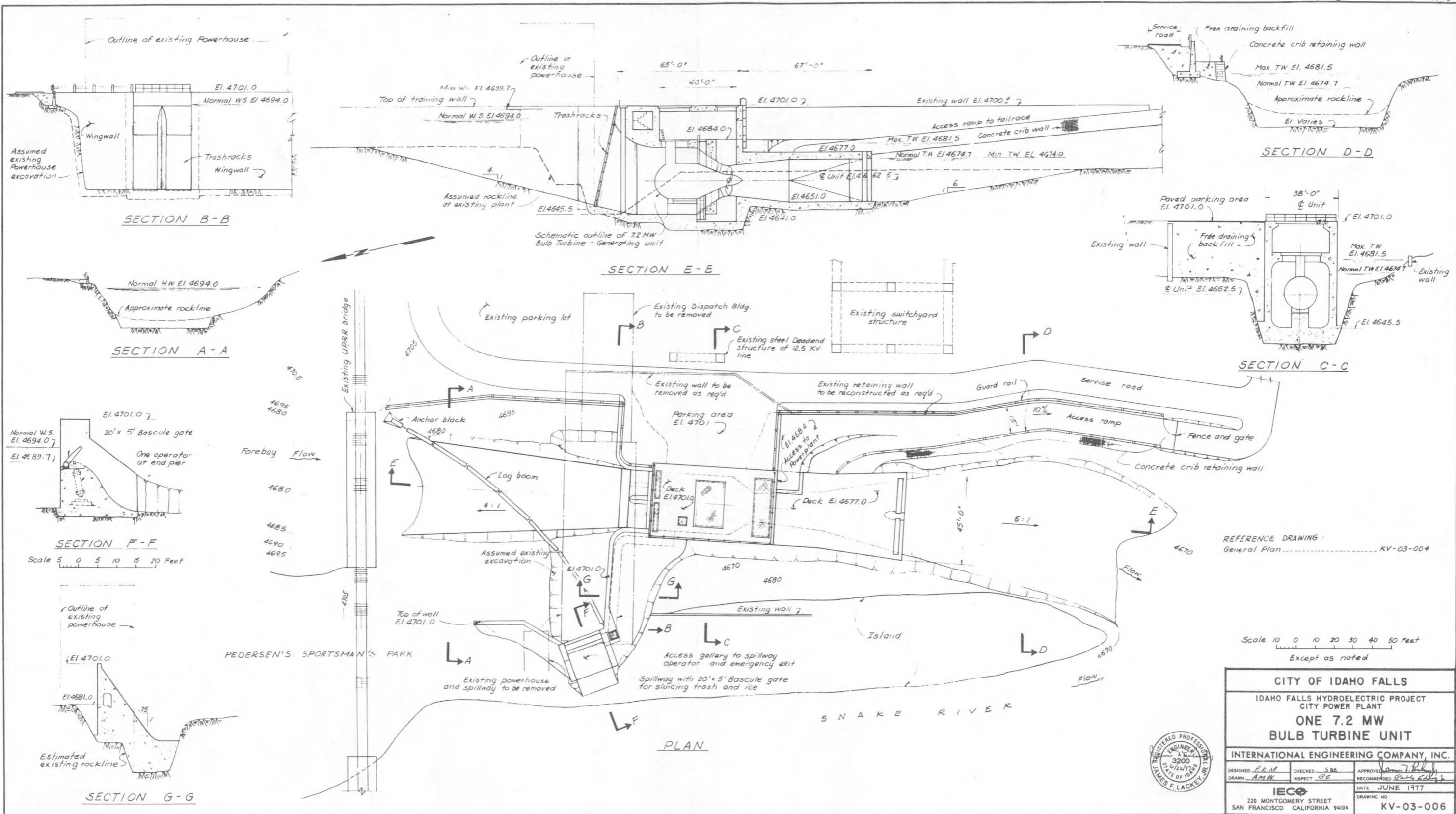
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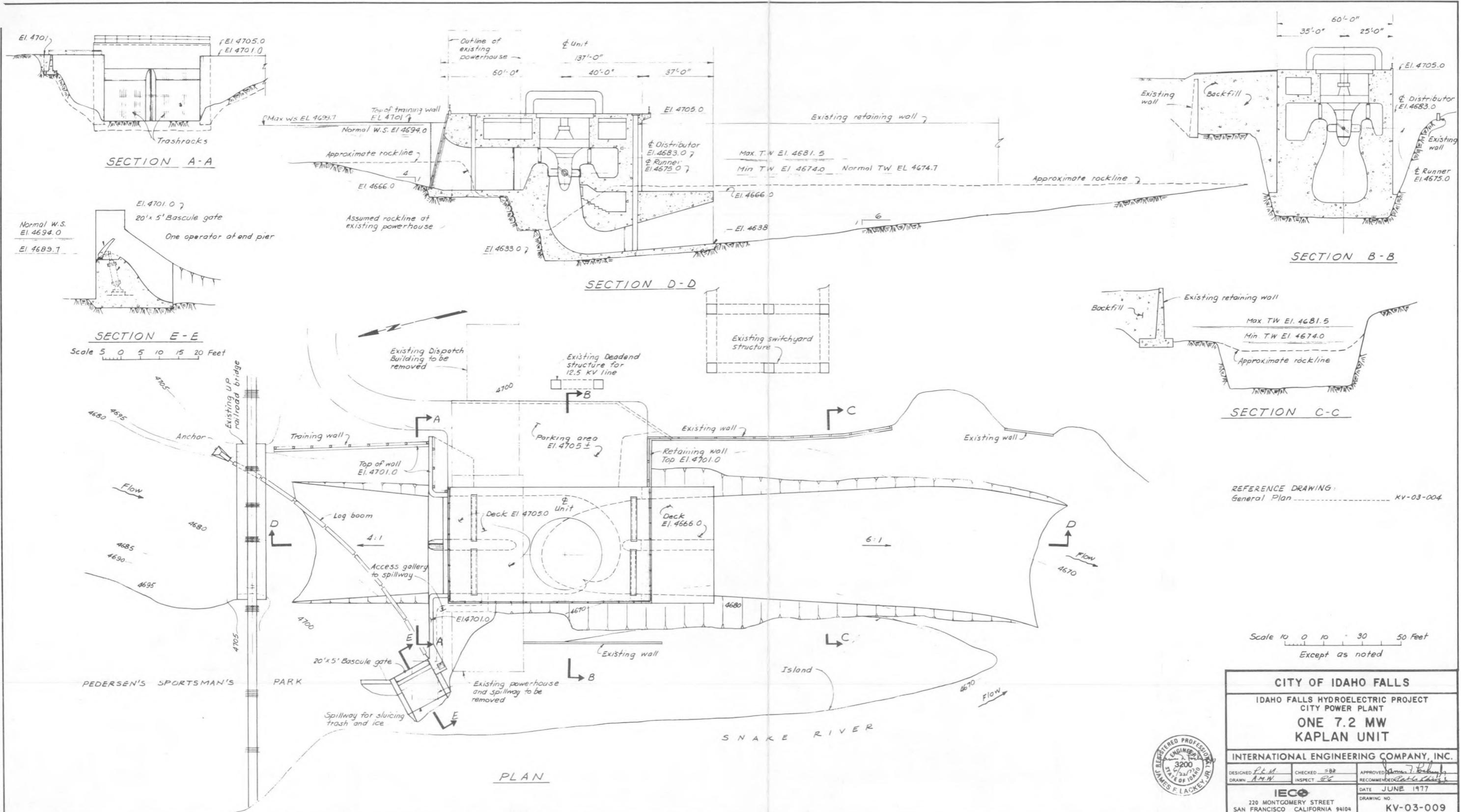
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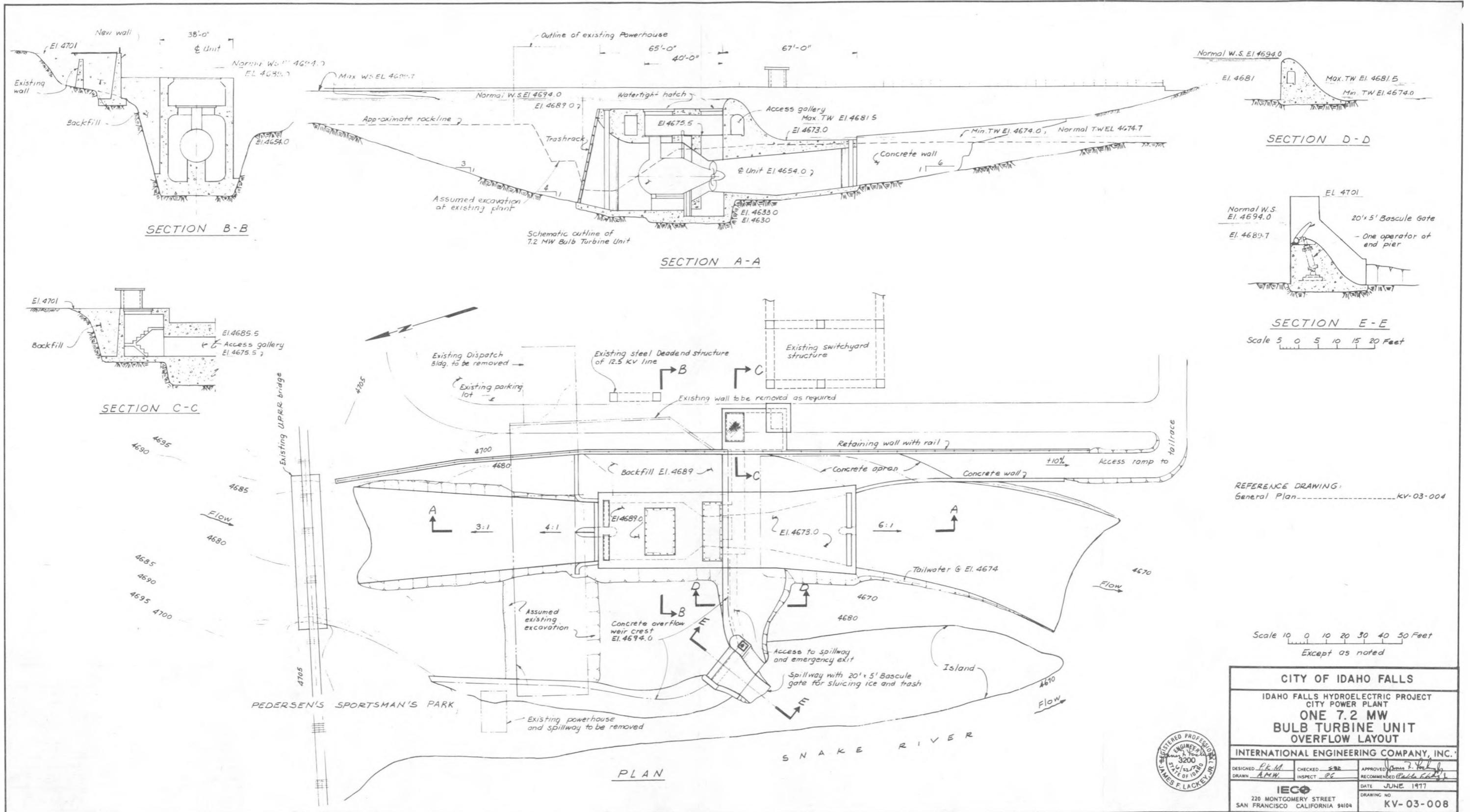


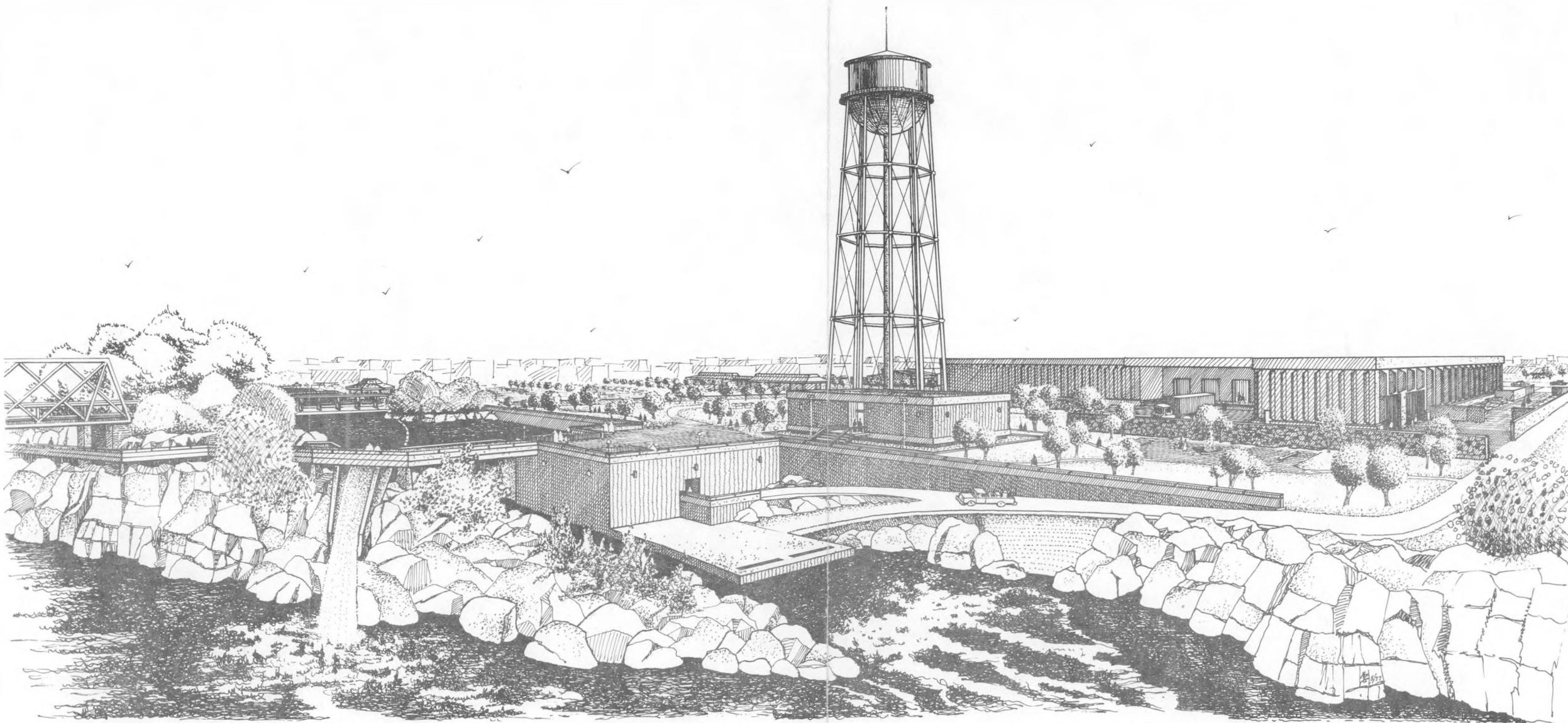










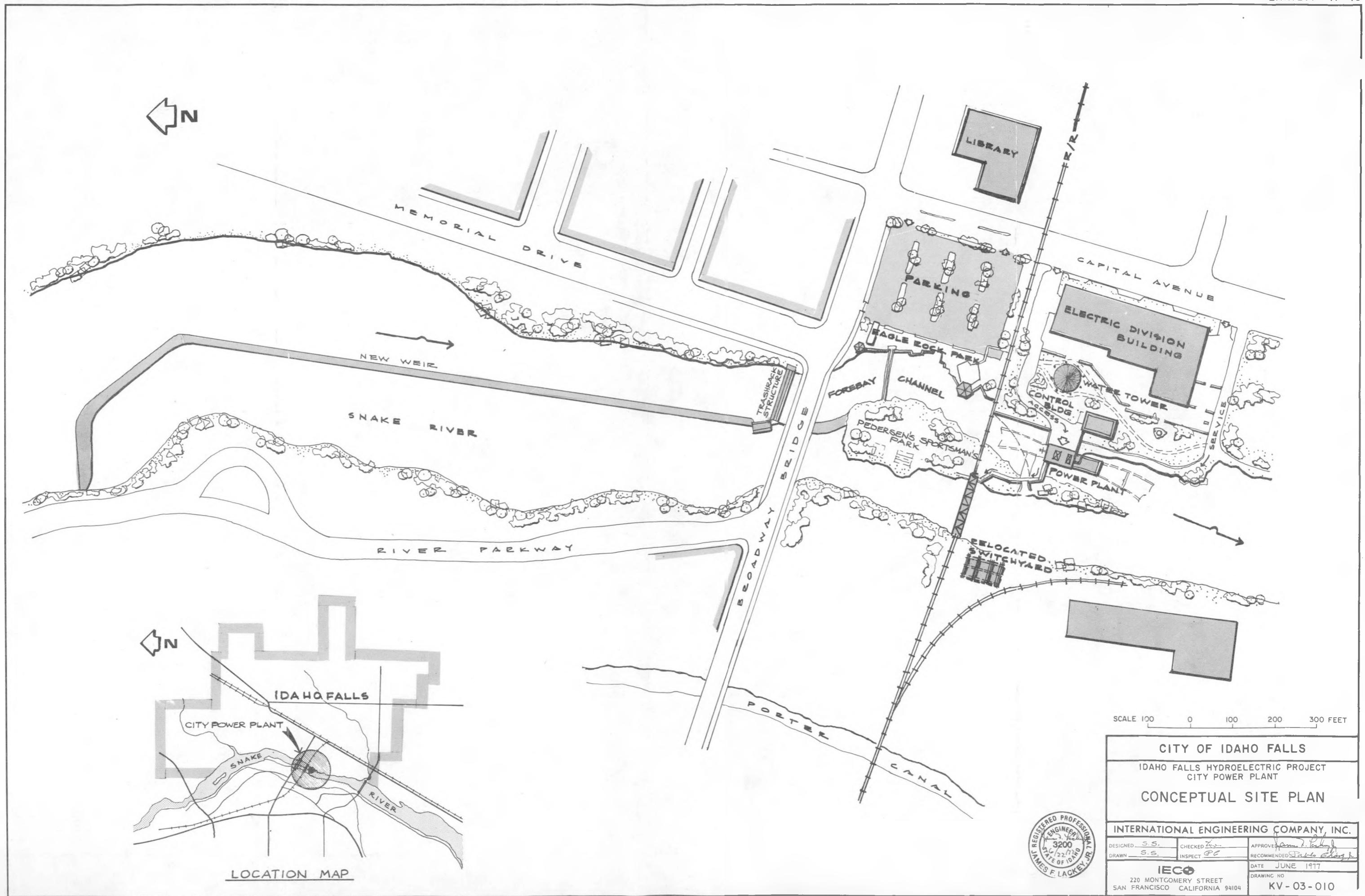


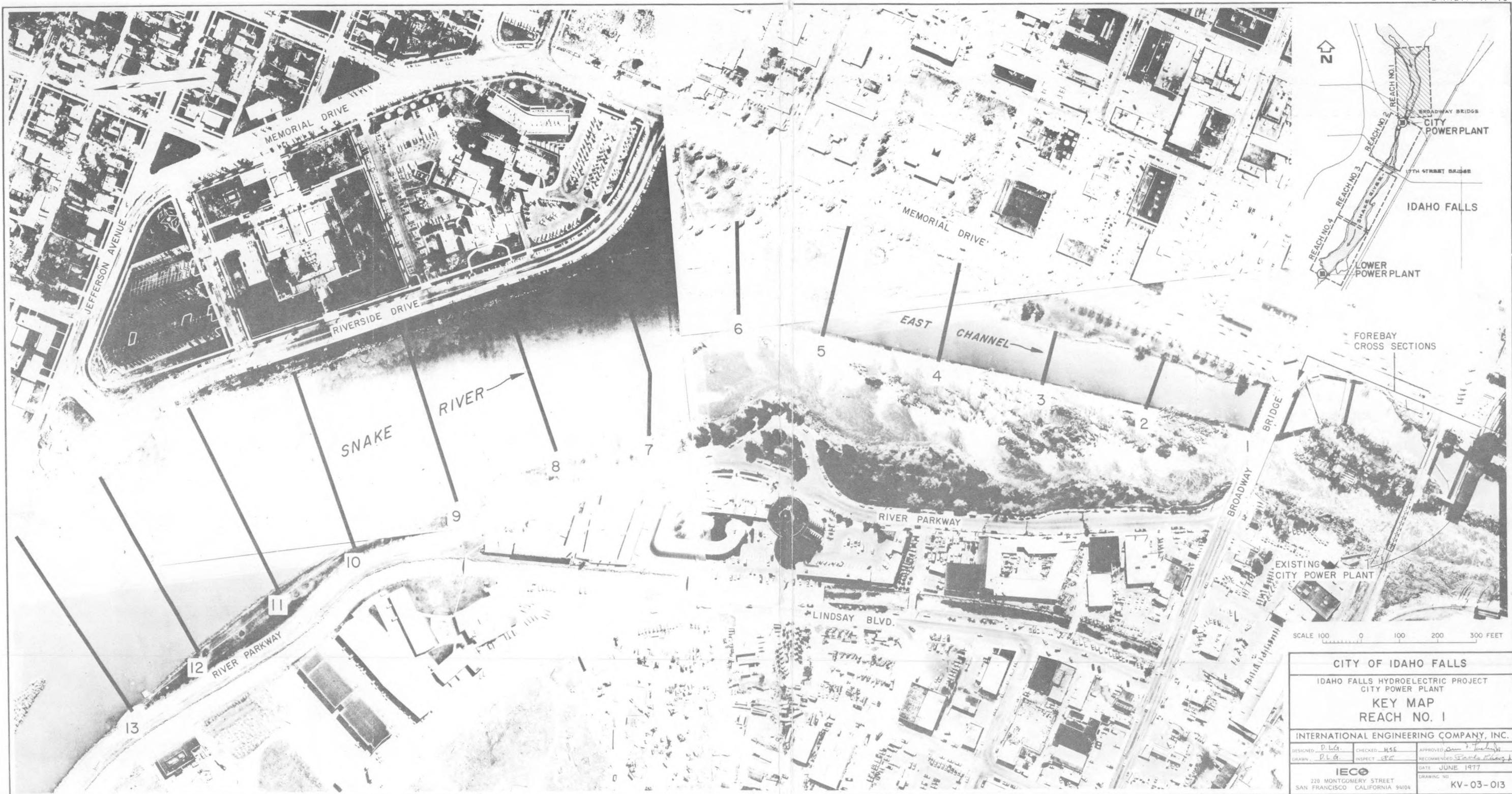
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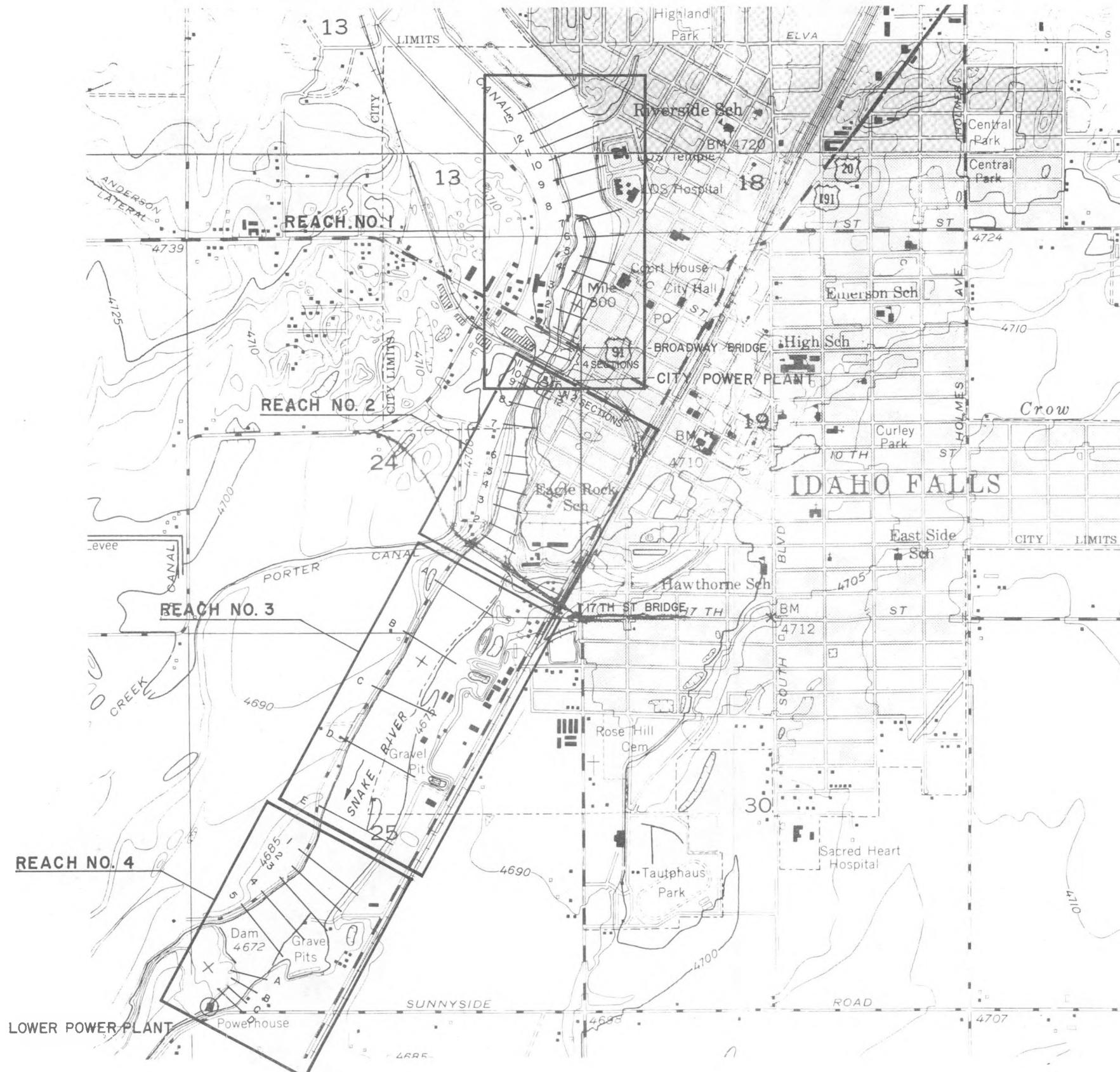
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## NOTE:

