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April 30, 2013

Honorable Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, and
Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr., Deputy Secretary
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
888 First Street, NE
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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Patricia S. Irle
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Re: **Rocky Reach Hydroelectric Project, FERC No. 2145**
Notification of Revised Schedule for Implementation of the Shallow
Water/Macrophyte Bed Sampling and Report per Article 401 and Appendix A,
Sections 5.6.1, 5.7.1, and 5.7.2 – Macrophyte Beds Quality Assurance Project
Plan

Dear Secretary Bose, Deputy Davis, and Ms. Irle:

This letter is to provide the Commission and Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) notification of a revised schedule for completion of the Shallow Water/Macrophyte Bed Sampling and Report to August 30, 2013.

On July 26, 2012, Chelan PUD submitted to the Commission the “*Update for Shallow Water/Macrophyte Bed Sampling Study Plan*” for the Rocky Reach Hydroelectric Project No. 2145 (Project). In the Study Plan, Chelan PUD filed an anticipated schedule for completing the Shallow Water/Macrophyte Bed report by April 15, 2013. However, more time is needed to complete the sampling and data analysis. Chelan PUD has revised the schedule as outlined below. This revised schedule was reviewed and approved by Ecology and the consultation summary is attached.

*Ms. Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Mr. Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr., Deputy Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission*

*Patricia Irle
Washington Department of Ecology*

- 6/17/2013 Draft report to Ecology and Rocky Reach Fish Forum (RRFF)
- 7/26/2013 Ecology and RRFF comments to Chelan PUD
- 8/30/2013 Final Report to Ecology, RRFF and FERC

Please feel free to contact me or Steve Hays at (509)661-4181 if you would like to discuss this work or if additional information would be helpful.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure: Consultation summary

From: Hays, Steve [mailto:steve.hays@chelanpud.org]
Sent: Monday, April 29, 2013 11:26 AM
To: Irle, Pat (ECY)
Cc: Smith, Michelle; Frantz, Waikele M.
Subject: Macrophyte Report Schedule

Hi Pat,

Two things - First, thank you for your comments on the Biological Objectives and Flow and Temperature Reports. I think you will like the additions to these reports resulting from your input (if not, I will get it right the next time). These reports are going out tomorrow.

Second, I have not been able to meet my schedule for the Rocky Reach Shallow Water/Macrophyte Bed report. I would like to propose a new schedule so that I can complete that report with a quality analysis. I was too optimistic on my time scheduling when I set the original schedule in the QAPP.

The proposed schedule is as follows (original in yellow highlight).

6/17/2013 Draft report to Ecology and RRF
7/26/2013 Ecology and RRF comments to Chelan PUD
8/30/2013 Final Report to Ecology, RRF and FERC

2/1/2013 Draft report to Ecology and RRF
3/15/2013 Ecology and RRF comments to Chelan PUD
5/1/2013 Final Report (to be included as an appendix to the 2012 Annual Quality Assurance Project Report) to Ecology, RRF and filed with the FERC

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Steve

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From: Irle, Pat (ECY) [mailto:PIRL461@ECY.WA.GOV]
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Subject: RE: Macrophyte Report Schedule

Thanks for your update, and considering my comments on the two reports you describe below. I know our comments would take time, but I'm sure you did a good job.

Your new schedule for the macrophyte beds report should be okay, and of course we prefer quality to doing something too quickly.

Again, thanks for the update, and we will be looking for the draft Macrophyte report in June.

FYI: Chris Coffin has replaced Jon Merz as my direct supervisor, and I am cc'ing him on some things, just to slowly bring him up to speed...