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August 29, 2013

Honorable Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, and
Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr., Deputy Secretary
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
888 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20426

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Ms. Patricia S. Irle, Hydropower Projects Manager
Washington Department of Ecology
Central Regional Office
15 West Yakima Avenue, Suite 200
Yakima, WA 98902-3452

Re: **Rocky Reach Hydroelectric Project No. 2145**
License Article 401 and Appendix A, Sections 5.6.1, 5.7.1, and 5.72
Notification of Second Revised Schedule Regarding the Shallow Water/Macrophyte
Bed Sampling and Report

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

On May 23, 2013, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) issued a letter order for the Rocky Reach Hydroelectric Project (Project) granting the Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County, Washington (Chelan PUD or Licensee) to file the final report for the shallow water/macrophyte bed sampling study by the extended deadline of August 30, 2013, to comply with Article 401 and Appendix A of the license.¹

This letter is to provide the Commission and the Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) notification of a second revised schedule for completion for the reasons described below. The Licensee respectfully requests a second extension of time for completing the plan until November 15, 2013.

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

Reason for Request

The analysis of the extensive data set collected during the Shallow Water/Macrophyte Bed Water Quality study has taken longer than anticipated. Also, Ecology has requested that the associated final Resident Fish Study Report be available for their review concurrent with the Shallow Water/Macrophyte Bed Water Quality Report review because the fish sampling data from shallow water and macrophyte beds complements the water quality data. The Resident Fish Study Report is expected to be available August 30, 2013.

The revised schedule is as follows:

- September 30, 2013: Draft report to Rocky Reach Fisheries Forum
- November 1, 2013: Comments due
- November 15, 2013: File final report to FERC and Rocky Reach Fisheries Forum

Consultation

The revised schedule was reviewed and approved by Ecology and the Rocky Reach Fisheries Forum and the consultation summary is attached.

Please contact me or Steven 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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Attachment: Consultation Records

cc: Rocky Reach Fisheries Forum

CONSULTATION RECORDS

RRFF Representative Agency	Approve	Tacit Approve (no response)	Disapprove
Washington Dept Ecology	X		
Washington Dept Fish and Wildlife	X		
Colville Confederated Tribes	X		
Yakama Nation		X	
US Fish and Wildlife Service		X	
National Park Service		X	
Alcoa		X	
City of Entiat		X	

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From: Tracy Hillman [mailto:tracy.hillman@bioanalysts.net]

Sent: Sunday, August 18, 2013 8:57 PM

To: Aaron Jackson; Andrew Gingerich; 'Bob Huber'; Bob Rose; 'Brad James'; 'Bryan Nordlund'; 'Catherine Willard'; 'Chad Jackson'; 'Dave Burgess'; Bitterman, Deborah; Jason McLellan; 'Jeff Korth'; Osborn, Jeff; 'Jerry Marco'; Joe Miller; Josh Murauskas; Justin Yeager; 'Katrina Simmons'; Truscott, Keith; 'Keith Vradenburg'; 'Ken Finicle'; Keller, Lance; 'Mike Clement'; 'Pat Irle'; 'Patrick Verhey'; Ralph Lampman; 'RD Nelle'; 'Reed Glesne'; Hays, Steve; Hemstrom, Steven; 'Steve Lewis'; Steve Rainey; 'Susan Rosebrough'; Hodgson, Suzanne; Tom Skiles; Travis Maitland; Frantz, Waikele M.

Subject: RRFF: Revised Schedule for the Rocky Reach Macrophyte Bed Water Quality Report

Hello RRFF,

As you may recall, the Draft Rocky Reach Macrophyte Bed Water Quality Report was due to Ecology on 17 June 2013. Chelan PUD was unable to meet this deadline. Therefore, after consulting with Ecology, Chelan PUD is proposing to provide the draft report to the RRFF on 30 September 2013. The RRFF will review the draft report and provide comments to Chelan PUD by 1 November 2013. Chelan will then provide a final report by 15 November 2013.

Please let me know by Tuesday, 27 August 2013, if you approve the schedule change. If I do not hear from you, I will assume you approve the revised schedule.

Please let me or Steve Hays know if you have questions.

Thanks,
Tracy

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From: Irle, Pat (ECY)

Sent: Monday, August 19, 2013 9:42 AM

To: 'Tracy Hillman'

Cc: Hays, Steve; 'Smith, Michelle'; 'Steve Hemstrom'; Verhey, Patrick M (DFW)

Subject: FW: New Schedule for Rocky Reach macrophyte bed water quality report

Hi, Tracy - The new schedule is fine with me, given the conditions described below.