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## NORTH OF THE POWER PLANT

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CROSS SECTIONS 1-13 NORTH OF BROADWAY AND 4 CROSS  
SECTIONS OF THE CITY POWER PLANT FOREBAY.

## SOUTH OF THE POWER PLANT

## REACH NO. 2:

CROSS SECTIONS 1-12 NORTH OF 17TH STREET BRIDGE AND CROSS  
SECTIONS 0+30 AND 1+30 DOWNS REAM FROM THE CITY POWER PLANT.

## REACH NO. 3:

CROSS SECTIONS A-E SOUTH OF 17TH STREET BRIDGE.

## REACH NO. 4:

CROSS SECTIONS A-D AND 1-5 NORTH OF THE LOWER POWER PLANT.

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CITY POWER PLANT

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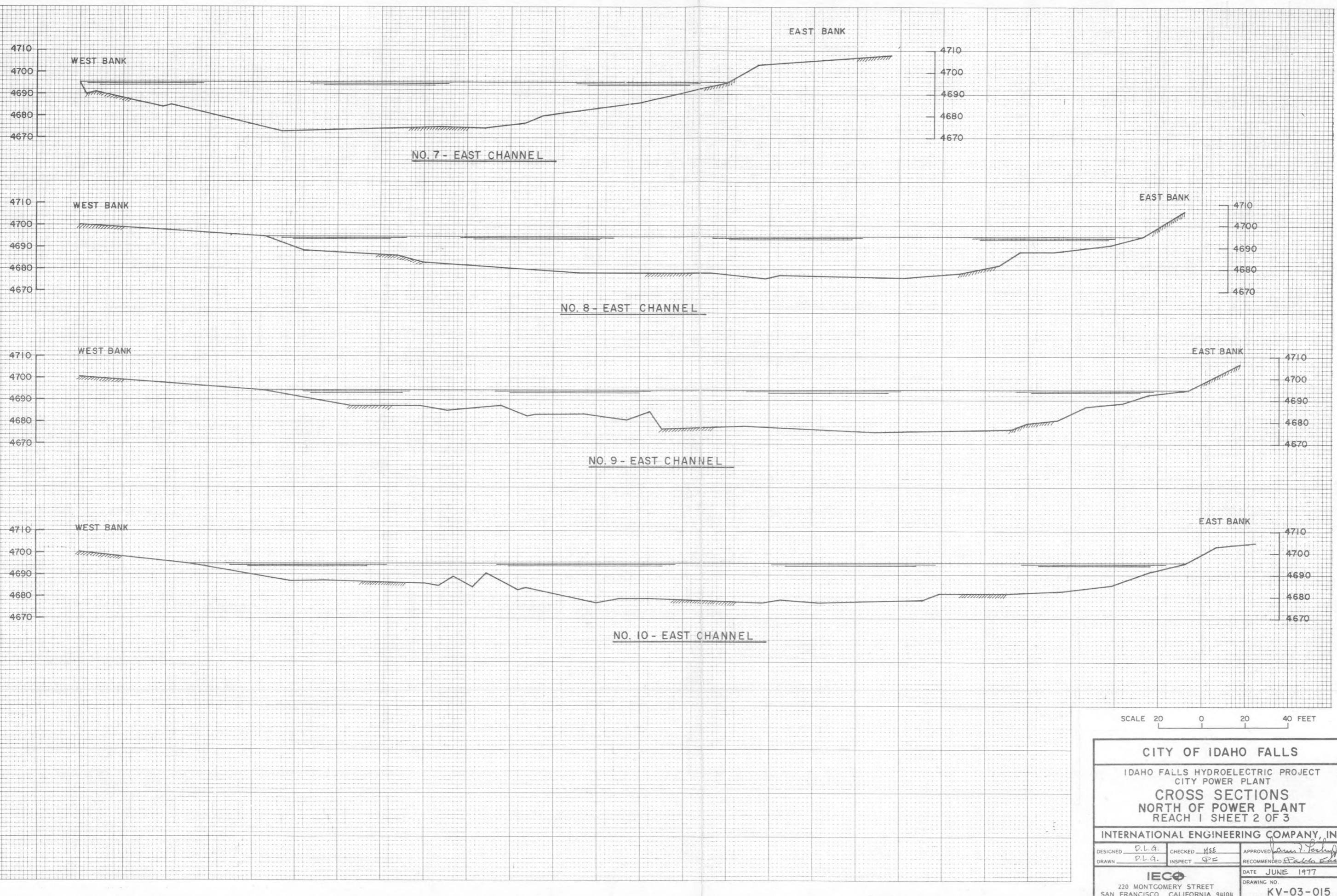
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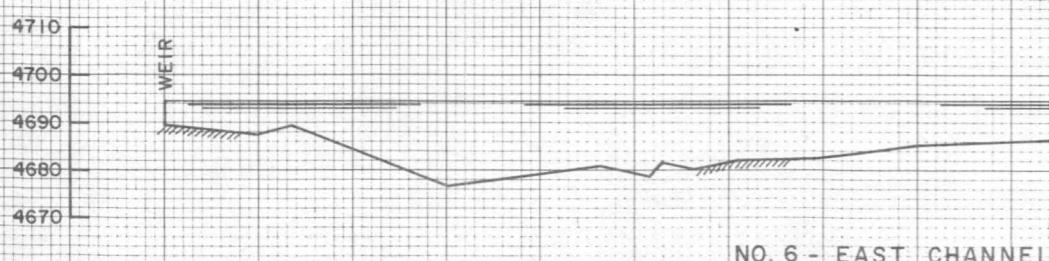
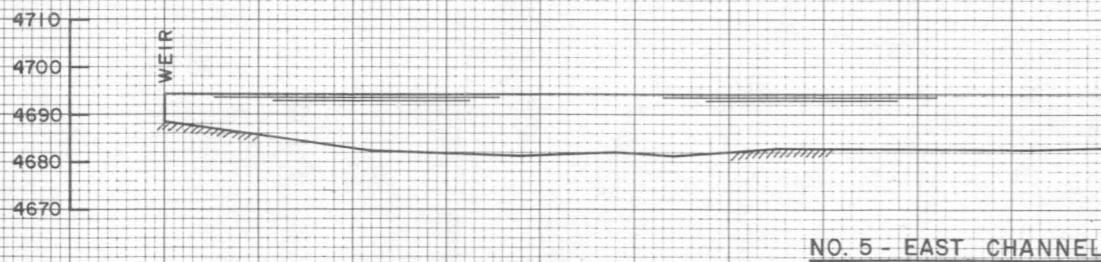
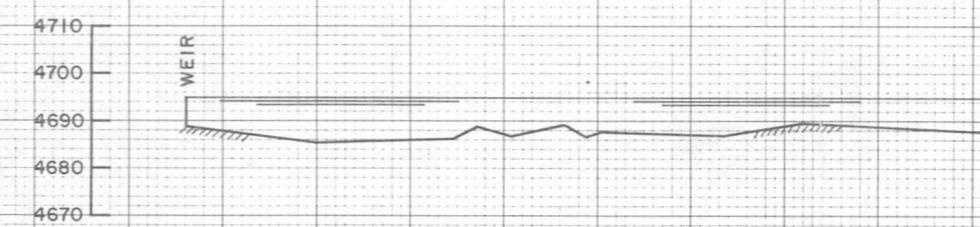
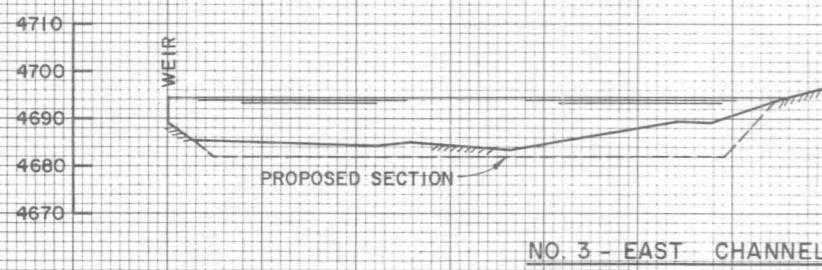
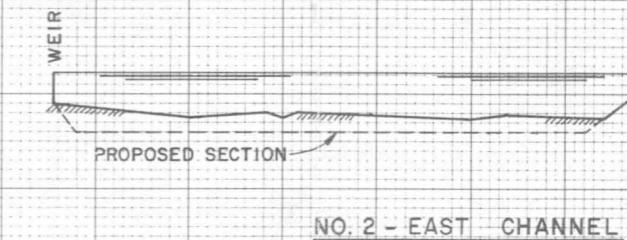
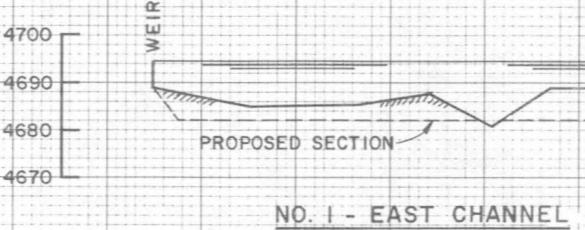
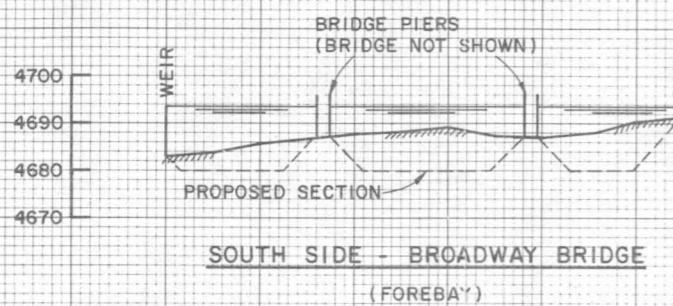
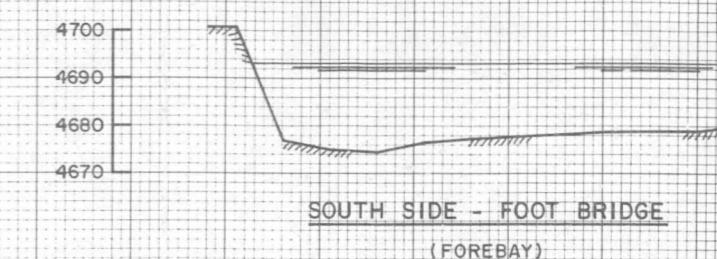
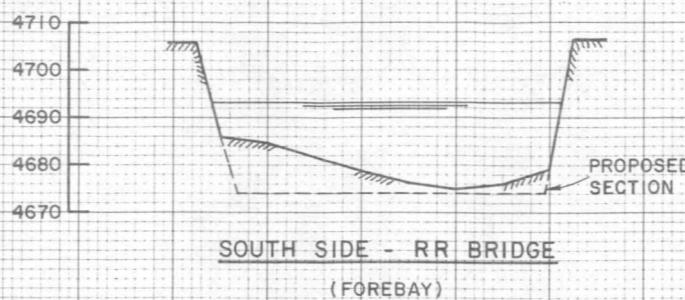
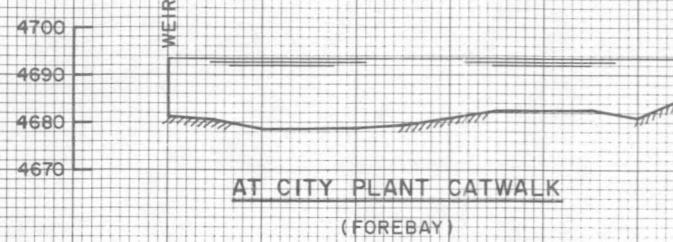
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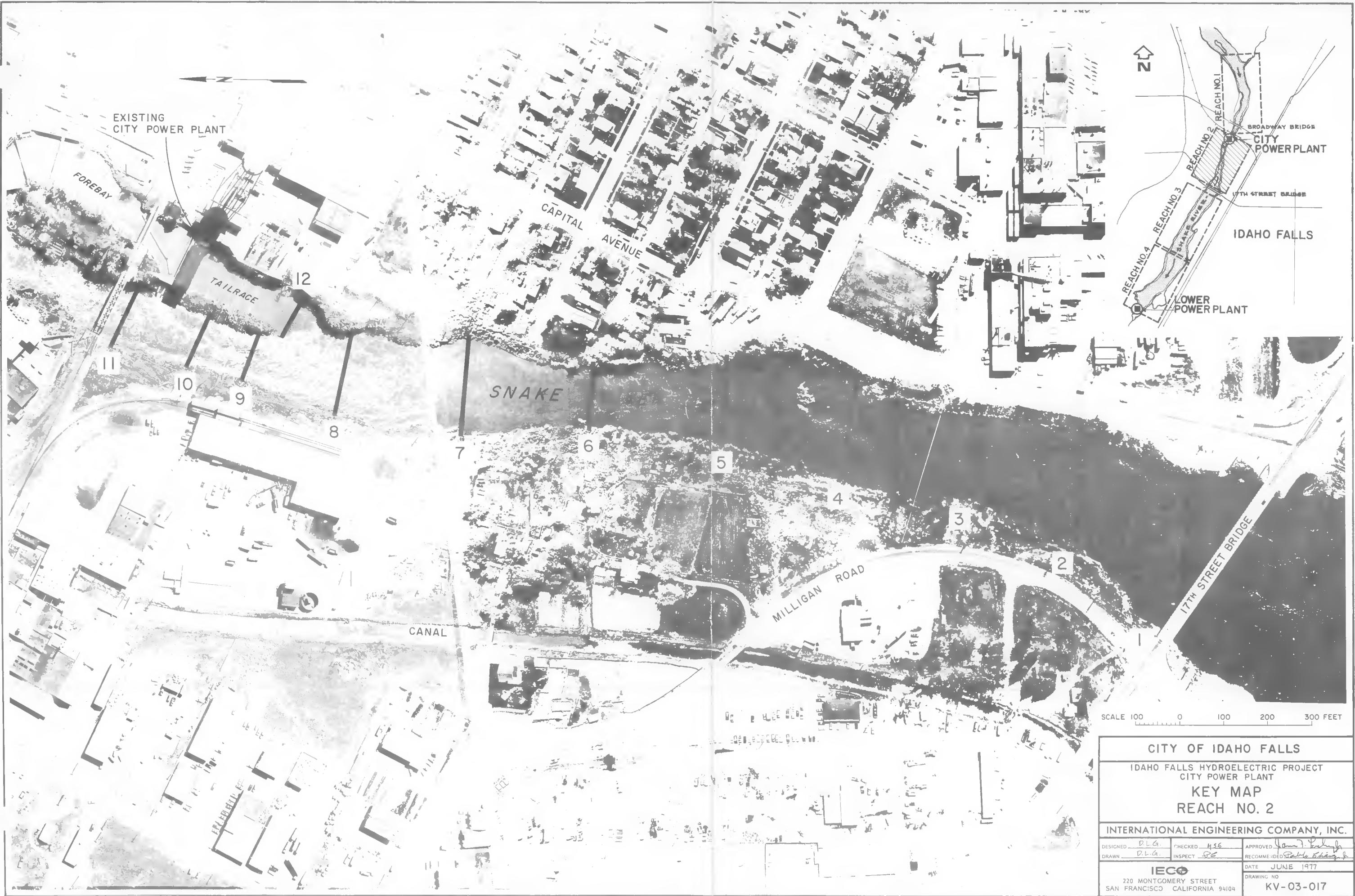


