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Project No. 2145-116—Washington
Rocky Reach Hydroelectric Project
Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County

May 23, 2013

Mr. John Janney
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Subject: Schedule Revision for Implementation of the Shallow Water / Macrophyte Bed Sampling Report

Dear Mr. Janney:

This letter acknowledges the receipt of your April 30, 2013 filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) regarding the sampling and reporting schedule for shallow water / macrophyte bed sampling as required by Article 401 of the Rocky Reach Hydroelectric Project license.¹ The Update for Shallow Water / Macrophyte Bed Sampling Study Plan, filed with the Commission on July 26, 2012, identified April 15, 2013 as the target deadline for filing the final report with the Commission, all the while recognizing that the sampling schedule would vary depending on weather, equipment, and other unforeseen circumstances.

In your April 30 letter, you stated that sampling and data analyses remain incomplete and suggest postponing the report filing date with the Commission to August 30, 2013. This should provide adequate time for a thorough analysis that will incorporate comments from the Washington Department of Ecology and Rocky Reach Fish Forum.

You provided the revised schedule to the Washington Department of Ecology on April 29, 2013. Their response, also on April 29, 2013, agreed that more time should be permitted in order to produce a higher quality analysis and subsequent report.

¹ Order on Offer of Settlement and Issuing New License. 126 FERC ¶ 61,138 (issued February 19, 2009).

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This revised schedule is acceptable. Thank you for your cooperation. We look forward to your final report, due August 30, 2013. If you have any questions concerning this letter please contact me at (202) 502-8038 or alicia.burtner@ferc.gov.

Sincerely,

Alicia Burtner
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