Pat

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From: Jason McLellan [mailto:Jason.McLellan@colvilletribes.com]

Sent: Tuesday, August 20, 2013 12:15 PM

To: Tracy Hillman

Cc: Bill Towey; Bret Nine

Subject: RE: RRF: Revised Schedule for the Rocky Reach Macrophyte Bed Water Quality Report

Hi Tracy,

The CCT approves the schedule change.

Thanks,
Jason

From: Verhey, Patrick M (DFW) [<mailto:Patrick.Verhey@dfw.wa.gov>]

Sent: Monday, August 26, 2013 5:17 PM

To: Tracy Hillman

Subject: RE: RRF: Revised Schedule for the Rocky Reach Macrophyte Bed Water Quality Report

WDFW approves of the revised schedule for the Rocky Reach Macrophyte Bed Water Quality Report.

Patrick Verhey

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Work schedule is M-Th

From: Tracy Hillman <tracy.hillman@bioanalysts.net>

Date: 08/26/2013 7:38 PM (GMT-08:00)

To: 'Aaron Jackson' <AaronJackson@ctuir.org>, 'Andrew Gingerich' <andrewg@dcpud.org>, 'Bob Huber' <bob.huber@alcoa.com>, 'Bob Rose' <rosb@yakamafish-nsn.gov>, 'Brad James' <jamesbwj@dfw.wa.gov>, 'Bryan Nordlund' <Bryan.Nordlund@noaa.gov>, 'Catherine Willard' <cwillard@fs.fed.us>, 'Chad Jackson' <chad.jackson@dfw.wa.gov>, 'Dave Burgess' <Dave.Burgess@dfw.wa.gov>, 'Bitterman, Deborah' <Deborah.Bitterman@chelanpud.org>, 'Jason McLellan' <Jason.McLellan@colvilletribes.com>, 'Jeff Korth' <Jeffrey.Korth@dfw.wa.gov>, 'Osborn, Jeff' <Jeff.Osborn@chelanpud.org>, 'Jerry Marco' <jerry.marco@colvilletribes.com>, 'Joe Miller' <jmiller@anchorqea.com>, 'Josh Murauskas' <jmurauskas@anchorqea.com>, 'Justin Yeager' <Justin.Yeager@noaa.gov>, 'Katrina Simmons' <katrina.simmons@dfw.wa.gov>, 'Truscott, Keith' <keith.truscott@chelanpud.org>, 'Keith Vradenburg' <kvradenburg.city@entiat.org>, 'Ken Finicle' <ken.finicle@pse.com>, 'Keller, Lance' <Lance.Keller@chelanpud.org>, 'Mike Clement' <Mcllemen@gcpud.org>, 'Pat Irle' <pir1461@ecy.wa.gov>, 'Patrick Verhey' <verhepmv@dfw.wa.gov>, 'Ralph Lampman' <lamr@yakamafish-nsn.gov>, 'RD Nelle' <RD_Nelle@fws.gov>, 'Reed Glesne' <Reed_Glesne@nps.gov>, 'Hays, Steve' <steve.hays@chelanpud.org>, 'Hemstrom, Steven' <steven.hemstrom@chelanpud.org>, 'Steve Lewis' <stephen_lewis@fws.gov>, 'Steve Rainey' <wsteverainey@aol.com>, 'Susan Rosebrough' <susan_rosebrough@nps.gov>, 'Hodgson, Suzanne' <Suzanne.Hodgson@chelanpud.org>, 'Tom Skiles' <skit@critfc.org>, 'Travis Maitland' <Travis.Maitland@dfw.wa.gov>, 'Frantz, Waikele M.' <Waikele.Frantz@chelanpud.org>

Cc: "Smith, Michelle" <michelle.smith@chelanpud.org>
Subject: RRFF: Revised Schedule for the Rocky Reach Macrophyte Bed Water Quality Report

Hi RRFF,

Just a reminder that you need to let me know by close of business tomorrow (Tuesday) if you approve the proposed schedule change for the Rocky Reach Macrophyte Bed Water Quality Report.

Thanks,
Tracy

From: Tracy Hillman [mailto:tracy.hillman@bioanalysts.net]
Sent: Tuesday, August 27, 2013 9:16 PM
To: Smith, Michelle
Cc: Hays, Steve; Hemstrom, Steven
Subject: RRFF: Revised Schedule for the Rocky Reach Macrophyte Bed Water Quality Report

Hi Michelle,

I did not receive any other responses to the change in schedule. Only Ecology, WDFW, and the Colville Tribes responded. They all approved the change. No one said no.

Let me know if you have questions.

Thanks,
Tracy