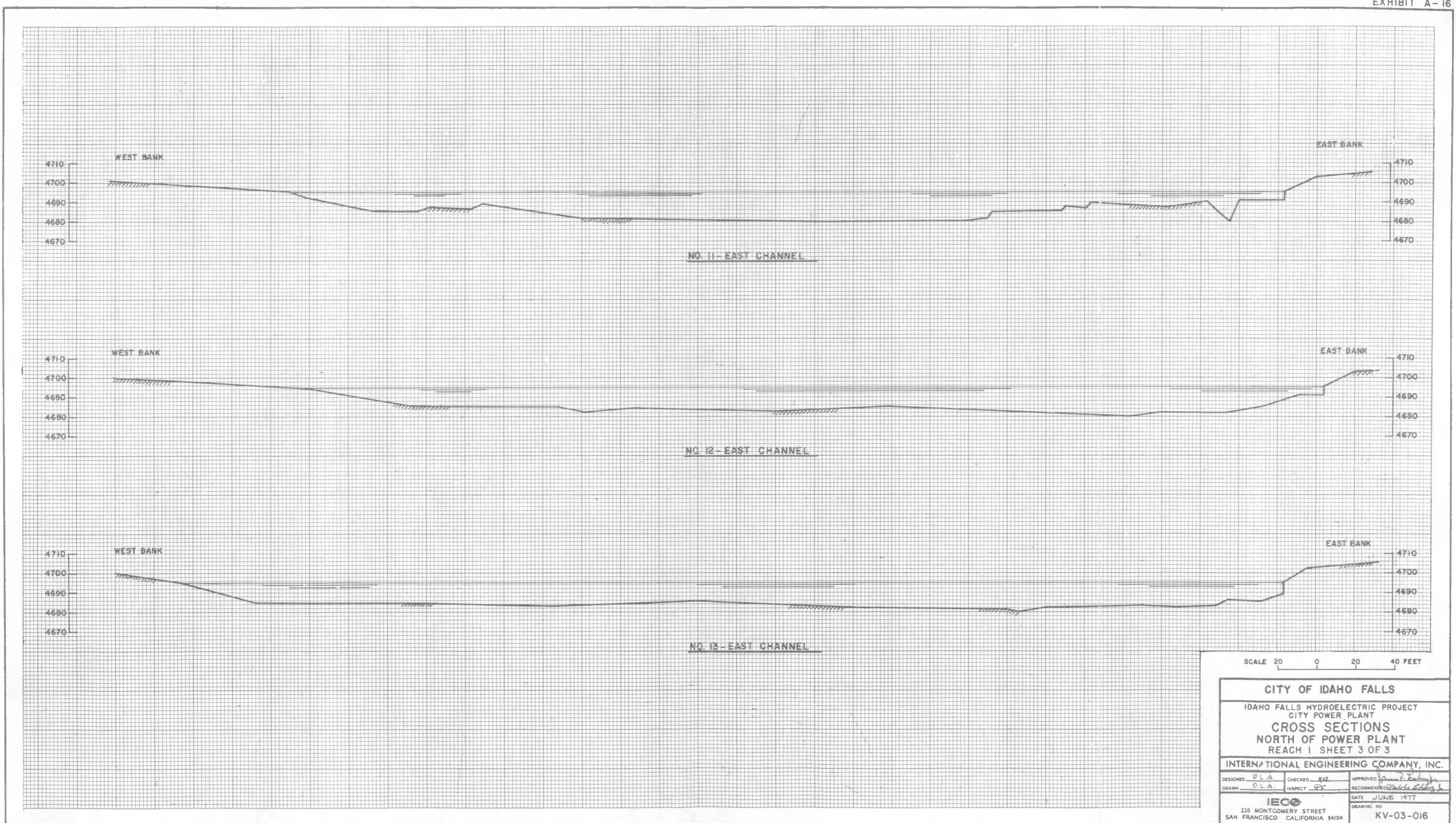
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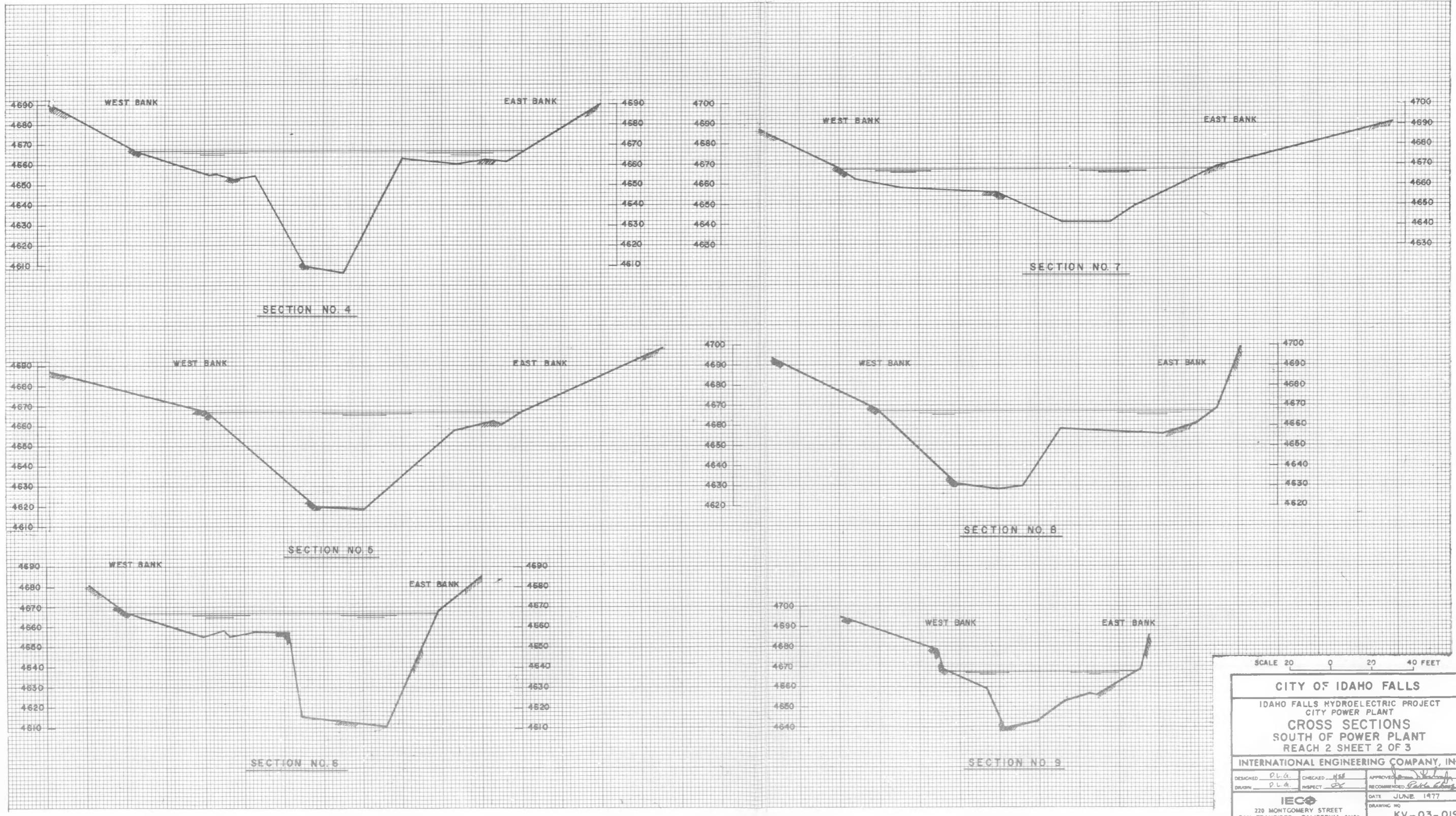
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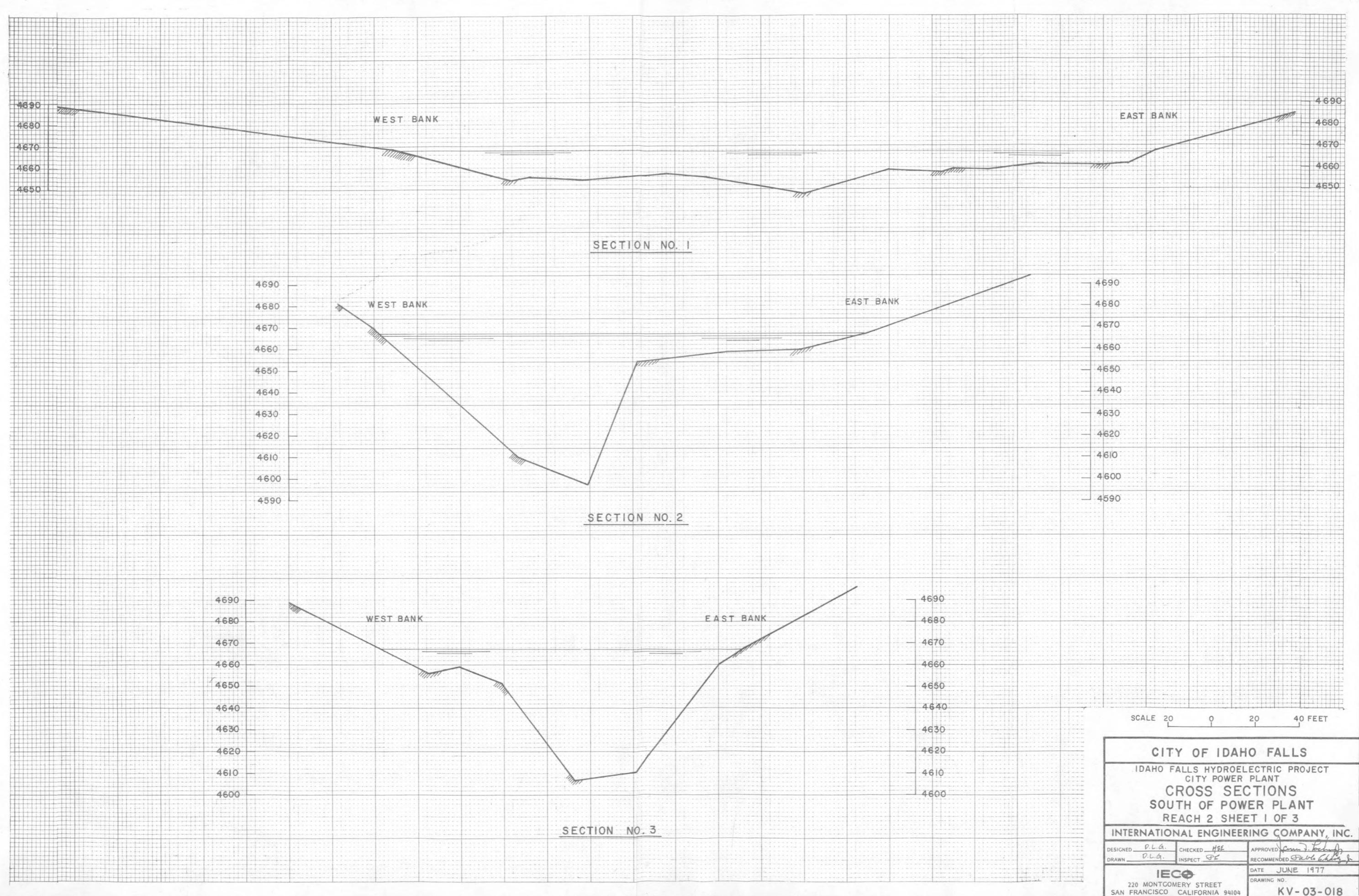
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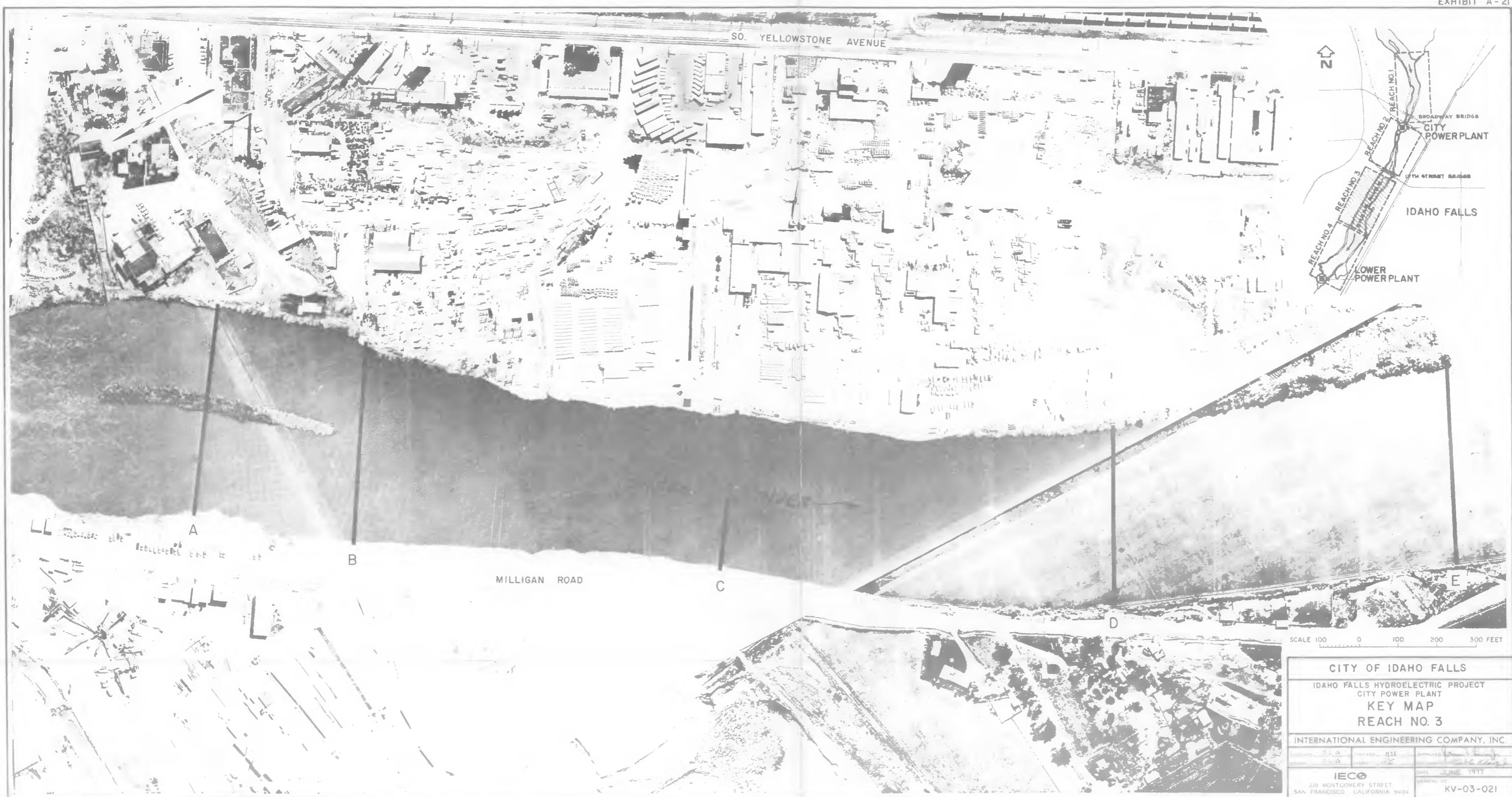
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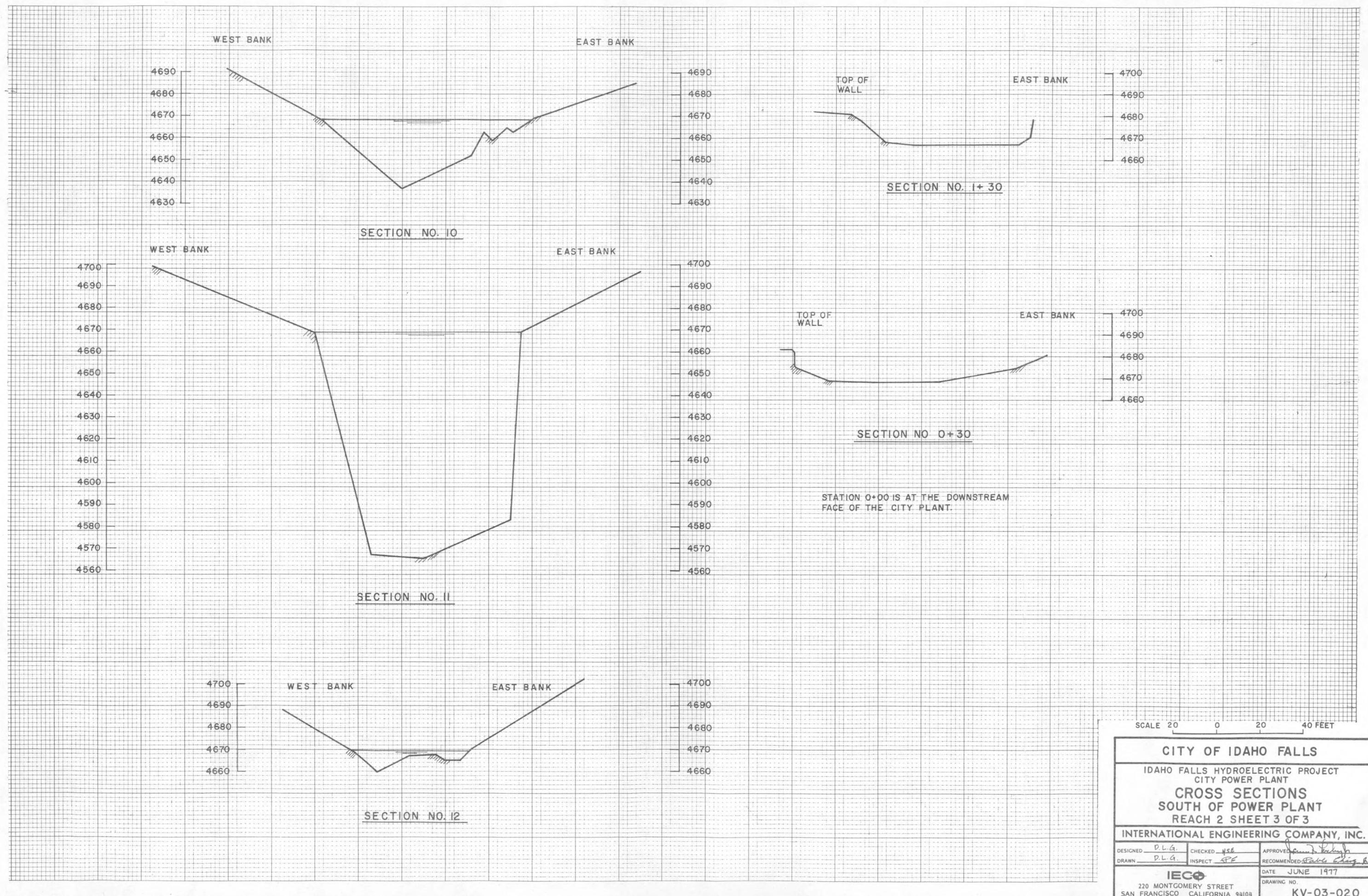


