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 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
 FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County

Project No. 637-035

ORDER REVISING THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES PROTECTION
 PLAN SCHEDULE UNDER ARTICLE 408

(Issued May 19, 2010)

1. On March 11, 2010, the Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County, licensee for the Lake Chelan Project, FERC No. 637, filed a request to revise the schedule to submit the draft and final biological objectives status reports. The schedule for these reports was approved as part of the threatened and endangered species protection plan approved on November 28, 2007.¹ The project is located on the Chelan River, near the City of Chelan, in Chelan County, Washington. The project occupies 465.5 acres of federal lands administered by the U.S. Forest Service (FS), and the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service (NPS).²

2. According to the approved threatened and endangered species protection plan, the licensee is to produce a biological objectives status report to determine whether actions are needed to improve water quality characteristics for fish. The licensee requests to revise the schedule for filing the reports to accommodate an extension that was granted by the Commission on November 28, 2007 to complete new minimum flow facilities in the Chelan River and improvements for fish habitat in the tailrace. If approved, the licensee will submit these reports according to the following schedule:

Report	Submittal Dates
Draft biological objectives status report	February 28, 2013, 2015, 2017, and 2019
Final biological objectives status report	April 30, 2013, 2015, 2017, and 2019

¹ Order Approving Threatened and Endangered Species Plan Under Article 408 (121 FERC ¶ 62,143).

² The federal lands are in the Wenatchee National Forest and the Lake Chelan National Recreation Area of the North Cascades National Park.

3. The licensee states that construction is complete on the facilities discussed above, and the schedule amendment will allow for the dates to correspond with the first year implementation of these completed Chelan River habitat improvements and initiation of minimum flows.

4. The licensee's revised schedule to file the biological objectives status reports will allow for coordination with completed aquatic habitat enhancements and flows at the project. The threatened and endangered species protection plan should be revised accordingly.

The Director orders:

(A) The threatened and endangered species protection plan is revised to include the new schedule for the biological objectives status report filed by the Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County on March 11, 2010, for the Lake Chelan Project, FERC No. 637, pursuant to article 408.

(B) This order constitutes final agency action. Requests for rehearing by the Commission may be filed within 30 days of the date of issuance of this order, pursuant to 18 CFR § 385.713.

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