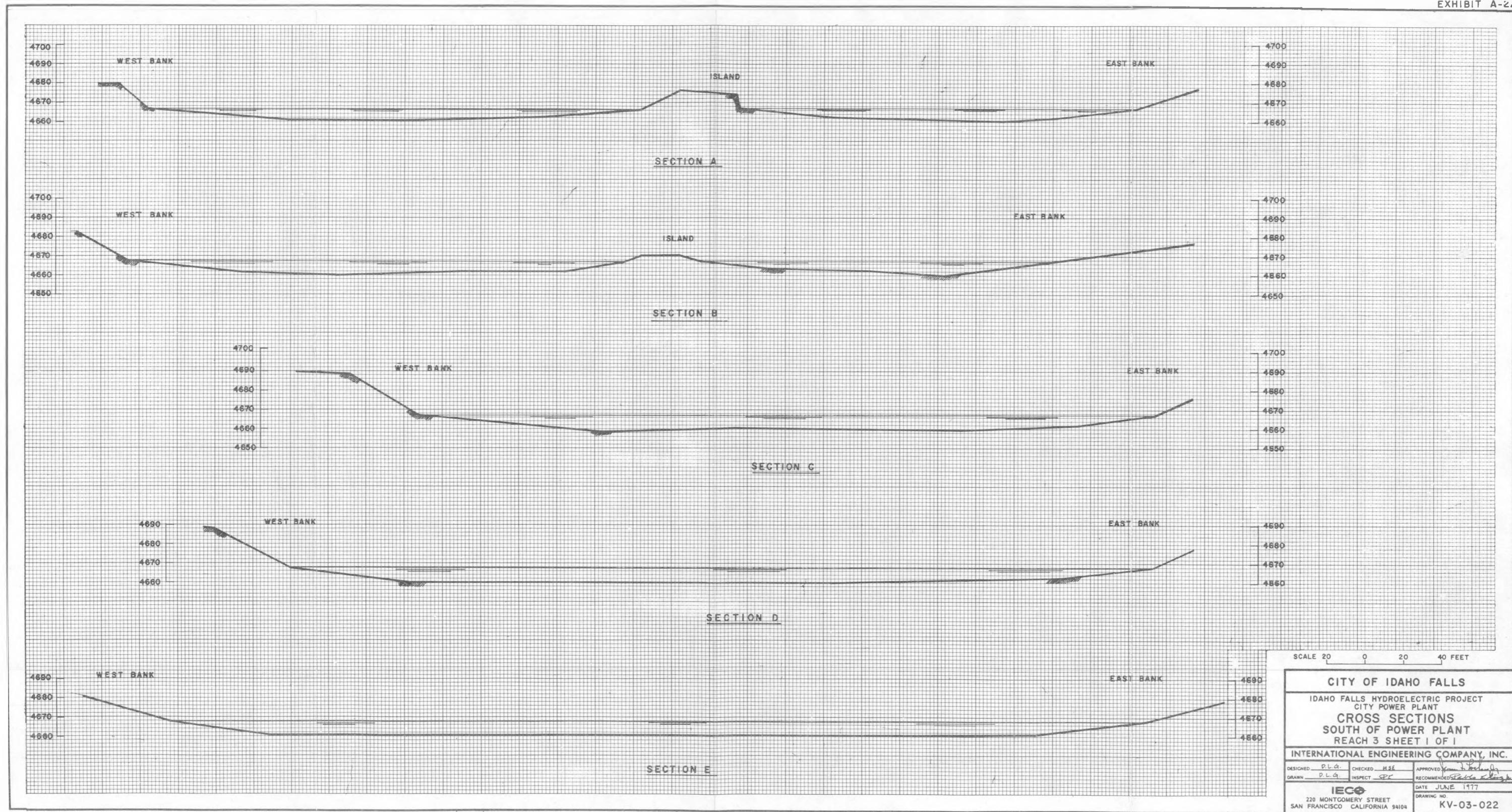


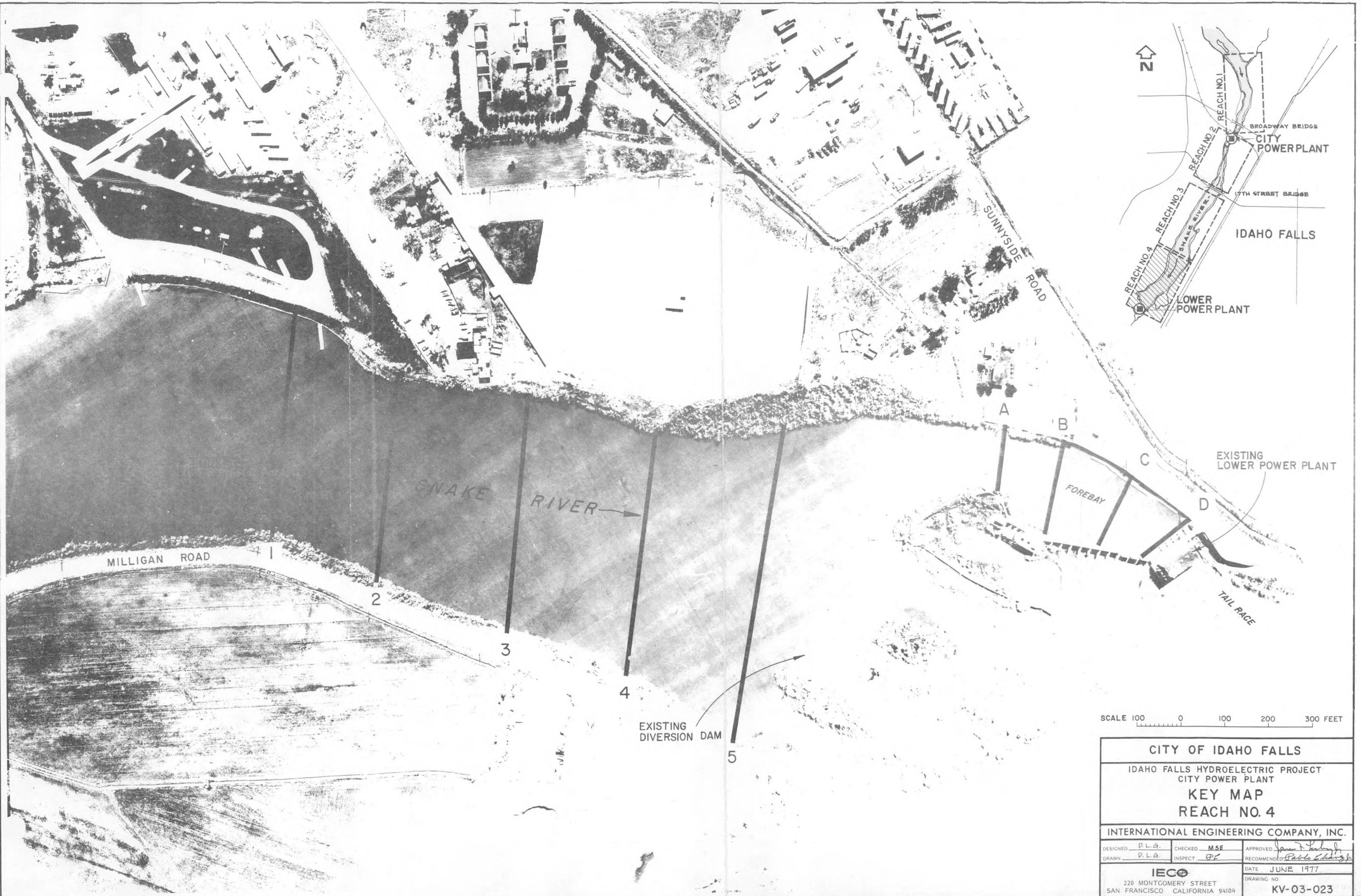


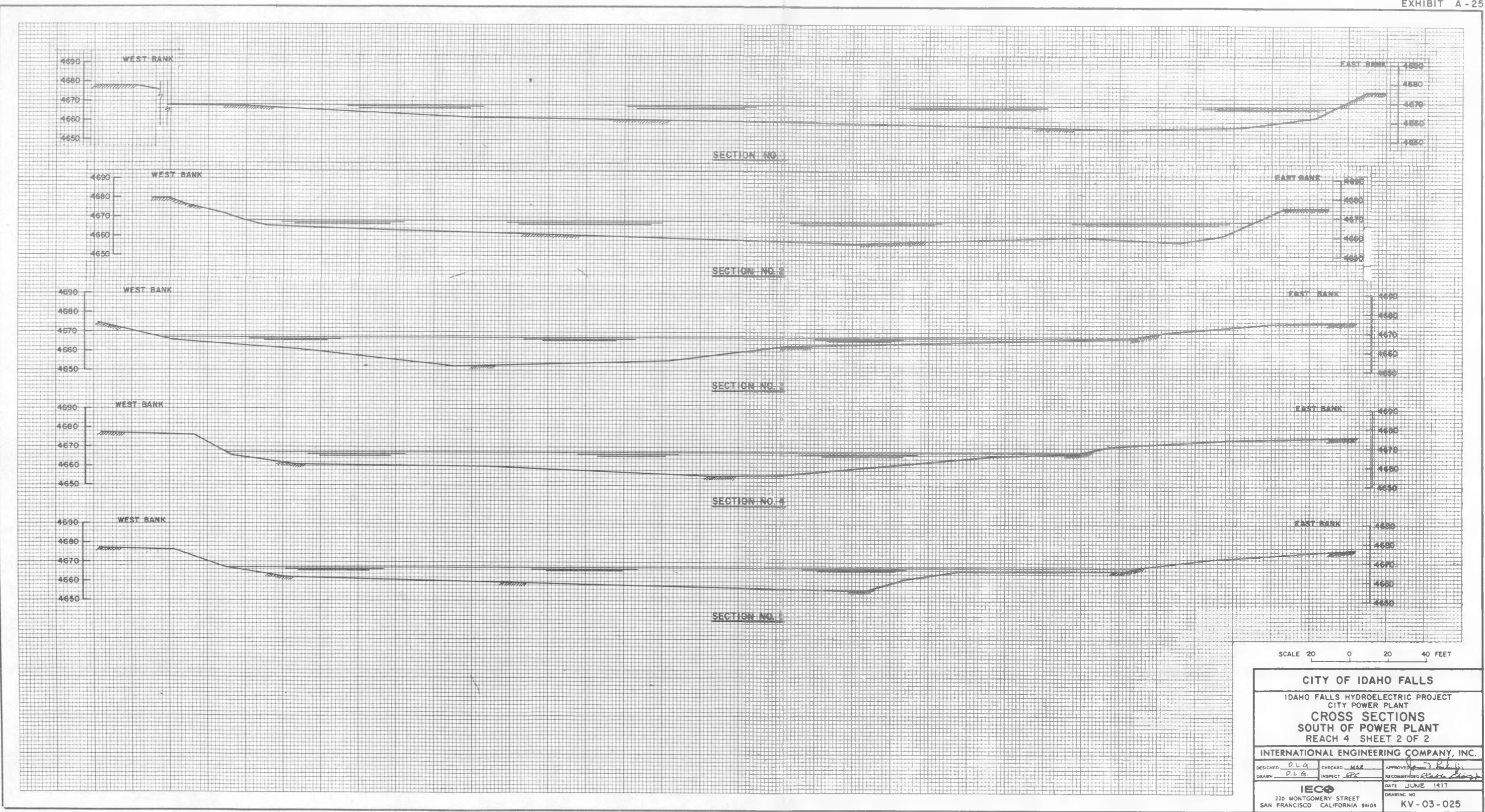


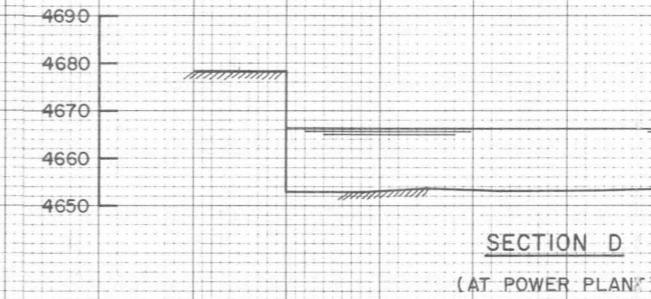
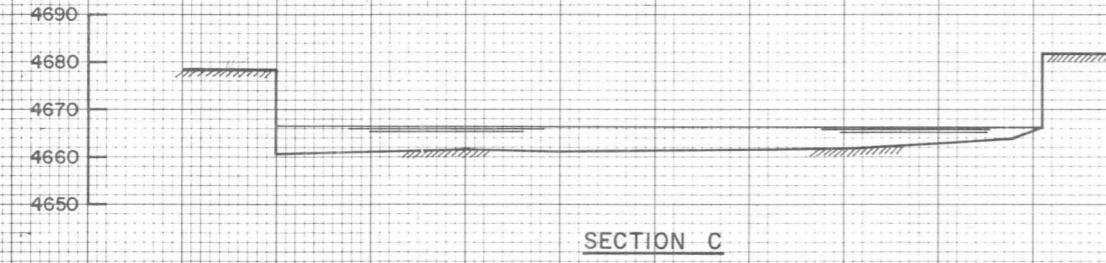
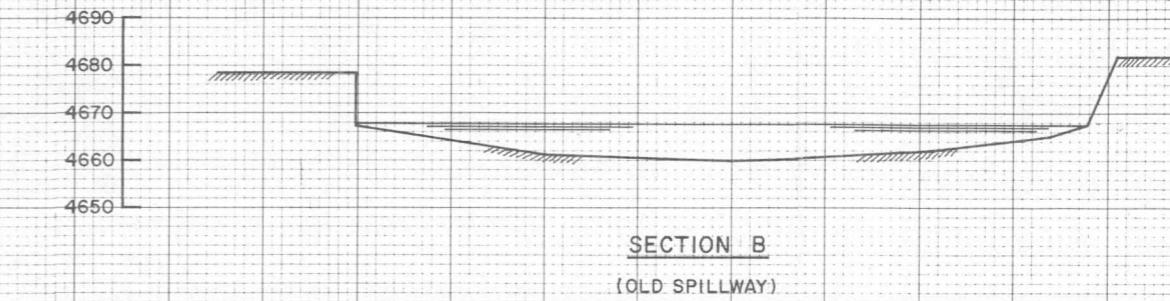
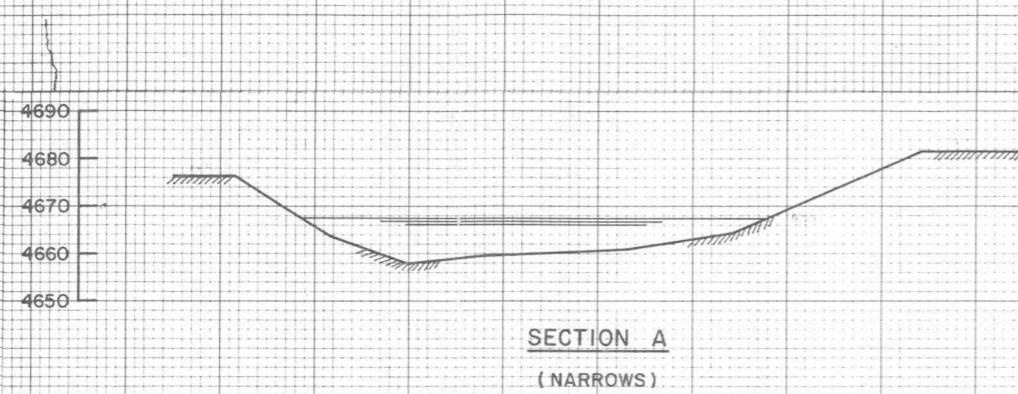












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CITY POWER PLANT

## CROSS SECTIONS

SOUTH OF POWER PLANT

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APPENDIX B  
QUANTITY AND COST ESTIMATES

TABLE B-1  
Sheet 1 of 4

ALTERNATIVE 1 - CITY PLANT  
QUANTITY AND COST ESTIMATE

Item	Unit	Quantity	Unit Cost (\$)	Total Cost (\$)
NEW DIVERSION WEIR, TRASHRACK STRUCTURE, SPILLWAY, AND CHANNEL IMPROVEMENTS				
Mobilization			LS	50,000
Care of the river			LS	100,000
Concrete demolition and removal			LS	34,000
Foundation preparation			LS	15,000
Rock excavation	cu yd	800	12.00	9,600
Unclassified excavation, channel	cu yd	17,000	4.50	76,500
Reinforcement	ton	63	1,000	63,000
Ready-mix concrete	cu yd	8,200	40.00	328,000
Placing concrete, including forming, consolidating and curing				
Trashrack structure				
Mass concrete	cu yd	200	80.00	16,000
Slab decks and piers	cu yd	800	150.00	120,000
Diversion weir	cu yd	7,200	80.00	576,000
Waterstops	lin ft	2,000	8.00	16,000
Channel lining (3-inch shotcrete)	sq yd	8,500	20.00	170,000
Bascule gate, 4-ft x 5-ft	each	1	LS	114,000
Embedded metal	tons	2	2,400	4,800
Trashracks	tons	22	2,000	44,000
Miscellaneous metal	ton	2	5,000	10,000
Raking equipment			LS	80,000
Log boom			LS	16,000
Fencing and gates			LS	2,000
Subtotal				1,844,900
Contingency				276,700
Construction Cost				2,121,600
	Say			2,122,000

TABLE B-1  
Sheet 2 of 4

ALTERNATIVE 1 - CITY PLANT  
QUANTITY AND COST ESTIMATE

Item	Unit	Quantity	Unit Cost (\$)	Total Cost (\$)
<b>NEW POWERHOUSE</b>				
<b><u>Civil Works</u></b>				
Mobilization			LS	50,000
Care of the river			LS	100,000
Concrete demolition and removal	cu yd		LS	100,000
Rock excavation - powerhouse, and tailrace channel	cu yd	9,900	12.00	118,000
Common excavation	cu yd	600	4.00	2,400
Backfill	cu yd	4,300	4.50	19,400
Reinforcement (installed)	ton	400	1,000	400,000
Ready-mix concrete	cu yd	9,200	40.00	368,000
Placing concrete, including forming, consolidating and curing				
Power plant	cu yd	4,450	80.00	356,000
Non-overflow section, spillway	cu yd	3,800	80.00	304,000
Structural	cu yd	820	150.00	123,000
Pre-cast concrete crib walls	cu yd	70	250.00	17,500
Water stops, joint filler, etc. (installed)	lin ft	500	8.00	4,000
Embedded metal for trashracks, intake gates and draft tube bulkheads (installed)	tons	6	2,400	14,400
Trashracks and accessories (installed)	tons	17	2,600	44,200
Intake gates (installed)	tons	26	2,600	67,600
Draft tube bulkheads (installed)	tons	23	2,600	59,800

TABLE B-1  
Sheet 3 of 4ALTERNATIVE 1 - CITY PLANT  
QUANTITY AND COST ESTIMATE

Item	Unit	Quantity	Unit Cost (\$)	Total Cost (\$)
NEW POWERHOUSE (Cont'd.)				
<u>Civil Works</u>				
Miscellaneous metal (installed)	tons	16	5,000	80,000
Bascule gate, 20-ft x 5-ft	each	1	LS	57,000
Log boom			LS	16,000
Control building			LS	180,000
Maintenance shop			LS	50,000
Fencing and gates			LS	2,000
Guardrail	lin ft	650	20.00	13,000
Service road			LS	6,000
Subtotal				2,553,100
Contingency				383,000
Construction Cost (Civil Works)				2,936,100
			Say	2,936,000
<u>Mechanical Works</u>				
City Power Plant generating unit, complete including turbine, governor, etc. (installed)		1	LS	4,202,000
Mechanical auxiliaries, complete (installed), including:				
Dewatering drain piping and pumps			LS	210,000
Cooling water and oil-change piping				
Fans and heaters				
Service and heaters				
Wastewater				
10-Ton mobile crane				
Subtotal				4,412,000
Contingency				662,000
Construction Cost (Mechanical Works)				5,074,000

TABLE B-1  
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ALTERNATIVE 1 - CITY PLANT  
QUANTITY AND COST ESTIMATE

Item	Unit	Quantity	Unit Cost (\$)	Total Cost (\$)
NEW POWERHOUSE (Cont'd.)				
<u>Electrical Works</u>				
Control building equipment	LS		208,000	
Grounding system	LS		7,500	
Lighting system	LS		8,000	
Conduit system and accessories	LS		12,000	
Control switchboard and breaker	LS		85,000	
Control panel (dc) and batteries	LS		12,000	
Transportation for control switchboard, breaker, panel and batteries	LS		11,000	
Switchgear (ac) (installed)	LS		29,500	
Testing and inspection	LS		18,000	
15 kV Cable bus and surge protection equipment	LS		30,000	
Disconnect and ground switch	LS		2,500	
Subtotal			423,500	
Contingency			84,500	
Construction Cost (Electrical Works)			508,000	
Construction Cost (New Powerhouse)			8,518,000	
TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COST				
New diversion weir, trashrack structure, spillway, and channel improvements			2,122,000	
New powerhouse			8,518,000	
Subtotal			10,640,000	
Less salvage allowance for existing units			15,000	
TOTAL			10,625,000	

TABLE B-2  
Sheet 1 of 3

ALTERNATIVE 2 - CITY PLANT  
QUANTITY AND COST ESTIMATE

<u>Item</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Unit Cost (\$)</u>	<u>Total Cost (\$)</u>
<b>NEW POWERHOUSE</b>				
<b><u>Civil Works</u></b>				
Mobilization			LS	50,000
Care of the river			LS	100,000
Concrete demolition and removal	cu yd		LS	100,000
Rock excavation - powerhouse, and tailrace channel	cu yd	5,700	12.00	68,400
Common excavation	cu yd	600	4.00	2,400
Backfill	cu yd	4,300	4.50	19,400
Reinforcement (installed)	ton	370	1,000	370,000
Ready-mix concrete	cu yd	8,300	40.00	332,000
Placing concrete, including forming, consolidating and curing				
Power plant	cu yd	4,500	80.00	360,000
Non-Overflow section and spillway	cu yd	2,600	80.00	208,000
Structural concrete	cu yd	1,000	150.00	150,000
Precast concrete crib walls	cu yd	70	250.00	17,000
Water stops, joint filler, etc. (installed)	lin ft	625	8.00	5,000
Embedded metal for trashracks, intake gates and draft tube bulkheads (installed)	tons	7	2,400	16,800
Trashracks and accessories (installed)	tons	16	2,600	41,600
Intake gates (installed)	tons	24	2,600	62,400
Draft tube bulkheads (installed)	tons	16	2,600	41,600

TABLE B-2  
Sheet 2 of 3

ALTERNATIVE 2 - CITY PLANT  
QUANTITY AND COST ESTIMATE

<u>Item</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Unit Cost (\$)</u>	<u>Total Cost (\$)</u>
<b>NEW POWERHOUSE (Cont'd.)</b>				
<b><u>Civil Works (Cont'd.)</u></b>				
Miscellaneous metal (installed)	tons	15	5,000	75,000
Bascule gate, 20-ft X 5-ft		1	LS	57,000
Log boom			LS	16,000
Control building			LS	180,000
Maintenance shop			LS	50,000
Fencing and gates			LS	2,000
Guardrail	lin ft	700	20	14,000
Service Road			LS	6,000
<b>Subtotal</b>				<b>2,344,600</b>
<b>Contingency</b>				<b>351,700</b>
<b>Construction Cost (Civil Works)</b>				<b>2,696,300</b>
			<b>Say</b>	<b>2,696,000</b>
<b><u>Mechanical Works</u></b>				
City Power Plant generating units complete, including turbines governors, etc. (installed)		2	LS	5,101,000
Mechanical auxiliaries, complete (installed), including:			LS	212,000
Dewatering drain piping and pumps				
Cooling water and oil-change piping				
Fans and heaters				
Service and potable water				
Wastewater				
10-Ton mobile crane				
<b>Subtotal</b>				<b>5,313,000</b>
<b>Contingency</b>				<b>797,000</b>
<b>Construction Cost (Mechanical Works)</b>				<b>6,110,000</b>

TABLE B-2  
Sheet 3 of 3

ALTERNATIVE 2 - CITY PLANT  
QUANTITY AND COST ESTIMATE

<u>Item</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Unit Cost (\$)</u>	<u>Total Cost (\$)</u>
NEW POWERHOUSE (Cont'd.)				
<u>Electrical Works</u>				
Control building equipment	LS		209,000	
Grounding system	LS		9,000	
Lighting system	LS		9,500	
Conduit system and accessories	LS		12,750	
Control switchboard and breaker	LS		98,000	
Control panel (dc) and batteries	LS		15,000	
Transportation for control switchboard, breaker, panel and batteries	LS		10,000	
Switchgear (ac) (installed)	LS		23,500	
Testing and inspection	LS		29,000	
Disconnect and ground switch	LS		2,500	
Subtotal			418,250	
Contingency			83,750	
Construction Cost (Electrical Works)			502,000	
Construction Cost (Powerhouse)			9,308,000	
TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COST				
New diversion weir, trashrack structure, spillway, and channel improvements (see Table B-1, Sheet 1)	---		2,122,000	
New powerhouse			9,308,000	
Subtotal			11,430,000	
Less salvage allowance for existing units			15,000	
TOTAL			11,415,000	

TABLE B-3  
Sheet 1 of 4

ALTERNATIVE 3 - CITY PLANT  
QUANTITY AND COST ESTIMATE

Item	Unit	Quantity	Unit Cost (\$)	Total Cost (\$)
<b>NEW DIVERSION WEIR, SPILLWAY, AND CHANNEL IMPROVEMENTS</b>				
Mobilization			LS	50,000
Care of the river			LS	100,000
Concrete demolition and removal			LS	34,000
Foundation preparation			LS	15,000
Rock excavation	cu yd	800	12.00	9,600
Unclassified excavation, channel	cu yd	17,000	4.50	76,500
Reinforcement	ton	87	1,000	87,000
Ready-mix concrete	cu yd	8,500	40.00	340,000
Placing concrete, including forming, consolidating and curing				
Intake structure, mass concrete	cu yd	200	80.00	16,000
Decks and piers	cu yd	1,100	150.00	165,000
Diversion weir	cu yd	7,200	80.00	576,000
Stoplogs			LS	5,000
Waterstops	lin ft	2,000	8.00	16,000
Channel lining (3-inch shotcrete)	sq yd	8,500	20.00	170,000
Bascule gate, 4-ft x 5-ft	each	1	LS	114,000
Embedded metal	tons	8	2,400	19,200
Trashracks	tons	22	2,000	44,000
Miscellaneous metal	ton	3	5,000	15,000
Butterfly valves, 3-ft x 6-ft	each	14	18,000	252,000
Raking equipment			LS	80,000
Log boom			LS	16,000
Fencing and gates			LS	2,000
<b>Subtotal</b>				<b>2,202,300</b>
Contingency				330,000
<b>Construction Cost</b>				<b>2,532,000</b>

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ALTERNATIVE 3 - CITY PLANT  
QUANTITY AND COST ESTIMATE

<u>Item</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Unit Cost (\$)</u>	<u>Total Cost (\$)</u>
<b>NEW POWERHOUSE</b>				
<b><u>Civil Works</u></b>				
Mobilization			LS	50,000
Care of the river			LS	100,000
Concrete demolition and removal	cu yd		LS	100,000
Rock excavation - powerhouse, and tailrace channel	cu yd	20,700	12.00	248,400
Common excavation	cu yd	1,000	4.00	4,000
Backfill	cu yd	4,500	4.50	20,200
Reinforcement (installed)	ton	540	1,000	540,000
Ready-mix concrete	cu yd	10,100	40.00	404,000
Placing concrete, including forming, consolidating and curing				
Power plant	cu yd	4,600	80.00	368,000
Overflow weir and gate spillway	cu yd	3,000	80.00	240,000
Structural concrete	cu yd	2,500	150.00	375,000
Water stops, joint filler, etc. (installed)	lin ft	600	8.00	4,800
Embedded metal for trashracks, intake gates and draft tube bulkheads and hatch covers (installed)	tons	6	2,400	14,400
Trashracks and accessories (installed)	tons	17	2,600	44,200
Intake gates (installed)	tons	26	2,600	67,600
Draft tube bulkheads (installed)	tons	23	2,600	59,800

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ALTERNATIVE 3 - CITY PLANT  
QUANTITY AND COST ESTIMATE

Item	Unit	Quantity	Unit Cost (\$)	Total Cost (\$)
NEW POWERHOUSE (Cont'd.)				
<u>Civil Works (Cont'd.)</u>				
Miscellaneous metal (installed)	tons	18	5,000	90,000
Bascule gate		1	LS	57,000
Log boom			LS	16,000
Control building			LS	180,000
Maintenance shop			LS	50,000
Fencing and gates			LS	2,000
Guardrail	lin ft	400	20	8,000
Service road			LS	6,000
Subtotal				3,049,400
Contingency				457,400
Construction Cost (Civil Works)				3,506,800
			Say	3,507,000
<u>Mechanical Works</u>				
City Power Plant generating unit, complete, including turbine, governor, etc. (installed)		1	LS	4,202,000
Mechanical auxiliaries, complete (installed), including:			LS	210,000
Dewatering drain piping and pumps				
Cooling water and oil-change piping				
Fans and heaters				
Service and potable water				
Wastewater				
10-Ton mobile crane				
Subtotal				4,412,000
Contingency				662,000
Construction Cost (Mechanical Works)				5,074,000

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ALTERNATIVE 3 - CITY PLANT  
QUANTITY AND COST ESTIMATE

Item	Unit	Quantity	Unit Cost (\$)	Total Cost (\$)
NEW POWERHOUSE (Cont'd.)				
<u>Electrical Works</u>				
Control building equipment	LS		208,000	
Grounding system	LS		7,500	
Lighting system	LS		8,000	
Conduit system and accessories	LS		12,000	
Control switchboard and breaker	LS		85,000	
Control panel (dc) and batteries)	LS		12,000	
Transportation for control switch- board, breaker, panel and batteries	LS		11,000	
Switchgear (ac) (installed)	LS		29,500	
Testing and inspection	LS		18,000	
15 kV Cable bus and surge protection equipment			30,000	
Disconnect and ground switch			2,500	
Subtotal			423,500	
Contingency			84,500	
Construction Cost (Electrical Works)			508,000	
Construction Cost (Powerhouse)			9,089,000	
TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COST				
New diversion weir, intake, channel improvements			2,532,000	
New powerhouse			9,089,000	
Subtotal			11,621,000	
Less salvage allowance for existing units			15,000	
TOTAL			11,606,000	

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ALTERNATIVE 4 - CITY PLANT  
QUANTITY AND COST ESTIMATE

Item	Unit	Quantity	Unit Cost (\$)	Total Cost (\$)
<b>NEW POWERHOUSE</b>				
<b><u>Civil Works</u></b>				
Mobilization			LS	50,000
Care of the river			LS	100,000
Concrete demolition and removal	cu yd		LS	100,000
Rock excavation - powerhouse, and tailrace channel	cu yd	21,000	12.00	252,000
Common excavation	cu yd	1,000	4.00	4,000
Backfill	cu yd	4,300	4.50	19,400
Reinforcement (installed)	ton	891	1,000	891,000
Ready-mix concrete	cu yd	13,400	40.00	536,000
Placing concrete, including forming, consolidating and curing				
Power plant	cu yd	10,500	80.00	840,000
Overflow weir and gate spillway	cu yd	700	80.00	56,000
Structural concrete	cu yd	2,200	150.00	330,000
Water stops, joint filler, etc. (installed)	lin ft	600	8.00	4,800
Embedded metal for trashracks, intake gates and draft tube bulkheads (installed)	tons	7	2,400	16,800
Trashracks and accessories (installed)	tons	19	2,600	49,400
Intake gates (installed)	tons	42	2,600	109,200
Draft tube bulkheads (installed)	tons	25	2,600	65,000

TABLE B-4  
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ALTERNATIVE 4 - CITY PLANT  
QUANTITY AND COST ESTIMATE

Item	Unit	Quantity	Unit Cost (\$)	Total Cost (\$)
NEW POWERHOUSE (Cont'd.)				
<u>Civil Works (Cont'd.)</u>				
Miscellaneous metal (installed)	tons	18	5,000	90,000
Bascule gate, 20-ft x 5-ft		1	LS	57,000
Log boom			LS	16,000
Control building			LS	180,000
Maintenance shop			LS	50,000
Fencing and gates			LS	2,000
Guardrail	lin ft	400	20	8,000
Service road			LS	6,000
Subtotal				3,832,600
Contingency				574,900
Construction Cost (Civil Works)				4,407,500
			Say	4,408,000
<u>Mechanical Works</u>				
City Power Plant generating unit, (vertical plan) complete, including turbine, governor, etc. (installed)		1	LS	4,622,000
Mechanical auxiliaries, complete (installed), including:			LS	265,000
Dewatering drain piping and pumps				
Cooling water and oil-change piping				
Fans and heaters				
Service and potable water				
Wastewater				
15-Ton mobile crane				
Subtotal				4,887,000
Contingency				733,000
Construction Cost (Mechanical Works)				5,620,000

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ALTERNATIVE 4 - CITY PLANT  
QUANTITY AND COST ESTIMATE

<u>Item</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Unit Cost (\$)</u>	<u>Total Cost (\$)</u>
NEW POWERHOUSE (Cont'd.)				
<u>Electrical Works</u>				
Control building equipment	LS		208,000	
Grounding system	LS		9,000	
Lighting system	LS		9,500	
Conduit system and accessories	LS		13,000	
Control switchboard and breaker	LS		85,000	
Control panel (dc) and batteries)	LS		12,000	
Transportation for control switch- board, breaker, panel and batteries	LS		11,000	
Switchgear (ac) (installed)	LS		29,500	
Testing and inspection	LS		18,000	
15 kV Cable bus and surge protection equipment			30,000	
Disconnect and ground switch			2,500	
<u>Subtotal</u>			427,500	
Contingency			85,500	
<u>Construction Cost (Electrical Works)</u>			513,000	
<u>Construction Cost (Powerhouse)</u>			10,541,000	
TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COST				
New diversion weir, trashrack structure, spillway, and channel improvements (see Table B-1, Sheet 1)			2,122,000	
New powerhouse			10,541,000	
<u>Subtotal</u>			12,663,000	
Less salvage allowance for existing units			15,000	
<u>TOTAL</u>			12,648,000	

APPENDIX C  
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This appendix covers the hydrologic investigations and power studies made for the Idaho Falls City Power Plant. It briefly discusses the drainage basin of the Upper Snake River, above the City of Idaho Falls; the streamflow data obtained for use in this study; flood flows and flood frequencies; tailwater and backwater studies; and the power studies made to size the hydroelectric facilities for the City Power Plant. The streamflow data, flood flows, and flood frequencies presented in this report are the same as those presented in an earlier IECO report, Idaho Falls Hydroelectric Project, January 1977, but are repeated herein for convenience.

C.1 UPPER SNAKE RIVER BASIN

The drainage area of the Upper Snake River at the City of Idaho Falls is about 9800 square miles. The headwaters of the Snake River originate in Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming, where the elevation of peaks of the Teton Range and the Continental Divide exceeds 9500 feet. From its source, the Snake River flows southward through the Jackson Hole area of western Wyoming and then turns northwestward into Idaho. Upon entering Idaho, it travels through the wide Snake River Valley and turns southwestward toward Idaho Falls. Near Idaho Falls it is joined by Henry's Fork, Falls River, and Teton River from the north and Willow Creek from the south.

The principal source of streamflow in this drainage basin is snowmelt from deep snow accumulations in the mountainous headwater region. Most of the snowmelt occurs during April, May, and June. Other sources of streamflow include light snowfall at lower elevations in the winter and light rainfall (including occasional thundershowers) at all elevations in the summer.

The normal annual precipitation ranges from 60 inches over the Teton Mountains and the Continental Divide to less than 10 inches at the valley floor of the Snake River plain.

The largest use of water is for irrigation and hydroelectric power generation. Irrigation of valley land started about 100 years ago, and the valley is presently extensively cultivated. Major lakes and reservoirs upstream from Idaho Falls are: Shoshone Lake, Lewis Lake, Jackson Lake, and Palisades Reservoir on the Snake River; Henry's Lake and Island Park Reservoir on Henry's Fork; and Gray's Lake on Willow Creek.

## C.2 BASIC DATA

Streamflow records are available for the numerous stream-gaging stations in the large drainage basin above Idaho Falls. Records of irrigation diversions, reservoir storage volumes, streamflows, and flood peaks are all published in U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) "Water Supply Papers". In recent years such data have also been published in yearly books on "Water Resources Data for Idaho" by the USGS, in cooperation with the State of Idaho and other State and local agencies. The following hydrologic data were obtained and used in the studies described herein:

- Monthly streamflow data for the Snake River near Idaho Falls for water years 1928 through 1972, adjusted to both present flow conditions and flow conditions of the Recommended State Water Plan. These two sets of 45-year flow records, which were obtained from the Idaho Department of Water Resources, reflect two levels of irrigation usage and upstream reservoir regulation. The present flow conditions represent the 1975 level of upstream development, whereas the Recommended State Water Plan flow conditions represent the projected level of upstream development and water usage for the year 2020 (see Tables C-1 and C-2).

- Flood data for the Snake River near the Shelley stream-gaging station (drainage area = 9790 square miles) were obtained from the USGS. These data include annual flood peaks and recorded gage heights for each year from water year 1915 through water year 1975. They also include annual peaks (among the highest on record) for water years 1890, 1892, 1893, and 1894. The Shelley gage is located a short distance downstream from Idaho Falls. The flood data recorded at the Shelley gage are considered representative of flood flows at all three Idaho Falls power plant sites, since flood flow contributions on the Snake River between Idaho Falls and the Shelley recording gage are small. The annual flood peaks, corresponding gage heights, and dates, as compiled by the USGS, are shown on Table C-3.

### C.3 DESIGN FLOOD

Using the flood peaks recorded at the Shelley gage, the USGS made flood frequency analyses, using a Log-Pearson Type III Distribution analysis. The USGS computer calculations are summarized in Table C-4. IECO then used the data in Table C-4 to prepare a flood frequency curve (see Figure C-1).

Discussions with personnel of the Idaho Falls Electric Division led to the selection of a peak discharge of 75,000 CFS for the spillway design flood. Although assigning a flood frequency beyond 100 years is at best an estimate, this frequency corresponds to a flood recurrence interval of approximately once in 650 years, or a probability of occurrence of 0.154% according to the USGS calculations using the Log-Pearson Type III Distribution analysis to extend the frequency curve at extremely low recurrence intervals. The selected peak discharge of 75,000 CFS was used as the basis for design of the spillway gates and selection of weir crest elevations for the City Plant. This peak discharge represents a conservative estimate of the flood potential, considering the type of structures to be

installed, the run-of-river type of power plant, and the enormous flood control storage capability available at upstream lakes, and especially at Palisades Reservoir.

#### C.4 BACKWATER AND TAILWATER STUDIES

Representative river cross sections were made available to IECO by the Idaho Falls Electric Division for use in backwater and tailwater computations. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Hydrologic Engineering Center Computer Program 22-J2-L121, "Backwater - Any Cross Section," was used in making these computations. The river cross sections are presented in Appendix A (Exhibits A-14 through A-25).

##### A. Backwater Studies

Backwater studies were performed for the reach of the Snake River upstream of the City Power Plant to set the crest elevations of the diversion weir and the Bascule gate and to determine the channel depths necessary to ensure that adequate flows will be diverted into the forebay channel for power generation at the City Plant.

The weir and Bascule gate crest elevations and the depth of the forebay channel were determined so that, when total river flows are less than 5200 CFS, the entire amount will be diverted into the forebay channel for power generation. During high or flood flow stages, the weir will discharge the major portion of the flows to prevent damage to the power facilities. The results of these studies indicate that the crest of the diversion weir should be at El. 4694.7 and the operating level of the Bascule gate should be at the same elevation.

##### B. Tailwater Rating Curve

A tailwater rating curve was derived for the City Plant for use in determining tailrace elevations, drafttube settings, and the hydraulic head

available for power generation. This curve, shown on Figure C-2, was derived from backwater computations using a range of flows between 1000 CFS and 75,000 CFS (design flood discharge). Representative river cross sections for the entire river reach between the City Power Plant and the Lower Power Plant were used in the study. The operating headwater levels at the Lower Power Plant cause backwater effects at the tailrace section of the City Plant during low and average river flow conditions.

### C.5 POWER STUDIES

Power studies were performed using both sets of flow records (presented in Tables C-1 and C-2) under two plans of operation, described below. For each set of flow records, flow-duration curves, tailwater-duration curves, and energy curves showing the output for a range of possible installed capacities were prepared for study. The purpose of the studies was to select the preliminary installed capacity and to estimate the corresponding average annual energy over the 45-year period of streamflow records available.

#### A. Plant Operation

The two plans of operation were developed to compare the amount of energy that can be generated by operating the plant to use the full run-of-river flows with the amount of energy that can be generated if flows through the plant are reduced during the dry season to maintain a minimum flow over the falls. These plans of operation are outlined below:

- Plan A - The power plant utilizes the run-of-river flows of the Snake River. Flows over the falls occur only when river flows exceed 5200 CFS.
- Plan B - The power plant utilizes the run-of-river flows, except during the dry season, when flows through the power plant are reduced to maintain a minimum flow of 850 CFS over the falls. This re-

duction is not applied during December, January, and February, when the river surface and the falls are normally frozen and the entire flow is assumed to be available for power generation.

B. Flow-Duration Curves

Flow-duration curves (Figures C-3 and C-4) were computed for the City Power Plant site for both sets of flow records for use in power studies under Plan A operation. These curves show the percent of time different discharges were equaled or exceeded over the 45-year period of streamflow records available. Similar flow-duration curves (Figures C-8 and C-9) were prepared from the monthly flow data to determine the inflow at the City Power Plant for power studies under Plan B operation.

C. Tailwater-Duration Curves

Tailwater-duration curves (Figure C-5) were computed for the City Power Plant site for both sets of flow records. For each flow condition the curve was developed by equating the appropriate flow-duration curve (Figure C-3 or C-4) with the tailwater rating curve (Figure C-2). From the tailwater-duration curves the average tailwater elevations were obtained. The average head was then determined using the computed average tailwater elevation and the normal operating pool elevation.

D. Average Annual Energy

The following assumptions were made in estimating average annual energy generation:

- The plant will operate as a run-of-river plant and will utilize water only as it comes to it from upstream lakes and reservoirs.
- The plant will operate continuously to carry a portion of the baseload.

- Discharge above the turbine design discharge will not increase the output over the unit rating.
- The overall efficiency is 89% for the bulb unit and 88% for the Kaplan unit.

The energy calculations are based on average net head (determined from the tailwater-duration curves) and on average flows utilized by the unit (determined from flow-duration curves). Figures C-6 and C-7 summarize the results of the energy calculations using the two sets of river flows under Plan A operation for various possible installed capacities. Figures C-10 and C-11 summarize the results of the energy calculations under Plan B operation for various possible installed capacities.

#### E. Installed Capacity

Preliminary estimates of energy generation for the various possible installed capacities indicate that for maximum benefits the installed capacity should be in the range of 6500 to 8300 kW. Bulb turbine-generator installations of one 7200-kW unit and two 4000-kW units were investigated and evaluated on the basis of both cost and average annual energy generated. For comparison with the bulb units, a 7200-kW conventional Kaplan turbine scheme was also studied. Four alternative powerhouse layouts to suit these generating schemes were prepared and are presented in Appendix A. These alternatives are described and evaluated in Chapter 4. The results show that the 7200-kW bulb turbine-generator installation is the appropriate selection, based on greater benefits.

A bulb unit with a rated capacity of 7200 kW will have an overall efficiency of 89% under a net head of 18.3 feet at a design discharge of 5200 CFS. This size of unit will utilize flows between 5400 CFS and 1500 CFS. At flows above 5400 CFS, the unit output will not increase above the full rating, and at flows below about 1500 CFS, the unit will not be able to generate energy. From the flow-duration curves presented on Figures C-3, C-4, C-7, and C-8, the percent of time the turbine design flow and the

minimum flow utilized by the unit would be equaled or exceeded was determined, as tabulated below. The average flow utilized by the unit (equivalent to 100% of the time) is 4440 CFS for Plan A and 4040 CFS for Plan B under present flow conditions, and 4680 CFS for Plan A and 4515 CFS for Plan B under flow conditions of the Recommended State Water Plan.

Flow (CFS)	Percent of Time Flow Would Be Equaled or Exceeded			
	Plan A		Plan B	
	Under Present Flow Conditions	Under Flow Conditions of the Recommended State Water Plan	Under Present Flow Conditions	Under Flow Conditions of the Recommended State Water Plan
5200	41	61	32	51
1500	99.5	100	98	100

#### F. Results of Power Studies

The following tables summarize the results of the power studies under the two plans of operation investigated.

#### INSTALLED CAPACITY

Alter- native*	No. of Bulb Units	No. of Kaplan Units	Installed Capacity per Unit (kW)	Total Installed Capacity (kW)	Turbine Design Flow (CFS)
1	1	0	7200	7200	5200
2	2	0	4000	8000	5800
3	1	0	7200	7200	5200
4	0	1	7200	7200	5200

\* See Chapter 4 for description of alternatives.

AVERAGE ANNUAL ENERGY (in Million kWh)

<u>Alternative*</u>	Plan A		Plan B	
	<u>Under Present Flow Conditions</u>	<u>Under Flow Conditions of the Recommended State Water Plan</u>	<u>Under Present Flow Conditions</u>	<u>Under Flow Conditions of the Recommended State Water Plan</u>
1	56.6	56.5	48.8	54.3
2	55.5	60.7	50.5	57.4
3	53.6	56.5	48.8	54.3
4	53.0	55.9	48.2	53.7

\* See Chapter 4 for description of alternatives.

TABLE C-1  
DISCHARGE - SNAKE RIVER NEAR IDAHO FALLS (in CFS)  
PRESENT (1975) FLOW CONDITIONS

Water-Year	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sept.	Total
1928	3,943	3,882	4,545	6,733	6,302	5,329	17,794	18,638	12,006	6,303	6,888	3,753	96,116
1929	3,234	3,533	4,729	5,001	4,256	3,342	4,096	7,456	12,537	5,291	4,969	3,728	62,171
1930	3,047	3,462	4,578	3,927	3,119	3,531	4,533	7,003	7,933	5,699	4,722	3,784	55,337
1931	2,524	4,463	4,356	3,424	3,109	3,306	3,462	5,649	5,722	6,069	4,555	3,470	50,109
1932	2,423	2,984	3,385	3,602	3,851	3,536	3,120	6,133	5,196	5,929	7,086	5,916	53,160
1933	4,103	4,285	3,926	3,317	3,973	3,501	4,004	8,843	6,228	5,674	5,579	5,955	59,387
1934	4,429	4,322	3,330	3,008	3,377	3,571	3,369	5,618	5,321	5,371	1,945	1,403	43,064
1935	1,329	1,652	2,907	3,297	3,121	3,207	3,403	5,597	6,199	8,112	9,996	2,609	51,428
1936	2,031	1,932	3,466	3,412	3,761	3,173	3,785	12,031	5,303	5,458	7,616	4,408	56,376
1937	4,351	4,174	3,238	3,704	3,543	3,292	3,456	7,115	5,704	5,435	5,480	3,913	53,406
1938	3,707	4,233	3,303	3,421	3,379	3,705	3,878	9,018	8,133	7,044	4,945	3,507	58,273
1939	3,116	3,554	4,498	4,832	4,178	3,952	6,912	9,810	7,178	6,119	4,784	3,075	62,008
1940	3,027	4,531	3,807	3,466	3,533	3,557	4,618	6,233	5,948	5,634	5,522	3,630	53,507
1941	2,413	4,010	3,498	3,470	3,532	3,505	3,174	6,194	5,916	5,732	4,426	3,539	49,408
1942	2,718	3,036	3,283	3,659	3,873	3,360	3,333	8,037	5,745	5,738	4,413	3,005	50,201
1943	3,376	3,883	3,374	3,267	3,774	3,833	20,297	12,951	8,548	11,443	4,941	4,322	84,008
1944	3,595	4,631	5,965	5,318	5,251	3,420	4,236	7,504	10,001	5,602	4,569	3,356	63,447
1945	3,302	3,136	4,185	4,579	3,191	3,573	4,158	9,867	11,522	8,204	6,043	3,551	65,311
1946	3,610	4,452	5,927	5,207	6,068	5,957	13,216	11,737	13,275	5,744	4,676	3,385	83,254
1947	3,496	3,551	4,643	5,055	3,892	4,889	8,667	15,807	8,279	5,898	6,351	3,675	74,203
1948	3,419	3,590	4,670	5,033	4,944	3,755	5,339	16,472	15,789	5,255	4,088	3,479	76,553
1949	2,752	3,484	4,513	4,493	3,788	7,643	5,837	17,408	8,309	5,590	4,727	3,373	71,917
1950	2,679	3,493	4,461	4,614	3,608	4,683	18,165	10,786	13,187	12,168	4,923	3,621	86,390
1951	5,023	6,223	6,422	5,485	8,770	11,307	14,618	17,626	5,654	8,601	9,454	3,918	103,102
1952	3,661	4,497	6,110	6,236	6,633	5,750	14,010	19,698	13,978	5,262	4,848	3,502	94,185
1953	3,350	3,543	4,914	5,360	4,303	4,695	4,520	6,811	15,940	5,567	5,032	3,532	67,566
1954	3,024	3,401	4,592	4,277	3,915	4,011	13,348	15,247	5,514	6,976	4,978	3,454	72,738
1955	2,856	3,324	4,523	3,778	3,880	3,569	4,363	7,950	8,423	6,495	4,691	3,699	57,551
1956	2,885	3,748	4,763	4,595	7,644	10,038	17,178	17,040	13,542	5,807	7,662	4,154	99,057
1957	3,322	3,673	4,910	5,147	4,913	5,286	11,989	19,858	12,613	7,305	6,617	3,885	89,517
1958	3,339	3,433	4,753	5,179	4,650	4,092	4,188	15,524	8,625	5,419	4,892	3,494	67,588
1959	3,442	3,275	3,583	3,449	3,599	3,572	3,752	5,613	10,280	6,667	5,621	3,409	56,263
1960	2,867	3,979	4,590	3,738	3,540	3,470	4,912	6,366	6,528	6,311	8,505	5,435	60,242
1961	2,469	3,773	3,462	3,800	3,378	3,379	3,404	6,499	6,594	6,486	5,054	3,693	51,991
1962	2,018	2,964	3,449	3,812	3,732	3,483	7,016	12,480	7,347	7,591	5,006	4,166	63,064
1963	3,219	4,342	4,526	4,094	3,732	3,326	3,750	9,356	17,566	6,620	4,796	3,234	68,561
1964	4,069	3,267	3,405	3,499	3,884	3,742	6,230	15,422	15,292	7,745	6,370	3,663	76,589
1965	3,352	3,479	5,163	7,783	7,033	9,175	17,201	12,949	11,536	11,478	5,860	5,268	100,276
1966	5,178	5,959	6,502	5,752	5,481	3,746	5,679	9,865	7,090	6,108	5,243	4,195	70,797
1967	3,368	3,006	3,640	3,437	3,622	3,716	3,415	11,101	16,257	9,562	5,407	3,954	70,484
1968	3,718	3,759	5,106	6,286	4,684	4,746	5,015	8,567	15,622	6,248	4,745	3,565	72,060
1969	4,138	5,488	6,106	6,887	11,006	8,587	7,113	14,363	6,961	5,830	4,932	3,346	84,757
1970	2,895	3,794	4,974	3,806	3,854	3,845	4,656	16,393	17,740	6,727	5,216	2,723	76,623
1971	3,442	4,965	6,208	9,233	9,292	10,314	15,641	20,255	19,954	14,368	5,990	6,020	125,681
1972	6,687	7,383	7,524	10,764	10,296	14,660	13,991	15,264	14,655	6,117	5,260	4,458	117,059
Avg.	3,354	3,901	4,529	4,716	4,739	4,892	7,530	11,337	10,038	6,818	5,559	3,805	71,217
Max.	6,687	7,383	7,524	10,764	11,006	14,660	20,297	20,255	19,954	14,368	9,996	6,020	125,681
Min.	1,329	1,652	2,907	3,008	3,109	3,173	3,120	5,597	5,196	3,371	1,945	1,403	43,064

Source: Idaho Department of Water Resources.

TABLE C-2  
DISCHARGE - SNAKE RIVER NEAR IDAHO FALLS (in CFS)  
RECOMMENDED STATE WATER PLAN FLOW CONDITIONS

Water-Year	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sept.	Total
1928	6,202	5,121	4,684	6,820	6,392	5,447	18,476	21,902	15,721	10,498	7,251	6,149	114,663
1929	4,810	4,668	5,504	4,324	4,855	3,331	5,248	11,460	17,619	8,128	8,078	6,164	84,188
1930	4,624	4,153	4,402	4,112	3,232	3,658	6,408	10,431	13,026	8,542	6,977	6,360	75,927
1931	4,605	4,046	4,196	4,127	3,215	3,882	4,452	8,612	7,917	6,900	5,751	4,905	62,607
1932	3,465	3,359	3,578	3,572	3,795	3,531	4,553	10,850	7,538	12,870	9,917	5,941	72,969
1933	4,081	3,510	3,990	3,631	4,148	3,809	5,087	10,402	12,876	8,343	8,469	6,258	74,603
1934	3,924	3,566	3,385	3,361	3,547	4,229	5,099	7,677	7,235	8,688	7,766	4,267	62,744
1935	2,863	2,827	3,066	3,077	2,756	3,086	5,361	6,637	10,588	17,248	7,153	4,131	68,792
1936	3,613	2,751	3,512	3,537	3,743	3,209	5,633	13,984	11,035	8,883	9,347	5,833	75,081
1937	4,312	3,386	3,305	4,101	3,563	3,596	4,508	10,384	7,823	10,624	9,041	5,551	70,193
1938	4,068	3,502	3,383	3,658	3,468	3,652	5,284	14,021	17,241	9,499	8,712	5,106	82,594
1939	4,772	4,350	4,415	4,317	4,374	4,566	7,802	14,323	12,234	9,137	7,914	6,021	84,225
1940	3,743	3,579	3,785	3,659	3,718	3,963	5,564	10,321	8,013	7,990	7,122	5,200	66,657
1941	3,660	3,205	3,559	3,742	3,696	3,924	5,131	9,436	7,753	7,935	6,814	6,224	65,079
1942	3,698	3,425	3,458	4,179	3,708	3,551	5,327	9,100	11,465	8,164	7,009	5,811	68,894
1943	3,502	3,610	3,505	3,456	5,316	9,852	22,912	15,461	12,486	15,098	7,365	5,937	108,500
1944	5,920	6,743	5,962	5,222	5,158	3,504	5,201	9,558	12,577	8,113	7,412	5,806	81,175
1945	3,790	4,220	4,541	3,527	3,441	3,958	4,999	11,806	14,407	11,473	6,948	5,590	78,699
1946	5,925	6,219	5,826	5,028	6,057	5,961	13,829	15,743	17,646	8,434	7,512	5,396	103,576
1947	5,196	4,473	4,651	4,432	3,525	4,883	9,756	19,714	12,189	8,615	7,821	5,549	90,803
1948	5,143	4,718	5,729	4,564	5,129	4,289	6,041	17,691	20,347	7,609	7,363	5,746	94,369
1949	3,961	4,403	4,540	3,699	3,857	8,071	6,724	20,908	12,791	7,856	7,157	5,773	89,741
1950	4,985	4,291	4,433	3,960	3,649	5,013	18,975	14,065	16,601	15,216	6,810	6,635	104,633
1951	6,662	6,906	6,438	5,443	8,769	11,337	15,599	20,344	9,377	11,291	8,629	6,164	116,959
1952	6,539	6,575	6,207	6,135	6,945	5,760	14,627	23,190	18,539	6,955	6,606	5,285	113,363
1953	4,986	4,405	5,255	5,250	5,883	5,253	5,485	9,375	10,167	8,151	7,991	6,076	88,279
1954	4,722	4,185	4,597	4,515	3,686	4,643	14,430	19,691	7,553	8,582	9,239	5,707	91,551
1955	4,807	4,067	4,524	4,398	3,812	3,707	5,331	10,197	14,863	7,667	7,203	5,832	76,408
1956	4,608	4,232	4,829	6,493	8,099	9,914	18,515	20,634	18,298	9,412	6,869	5,843	117,745
1957	4,872	5,475	5,930	4,755	6,182	5,840	12,698	20,643	17,002	11,345	6,687	5,404	106,834
1958	5,118	5,218	5,782	5,065	5,678	4,565	4,813	19,024	13,413	7,880	7,191	5,602	89,348
1959	3,766	3,514	3,716	3,537	3,474	3,956	4,970	9,930	17,746	7,975	7,693	5,142	75,418
1960	5,397	4,444	4,612	4,477	3,965	3,950	6,202	10,013	13,114	9,160	7,847	5,280	79,460
1961	3,397	3,512	3,513	3,990	3,600	3,787	4,935	9,098	8,719	8,867	9,985	4,622	68,024
1962	3,746	3,311	3,510	3,961	3,397	3,637	14,894	16,257	11,983	8,922	7,348	5,410	87,376
1963	4,943	4,155	4,571	4,413	5,516	3,896	5,220	11,758	21,098	9,238	7,539	5,112	87,458
1964	4,488	4,211	4,310	3,568	3,956	3,810	9,225	16,891	18,255	12,158	6,974	5,797	93,645
1965	5,036	4,380	6,176	8,776	6,943	9,175	17,810	15,477	16,421	14,737	8,224	7,498	120,654
1966	6,850	6,756	6,314	5,584	5,383	3,741	6,488	14,647	12,354	8,779	7,593	5,459	89,948
1967	3,690	3,529	4,065	3,699	3,692	4,000	4,452	15,571	20,666	13,285	6,632	5,853	89,133
1968	5,264	5,514	5,924	5,496	5,422	5,275	5,619	12,024	20,150	8,624	6,971	5,975	92,258
1969	6,103	5,165	5,897	6,404	10,913	8,588	7,726	18,957	11,057	7,378	6,852	5,668	101,698
1970	5,441	4,577	4,786	4,537	3,816	4,170	6,454	17,655	23,403	10,776	6,810	4,492	96,918
1971	5,915	6,585	6,050	8,915	9,196	10,311	16,190	22,919	25,448	17,609	8,881	7,809	145,828
1972	8,084	8,074	7,328	10,594	10,194	14,651	14,578	20,733	19,524	10,107	7,110	6,999	137,976
Avg.	4,784	4,531	4,705	4,758	4,952	5,265	8,858	14,434	14,362	9,884	7,613	5,786	89,933
Max.	8,084	8,074	7,328	10,594	10,913	14,651	22,912	23,190	25,448	17,609	9,985	7,809	145,828
Min.	2,863	2,751	3,066	3,077	2,756	3,086	4,452	6,637	7,235	6,900	5,751	4,131	62,607

Source: Idaho Department of Water Resources.

TABLE C-3  
SNAKE RIVER NEAR SHELLEY  
ANNUAL FLOOD PEAKS AND GAGE HEIGHTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Annual Peak (CFS)</u>	<u>Gage Height (feet)</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Annual Peak (CFS)</u>	<u>Gage Height (feet)</u>
Jun. 4, 1890	51,000	-	Jun. 12, 1944	21,900	11.05
May 5, 1892	54,300	-	Jun. 10, 1945	20,700	10.77
Jun. 14, 1893	44,400	-	Apr. 29, 1946	24,900	11.76
Jun. 6, 1894	75,000	-	Jun. 12, 1947	26,800	12.20
Jun. 4, 1915	15,400	9.6	Jun. 5, 1948	27,600	12.33
Jun. 21, 1916	26,500	12.3	May 20, 1949	25,700	12.00
Jun. 22, 1917	36,800	14.68	Jun. 9, 1950	28,000	12.55
Jun. 17, 1918	47,200	16.97	Mar. 31, 1951	26,600	12.27
May 31, 1919	13,700	9.13	May 6, 1952	29,600	12.82
May 20, 1920	23,500	11.59	Jun. 16, 1953	22,300	11.20
Jun. 1, 1921	30,400	13.17	Jun. 29, 1954	27,700	12.45
May 27, 1922	26,700	12.33	Jun. 18, 1955	14,100	9.16
May 28, 1923	23,200	11.50	May 29, 1956	30,100	12.90
Jun. 2, 1924	11,000	8.40	May 23, 1957	22,300	11.06
May 23, 1925	27,600	12.54	May 25, 1958	16,500	9.83
Apr. 22, 1926	14,300	9.22	Jun. 30, 1959	12,000	8.61
Jun. 30, 1927	36,500	14.51	Aug. 21, 1960	9,290	7.86
May 29, 1928	36,600	14.36	Jul. 7, 1961	6,900	7.18
Jun. 19, 1929	24,600	11.70	May 8, 1962	16,600	9.85
Jun. 13, 1930	12,300	8.68	Jun. 19, 1963	25,600	12.17
May 18, 1931	6,830	7.18	Jun. 21, 1964	24,300	11.94
May 16, 1932	19,600	10.43	Jun. 29, 1965	19,400	10.67
Jun. 17, 1933	19,400	10.40	Jun. 12, 1966	17,600	10.18
May 10, 1934	6,550	7.05	Jul. 2, 1967	19,800	10.63
Jun. 16, 1935	15,100	9.32	Jun. 15, 1968	21,500	11.29
Jun. 3, 1936	28,600	12.60	Apr. 26, 1969	18,900	10.39
May 10, 1937	14,100	9.17	Jul. 1, 1970	24,000	11.78
Jul. 4, 1938	20,600	10.76	May 15, 1971	25,600	12.16
May 6, 1939	17,000	9.92	Jun. 12, 1972	21,800	11.34
Jun. 7, 1940	9,470	7.91	May 28, 1973	16,800	10.02
May 21, 1941	12,000	8.63	Jun. 24, 1974	25,900	12.06
May 2, 1942	16,300	9.72	Jul. 9, 1975	19,500	10.66
Jun. 2, 1943	30,400	12.94			

Notes: Drainage area = 9790 square miles  
Gage datum = E1. 4599.0 feet

Source: USGS, Idaho

TABLE C-4  
 SNAKE RIVER NEAR SHELLEY, IDAHO  
 FLOOD FREQUENCY COMPUTATIONS

ANNUAL FLOOD STATISTICS

	<u>Logs</u>	<u>Discharge</u>
Mean	4.327	23,714.7
Standard Deviation	0.209	11,864.9
Skewness	-0.230	1.757
Standard Error of Skewness	0.299	-

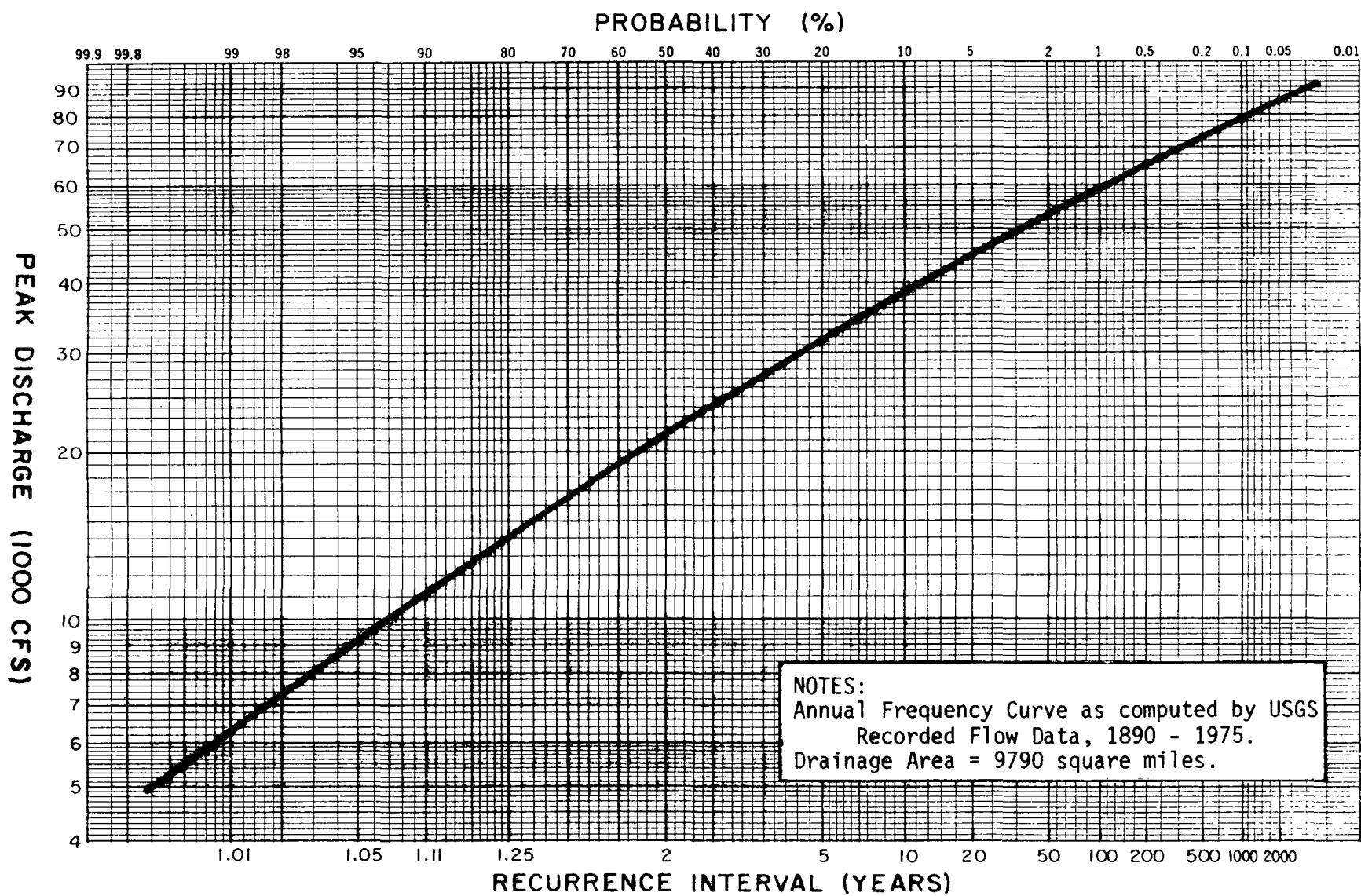
LOG-PEARSON TYPE III CALCULATIONS

<u>Probability</u>	<u>Recurrence Interval (years)</u>	<u>Discharge (CFS)</u>
0.9900	1.01	6,396
0.9500	1.05	9,336
0.9000	1.11	11,338
0.8000	1.25	14,249
0.5000	2.00	21,617
0.2000	5.00	31,949
0.1000	10.00	38,790
0.0400	25.00	47,347
0.0200	50.00	53,634
0.0100	100.00	59,838
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0.0020	500.00	74,104

Source: USGS, Idaho

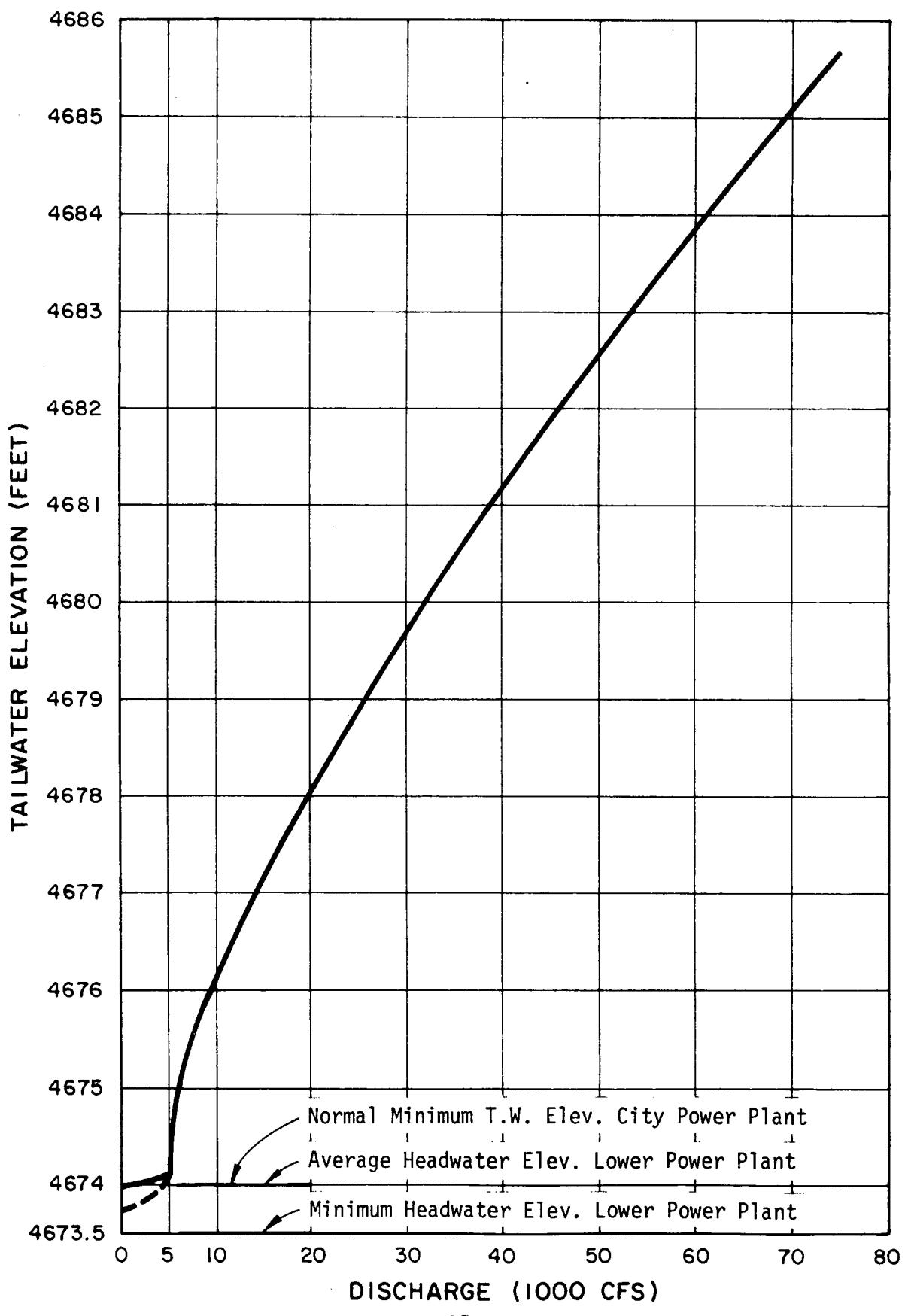
Notes: Drainage area = 9790 square miles  
 Length of data = water-years 1890-1975

SNAKE RIVER NEAR SHELLEY, IDAHO  
FLOOD FREQUENCY CURVE



CITY POWER PLANT  
TAILWATER RATING CURVE

FIGURE C - 2



SNAKE RIVER NEAR IDAHO FALLS  
FLOW-DURATION CURVE

PRESENT (1975) FLOW CONDITIONS, MONTHLY DATA 1928-1972

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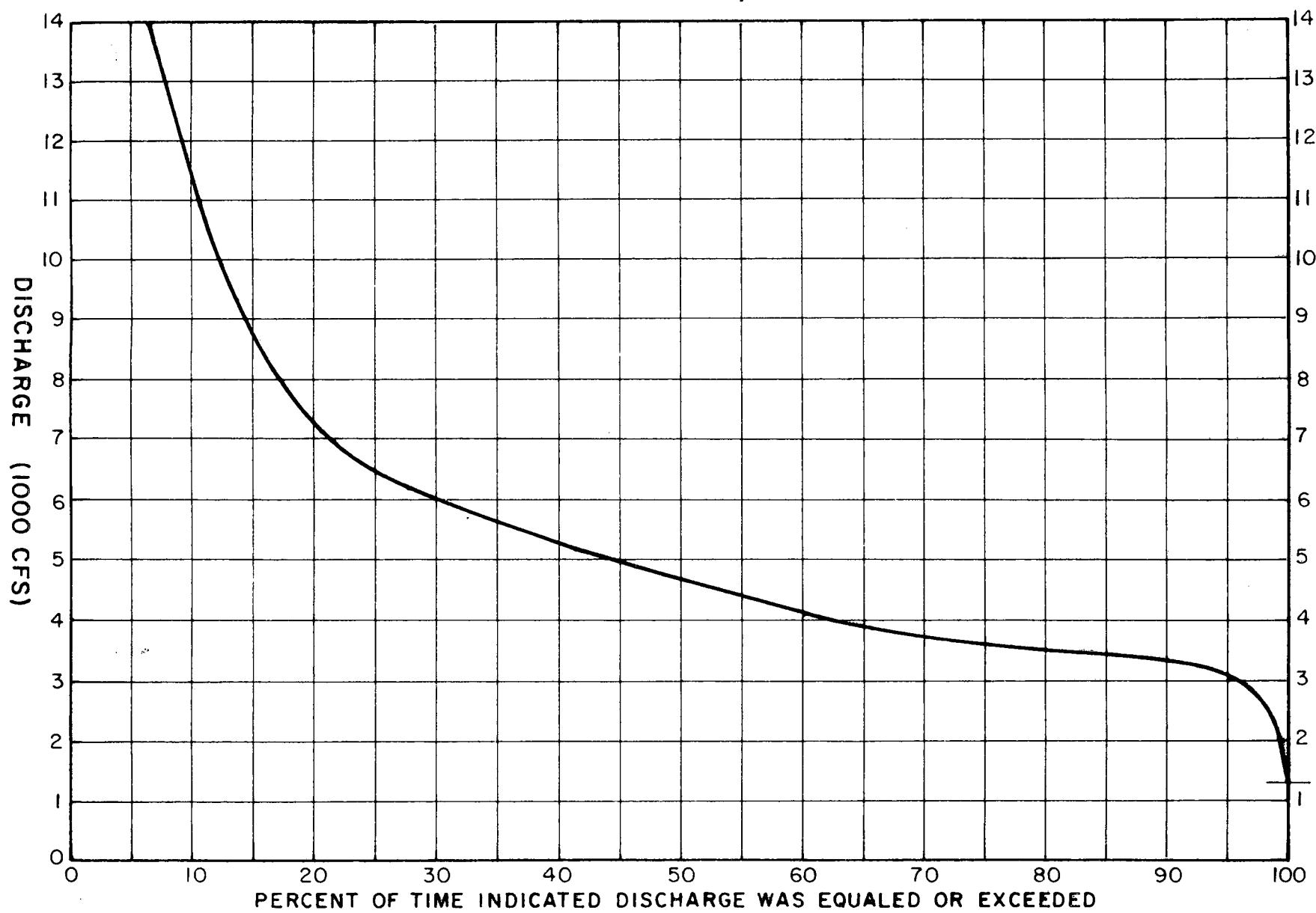
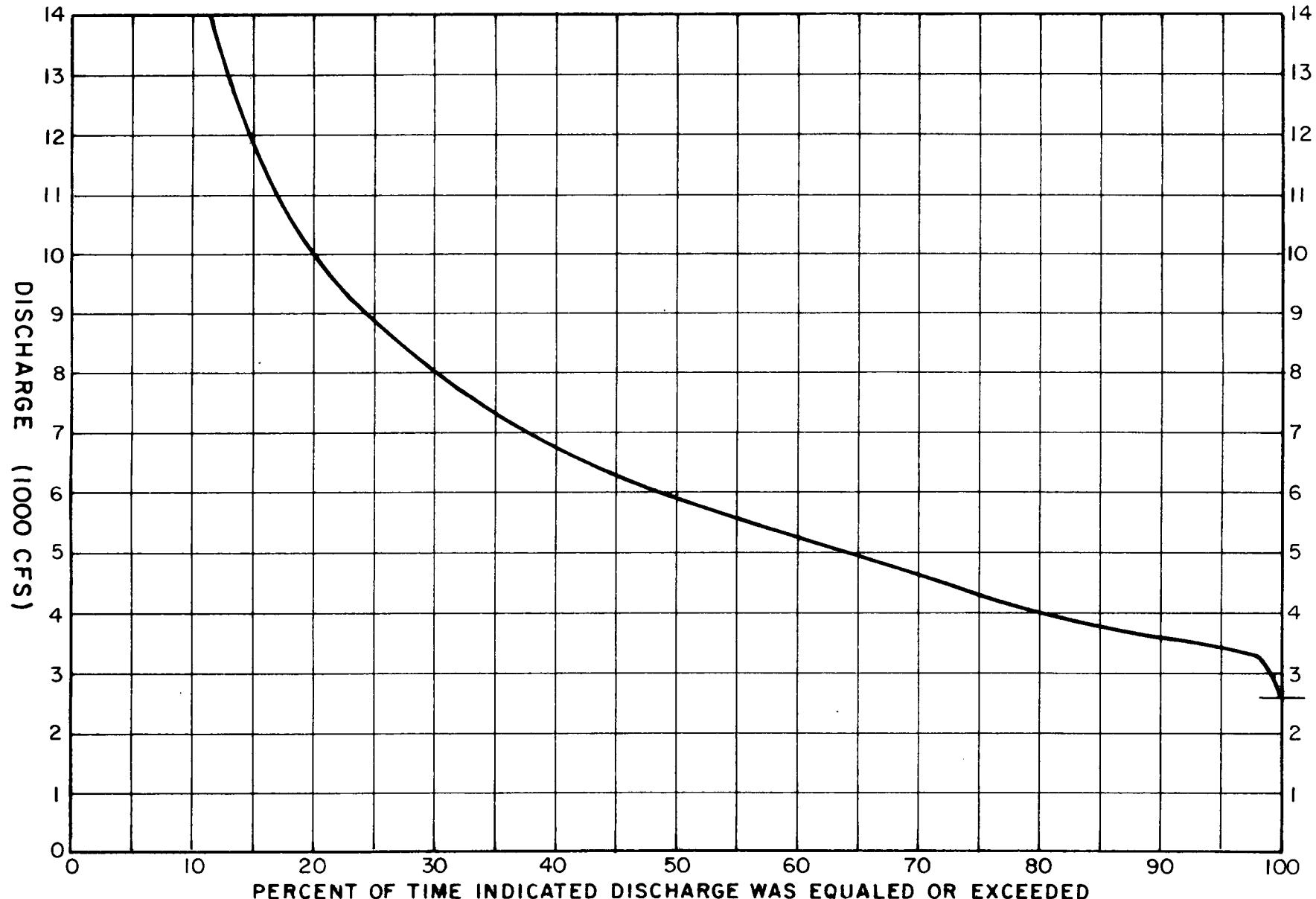


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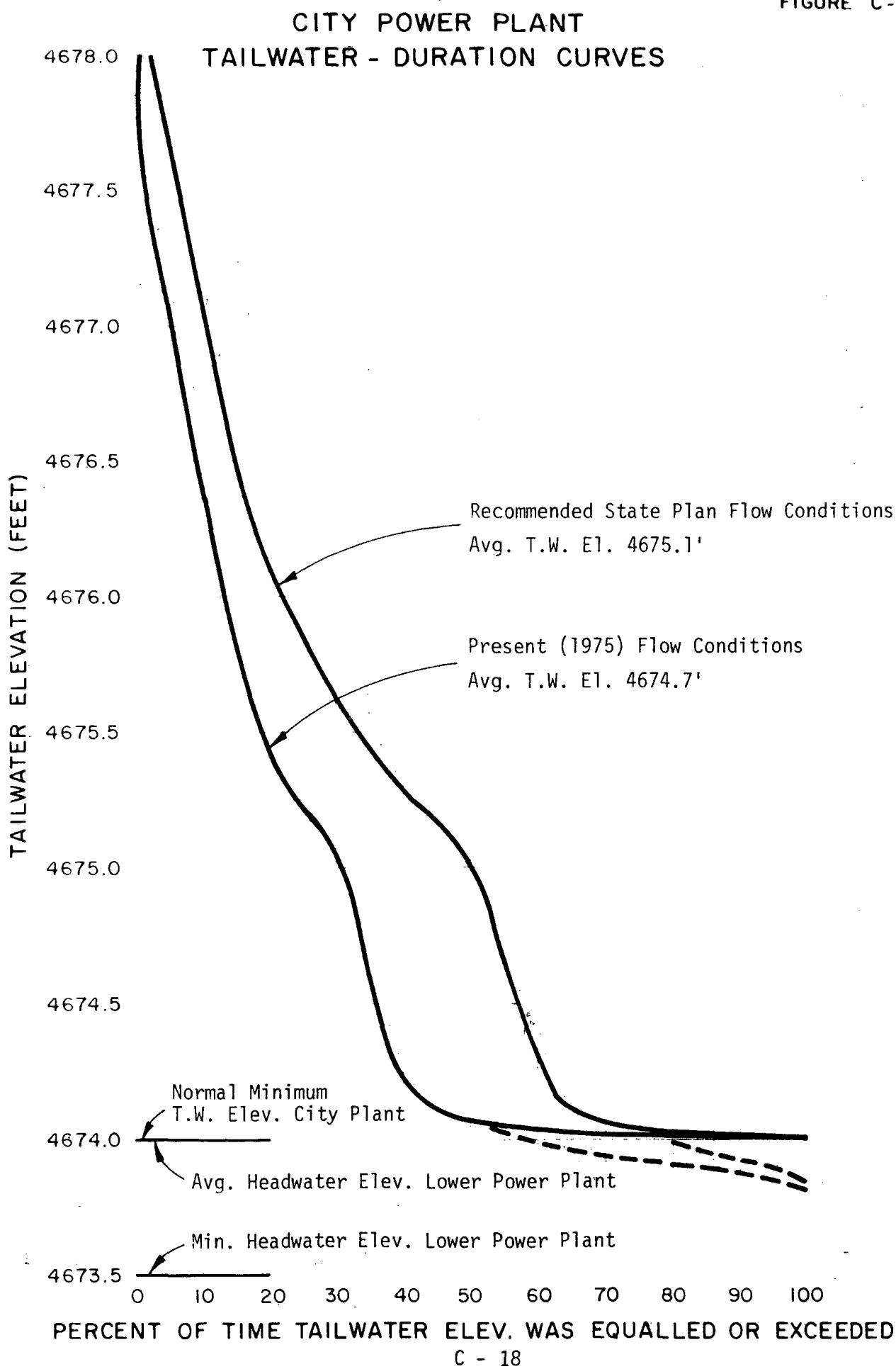
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FLOW-DURATION CURVE

RECOMMENDED STATE WATER PLAN FLOW CONDITIONS, MONTHLY DATA 1928-1972



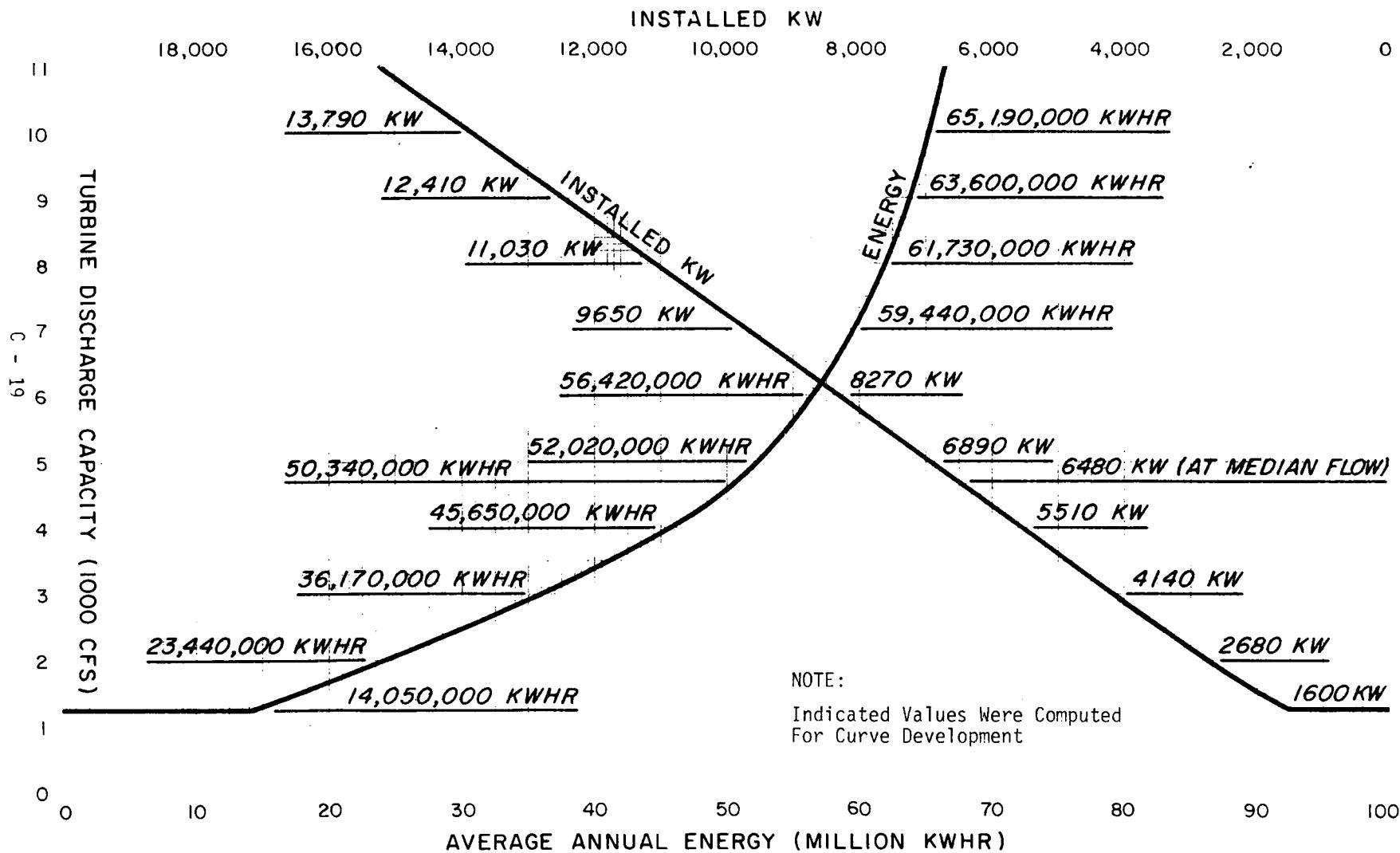
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FIGURE C - 4



CITY POWER PLANT - BULB TURBINE INSTALLATIONS

INSTALLED CAPACITY VS. GENERATED ENERGY  
PRESENT (1975) FLOW CONDITIONS



CITY POWER PLANT - BULB TURBINE INSTALLATIONS

INSTALLED CAPACITY VS. GENERATED ENERGY  
RECOMMENDED STATE WATER PLAN FLOW CONDITIONS

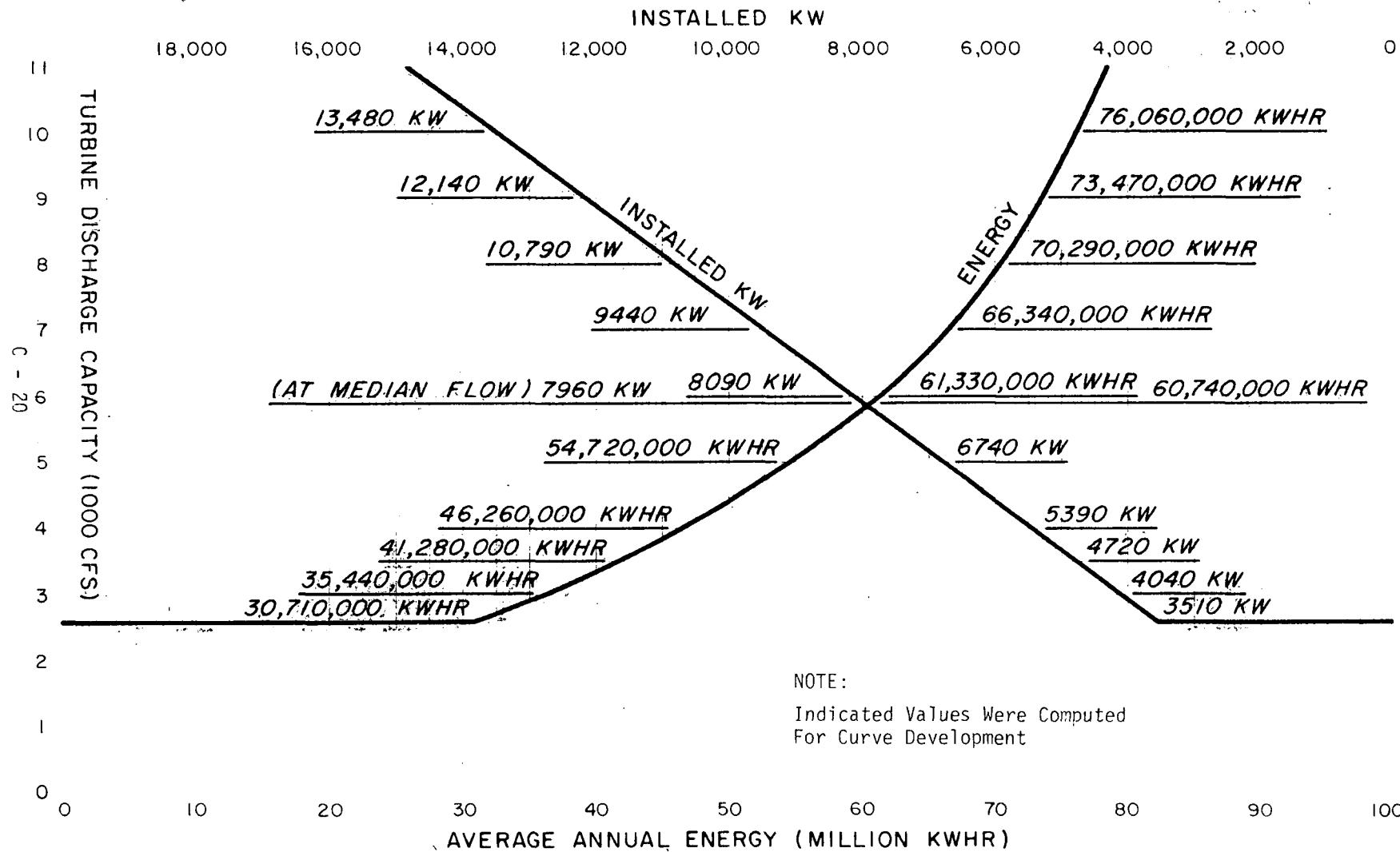
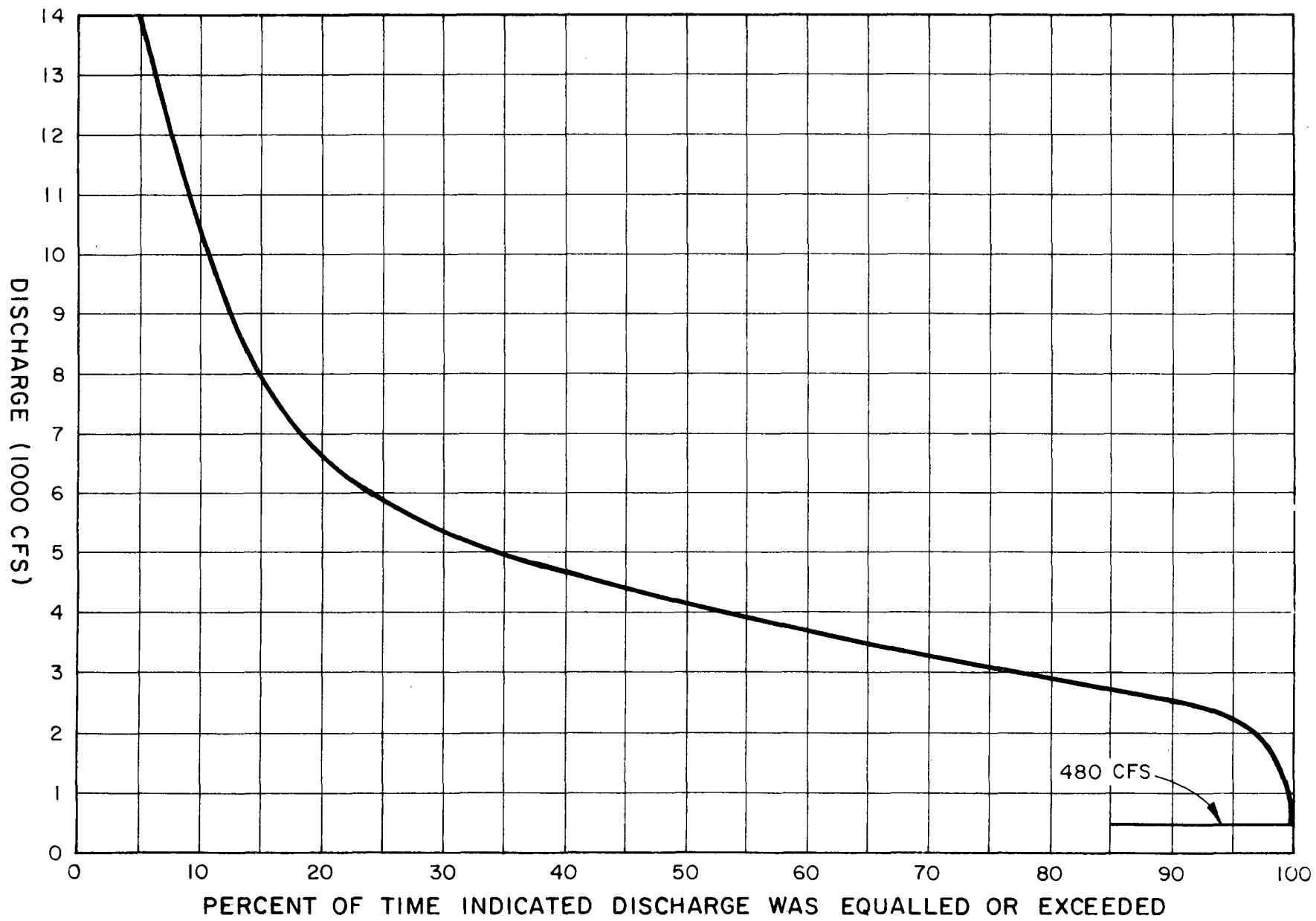


FIGURE C-7

CITY POWER PLANT - INFLOW-DURATION CURVE

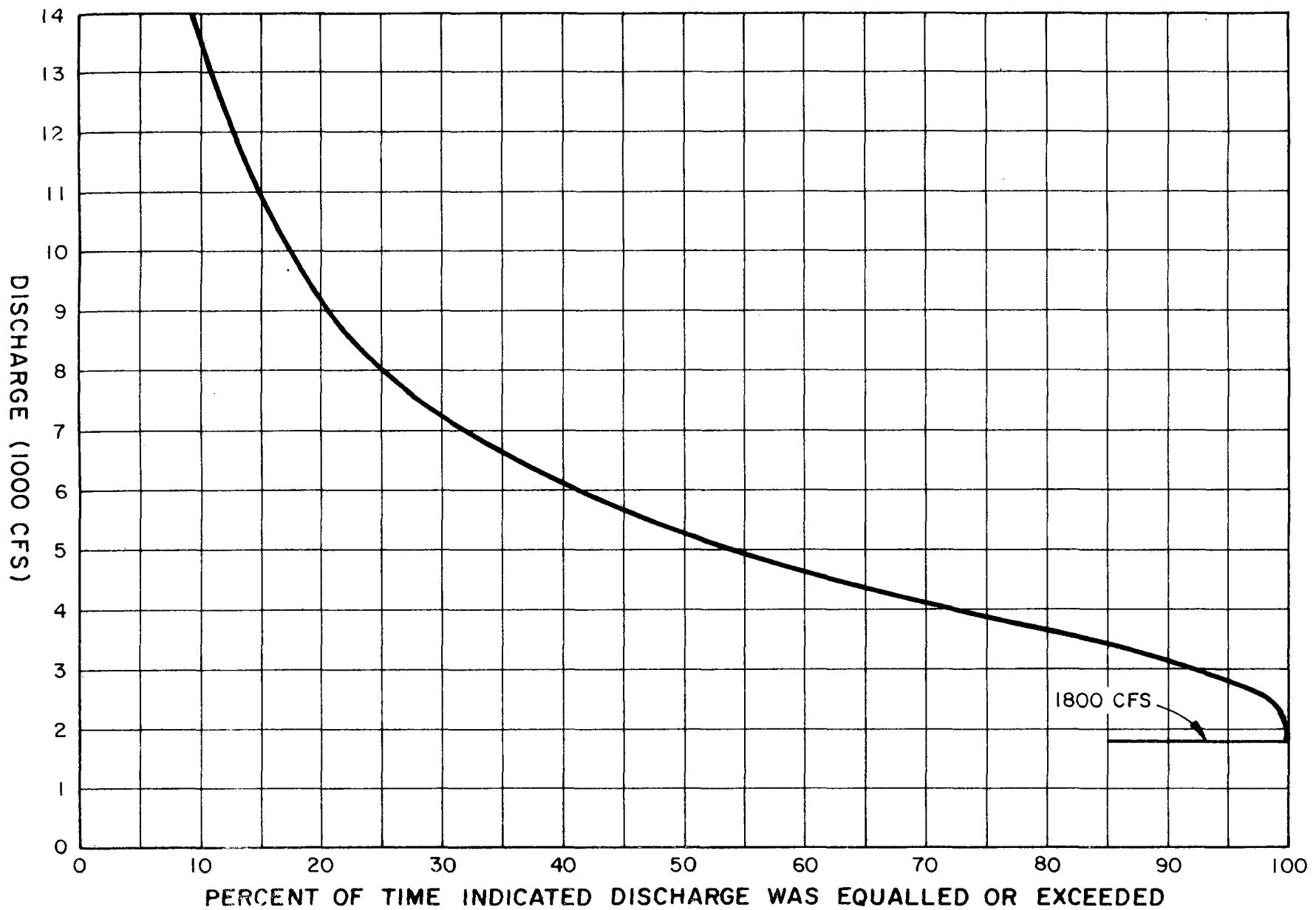
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ALLOWING 850 CFS FOR IDAHO FALLS



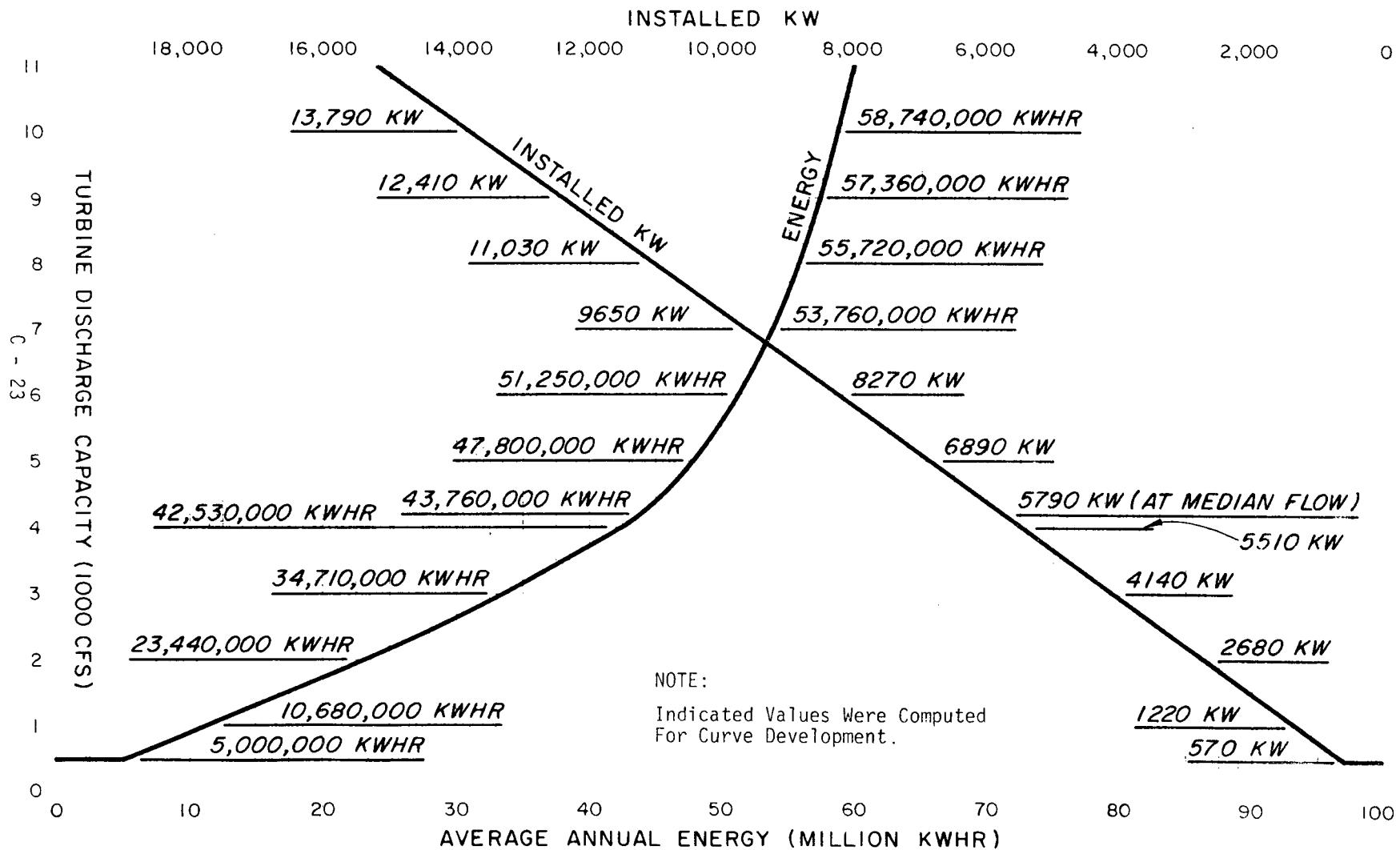
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FIGURE C - 8

CITY POWER PLANT - INFLOW-DURATION CURVE  
RECOMMENDED STATE WATER PLAN FLOW CONDITIONS  
ALLOWING 850 CFS FOR IDAHO FALLS



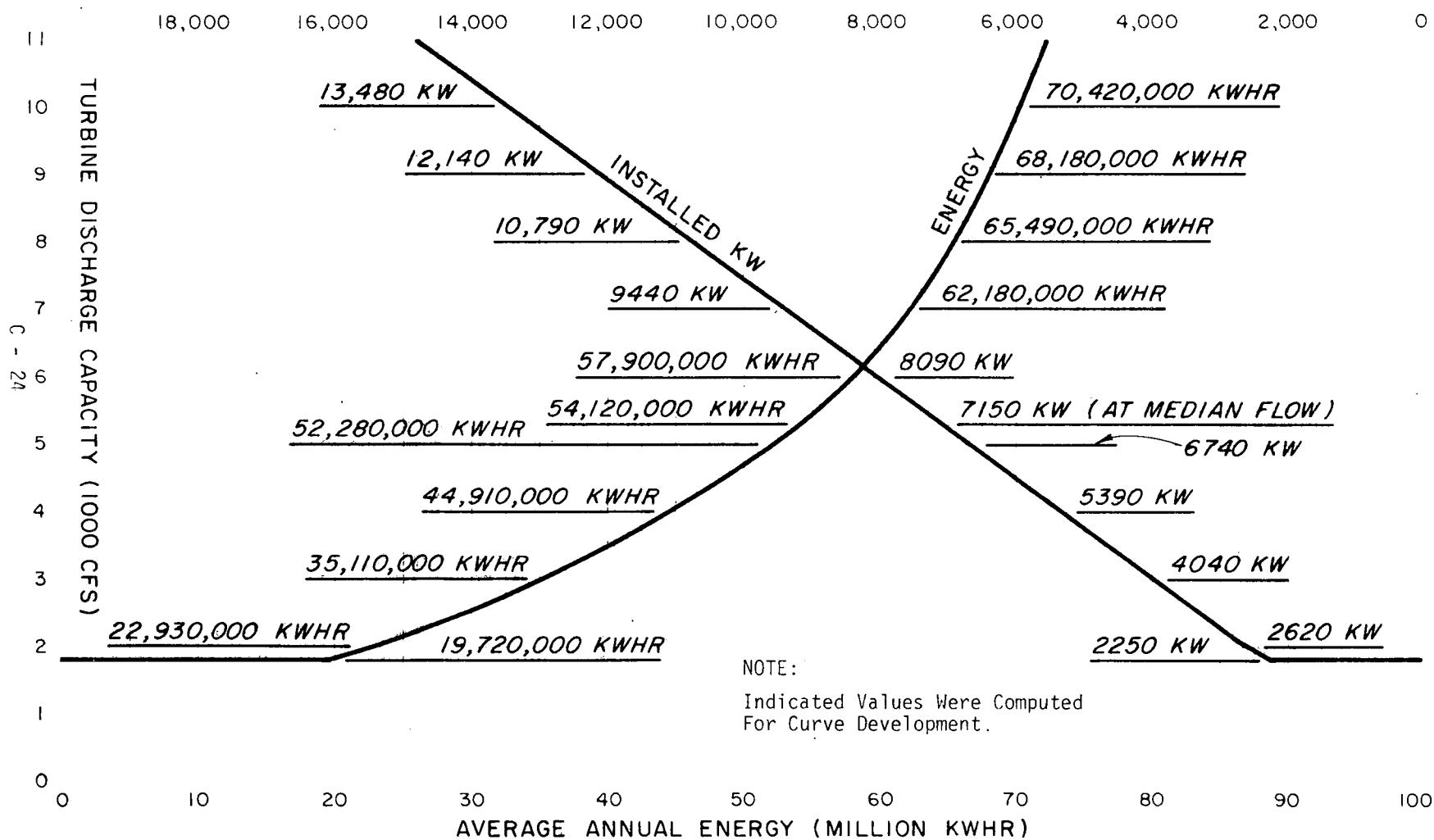
CITY POWER PLANT - BULB TURBINE INSTALLATIONS  
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 PRESENT (1975) FLOW CONDITIONS, ALLOWING 850 CFS FOR IDAHO FALLS



CITY POWER PLANT - BULB TURBINE INSTALLATIONS

INSTALLED CAPACITY VS. GENERATED ENERGY  
 RECOMMENDED STATE WATER PLAN FLOW CONDITIONS,  
 ALLOWING 850 CFS FOR IDAHO FALLS

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APPENDIX D  
GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATIONS

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This appendix presents the findings of the geotechnical investigations performed for the vicinity of the Idaho Falls City Power Plant. The field investigations were made between March 13 and March 16, 1977. The area in the vicinity of the power plant and related power generation features were investigated. The scope of the work consisted of:

- Review of available data describing the geologic and seismic conditions of the region.
- Geologic reconnaissance of the site.
- Geologic mapping to a scale of 1 inch = 100 feet on the available aerial photographs.
- Geotechnical consideration of the foundation rock.
- Seismic evaluation.

D.1 REGIONAL GEOLOGY

The site of Idaho Falls City Power Plant is located within the Snake River plain, which is the eastern portion of the Columbia Plateau. The whole vast area has been formed by a series of basaltic lava flows of late Cenozoic Age (mainly Quaternary). These lava flows have determined the topography of the area, which is characterized by broad, flat landforms. The Snake River flows along the southern edge of the plain, on top of the lavas for most of its course. The course, or courses, of the ancient Snake River are concealed by numerous lava flows and alluvial flood deposits. Some meandering and river piracy have occurred because of the existence of shallow alluvial deposits.

The geologic history of the region can be summarized as follows. During pre-Tertiary time numerous lava flows and associated rocks poured out as floods of molten magma and accumulated in the basin. A mountain-building period followed, during which faulting, tilting, and fracturing of the rock occurred. Later, additional lava flows concealed some of the faulted and fractured rock.

Alluvial flood and stream deposits covered most of the lava flows. Extensive surficial alluvial floodplains and stream deposits around the project area have a maximum depth of about 25 feet. The deposits consist of sandy silty soils, gravel, boulders, and sand.

#### D.2 AREA GEOLOGY

Bedrock in the vicinity of the City Power Plant site is basalt (see Exhibit A-2, "Project Area and Site Geology"). The rock is dark gray to almost black, very hard, fine grained to microcrystalline, slightly vesicular and slightly weathered. Structure is limited to bedding of individual flows, which range in thickness from 2 to 10 feet, and nearly vertical joints 1 to 5 feet apart. The gross texture of the rock is blocky or tabular, but joints are generally clean and tight, and the overall strength and the suitability for foundations for the proposed structures are good.

Numerous potholes have been formed in the rock by river erosion, and in many areas the bedrock is covered by 2- to 5-foot-thick deposits of silty sand and gravel or deeper artificial fill along the river bank.

No faults or shear zones were found during the reconnaissance investigations.

### D.3 SITE GEOLOGY

Foundation conditions at particular structures or features are discussed below, along with an assessment of geotechnical factors pertinent to future construction.

#### A. Diversion Weir

The rock underlying the upstream portion of the existing diversion weir (above Broadway Bridge) is somewhat less weathered and less jointed than average (see Exhibit A-2, cross section A-A). Joints, which are 2 to 5 feet apart, are tight and clean and show little evidence of weathering. The most predominant orientation is approximately east-west with a vertical dip. Other joint set orientations are N 50° W, 80° to 85° E, and N 40° E, 85° W. Several river-worn potholes exist in the area.

Geological conditions are favorable for the construction of the new diversion weir. Foundation preparation should include removing all loose surface material, cleaning all potholes, and backfilling potholes with concrete.

The rock underlying the downstream portion of the existing diversion weir (below Broadway Bridge) is sound and hard and will provide a good foundation for the new structure (see Exhibit A-2 and Exhibit A-3, cross section B-B). It may be possible to reduce the length of this portion of the new weir by building it slightly west of the present location.

#### B. Forebay

Bedrock exposed along the east channel between Broadway Bridge and the powerhouse is typical basalt, although silt and sand deposits approximately 1 to 3 feet thick partially cover the right bank of the channel. These deposits should be removed before any future improvement such as shotcreting is undertaken.

Some consideration has been given to removing part of the relatively high ridge of bedrock from beneath the east end of Broadway Bridge to improve flow conditions (see Exhibit A-3, cross section C-C). There should be no danger in excavating this rock with cut slopes of 0.5:1, assuming that carefully controlled blasting techniques are used to prevent damage to the existing structure.

C. Powerhouse and Tailrace

Bedrock in the vicinity of the powerhouse has slightly closer jointing than average and more conspicuous bedding structure than normal. Predominant joint set orientations are N 25° to 30° W, 78° E, and N 75° E, vertical. The resulting rock structure is blocky, but the joints are tight and clean, and no seepage was observed at or near the powerhouse. The rock will provide an acceptable foundation for the new structure, but strict control of blasting will be required to prevent damaging the foundation rock or the retaining wall east of the existing powerhouse (see Exhibit A-3, cross section D-D).

D. Retaining Wall

The retaining wall immediately east of the existing powerhouse supports an artificial fill, which is approximately 20 feet deep at its maximum depth. The switchyard, shops, and transmission towers are among the structures built on the fill. During the June 1976 flood, the wall was undercut in an area where it had been placed partially on alluvial deposits. The undercut area is approximately 15 feet long and from 2 to 15 inches high; it extends under the wall approximately 1.5 feet. There is no sign of instability, such as cracking in the wall, but because of the importance of this structure consideration should be given to design of remedial work to ensure its continued stability.

#### D.4 SEISMICITY

An evaluation of the sites for potential earthquakes was based on the combined study of the regional geology and seismic activity of the area and on a review of published literature, particularly proceedings of the World Conferences on Earthquake Engineering. Computer earthquake data listings for a 150-kilometer radius from the site were obtained from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

The available information indicates that the structures are within a potential seismic zone. However, the size, standard design criteria, and construction of the structures will be such that no special seismic considerations will be required.

#### D.5 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

No geological features were observed that would preclude construction of the diversion weir or powerhouse. Some specific conclusions and recommendations are given below.

- Bedrock is good, and no foundation problems are foreseen for either the diversion weir or the powerhouse.
- Foundation preparation requires that all joints, fixtures, potholes, and exposed rock be cleaned well. If necessary, joints should be water-jetted, and potholes should be cleaned and back-filled. All loose blocks must be removed.
- All structures must be keyed to bedrock.

- The feasibility of realigning the weir section downstream from Broadway Bridge should be considered. A new location slightly west of the present structure would allow construction of a shorter structure and would improve debris control.
- Excavation under Broadway Bridge to improve flow conditions in the forebay is feasible. However, careful control of blasting will be required to prevent damage to the bridge and its foundation.
- Bedrock in the forebay section is good. However, some silt and sand deposits partially cover the right bank of the channel. These deposits should be removed if any improvement such as shotcrete is planned.
- The powerhouse excavation will require careful blasting control to avoid excessive rock breakage and to prevent damage to the retaining wall.
- Excavation along the tailrace poses no problems. The rock is good and almost vertical rock cuts will be stable.

APPENDIX E  
NOTICE TO PROCEED AND SCOPE OF WORK

# CITY OF IDAHO FALLS

P.O. BOX 220  
IDAHO FALLS, IDAHO 83401

OFFICE OF: Electric Division

February 2, 1977

International Engineering Company, Inc.  
220 Montgomery Street  
San Francisco, California 94104

Attention: Mr. R.B. Christensen, Vice President

Dear Bob:

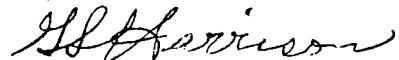
Re: Notice to Proceed

The City Council has authorized me to instruct you to proceed with the proposed City Power Plant feasibility study. The initial scope is:

1. Evaluate the City plant site for the possible installation of a bulb turbine taking into account salvage of existing equipment, aesthetics of the area, and other engineering aspects associated with a power plant of this type, and as outlined in your phase I proposal.
2. It is contemplated that total expenditures will not exceed \$69,000 without prior written authorization.
3. This notice is not authorization to proceed with FPC licensing.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact Jeff Paine or myself.

Sincerely,



G. S. Harrison, Manager  
Electric Light Division  
City of Idaho Falls

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cc: Ralph Wood  
Tom Campbell

APPENDIX A  
TO  
TECHNICAL SERVICES AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN  
INTERNATIONAL ENGINEERING COMPANY, INC.  
AND  
THE CITY OF IDAHO FALLS, IDAHO  
FOR UPGRADING OF IDAHO FALLS CITY POWER PLANT

Engineering services and assistance for the upgrading of the City hydroelectric power plant of the City of Idaho Falls, Idaho will be accomplished in three phases as follows:

A. Phase I

- IECO will perform a preliminary review and evaluation of the existing facilities.
- IECO will prepare preliminary designs necessary to define the principal features of the project.
- IECO will investigate the following: salvage of the existing generating units, rehabilitation requirements of structures, material sources and location, potential generating capacity of the site, hydraulics, mechanical and electrical equipment required, geotechnical conditions, and environmental aspects.

The work will be based upon existing plans and other data provided by the City of Idaho Falls and supplemented by IECO as necessary. In performing this study, IECO will utilize to the maximum extent practical all results and recent data compiled for studies of the Upper and Lower Power Plants.

In accomplishing the above work, IECO will undertake the following activities:

1. Evaluation of Existing Facilities - The purpose of this evaluation will be to appraise the overall physical condition of the City hydroelectric power plant. The investigations will comprise the following:

- a. Collection and review of existing hydrological, geotechnical, structural, mechanical and electrical data and reports, updating and supplementing the data as necessary.
- b. Field reconnaissance of the site and existing facilities.
- c. Geotechnical evaluations.
- d. Appraisal of existing facilities including:
  - Existing diversion dam, intake structure, forebay and powerhouse.
  - Salvage value of existing generating units.
  - Salvage value of existing accessory electrical and mechanical equipment.
  - Site access.
  - Environmental aspects.
  - Aesthetics of the area.

The findings will be documented and reviewed with the City. Recommendations consistent with the findings will be outlined.

2. Geotechnical Considerations - The purpose of the Phase I geotechnical investigations program is to provide sufficient geotechnical data to determine:

- The stability of existing structures.
- The geotechnical feasibility of the alternate sites if new structures are determined necessary.
- The necessary geotechnical input data for preliminary design.
- Additional geotechnical investigations required in Phase II.

The results of the geological reconnaissance will be documented and reviewed with the City. Recommendations consistent with the results will be outlined.

The Phase II geotechnical investigations are dependent on the results of Phase I investigations. If new structures are found to be required then geotechnical investigations deferred to Phase II may include further site inspection, detailed mapping and subsurface exploration and testing.

3. Hydrology - The purpose of Phase I hydrologic investigations will be to determine the following:

- River flows to be used in the power studies.
- Flood frequency and inflow design floods at the site.

- Tailwater rating curves.
- Maximize the power potential of the site.
- Backwater studies of the forebay and immediate upstream river channel.

River Flows - Monthly streamflow data for the Snake River near Idaho Falls were obtained from the Idaho Department of Water Resources and used in studies of the Upper and Lower Power Plants. These two sets of 45-year flow records for water-years 1928 through 1972 are for present flow conditions and flow conditions for the Recommended State Water Plan. These river flows will be used for the power studies.

Design Floods - Flood data and flood frequency analyses for the Snake River near the Shelley stream-gaging station were obtained from the USGS and used in the studies of the Upper and Lower Power Plants. These flood analyses and the spillway design flood of 75,000 cfs selected for the studies of the Upper and Lower Power Plants will be used to check the upstream surcharge levels and adequacy of the weir of the existing diversion dam at the City Plant.

Tailwater Rating Curves - Tailwater rating curves sufficient to cover the range of turbine discharge and spillway discharge will be prepared for use in conjunction with power studies and designs of the power plant.

Power Studies - For the Phase I power studies, the two sets of flows for present flow conditions and flow conditions for the Recommended State Water Plan will be used to size the power potential of the City power plant. Power studies will be made for several installed capacities and the corresponding average annual energy computed.

Backwater Studies - Backwater studies for the forebay and the reach of the river immediately upstream from the Broadway Bridge will be performed to determine the hydraulic properties of the forebay and river channel. The results will be used to check the principal elevations of the diversion facilities, and the capacity of the existing intake structure and forebay, to ensure that adequate flows will be diverted for power generation at the City Plant.

4. Preliminary Designs and Estimates - Preliminary designs and cost estimates will be prepared for the upgrading of the existing facilities or for new replacement facilities if this is determined to be more economical. Alternatives to be evaluated include the following:

- New powerhouse at City Plant.
- New generating units at City Plant.
- Repairs to existing dam at City Plant.
- New intake structure at City Plant.
- New dam at City Plant.
- Gates and hoists.

Generating Units - To select the most viable alternative generating scheme, the installation of bulb, and conventional Kaplan turbines with governors and generators will be evaluated. Costs for installing either one or two generating units will be developed. Layouts of new modern powerhouses to suit the selected turbine generating scheme will be prepared.

Gates and Hoists - The selection of the gates will consider the existing ice problems in winter. Means of discharging ice floes and devices for preventing the formation of ice or to thaw ice adhering to the gates and seals will be investigated.

Alternatives to be evaluated include the installation of radial, drum, and vertical lift crest gates, and heating units and compressed air systems to select the most suitable type and size of gate.

Investigation of Powerhouse and Other Structures - Based on IECO's evaluation of the extent of upgrading and replacement necessary, preliminary design and cost estimates for safe structures will be developed. Alternative methods of construction and economy will be evaluated. Due consideration for the environmental aspects consistent with economy will be made.

To evaluate the alternatives, comparative cost estimates will be developed. These estimates will be based on accurate cost information available from M-K's estimating section, adjusted as required to reflect local conditions.

In addition to the construction costs, the comparative cost would include interest during construction, administrative and engineering costs. Separate estimates of annual costs of operation, maintenance and replacement will also be made for the alternatives considered.

5. Preliminary Report - The results of Phase I investigations will be presented in a preliminary report. This report will define the principal features of the projects for final design in Phase II. It will include preliminary designs and costs estimates. Preliminary descriptions of recommended mechanical and electrical equipment will be presented. Preliminary hydraulic, geotechnical, structural, electrical and mechanical details will be developed.

6. FPC License Application - If requested, IECO will assist the City in preparation of an application for licenses to the Federal Power Commission for the hydro station. IECO will assist the City in preparation of the necessary technical exhibits and other documents including the Exhibit W Environmental Report. However, the cost estimate included at the end of this section does not include any allowance for this work.

#### B. Phase II

Phase II activities will consist of final designs and estimates required for preparation of contract documents, drawings, and specifications.

#### C. Phase III

Phase III activities will consist of assistance of the City with advertising and bid evaluation; award of construction and procurement contracts by the City; preparation of detailed construction drawings; shop inspection and testing of equipment; and surveillance of construction. This phase will also include assistance with initial start-up operations.

The cost estimate at the end of this section is for Phase I only and does not include any allowance for any work in Phase II and III.

CONTRACT NO. 7007

CLIENT: City of Idaho Falls

PROJECT: Hydro Facilities (City Plant)

INTERNATIONAL ENGINEERING COMPANY, INC.

## ENGINEERING DESIGN SCHEDULE

DATE February 1977

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**PROJECT MANAGER**

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