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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

The Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County,  
Washington

Project No. 637-075

ORDER GRANTING A REVISED SCHEDULE FOR EROSION CONTROL WORK

(Issued February 04, 2011)

1. On December 20, 2010, the Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County, Washington (Chelan PUD) filed a request to revise the schedule for implementing erosion control plan for sites 25, 26, and 27 for the Lake Chelan Hydroelectric Project.<sup>1</sup> The project is located on the Chelan River in Chelan County, Washington. The project occupies 465.5 acres of federal lands<sup>2</sup> administered by the U.S. Forest Service (Forest Service) and U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service (Park Service). The erosion control plan was prepared by Chelan PUD in consultation with the Forest Service for habitat and ground disturbing activities on National Forest System Lands necessary to implement erosion control work for Sites 24, 25, 26 and 27. The original schedule states that work for Sites 24 and 25 will be implemented in winter 2010 to spring 2011 and work for sites 26 and 27 will be done in winter 2011 to spring 2012.
2. The Forest Service in a letter dated October 18, 2010, requested that the erosion work for Site 25 be rescheduled to take place in the fall of 2011 and early winter of 2012, and work for Sites 26 and 27 take place in 2015 to 2016.
3. The revised schedule, according to the Forest Service, will minimize interference with remediation of the Holden Mine site, which is not associated with the erosion plan.

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<sup>1</sup> Order Approving USDA Forest Service Site Specific Erosion Control Plan, issued March 29, 2010, 130 FERC ¶ 62,268.

<sup>2</sup> The federal lands are in the Wenatchee National Forest and the Lake Chelan National Recreation Area of the North Cascades National Park. The Wenatchee Forest Reserve was established by Executive Order No. 825 on June 18, 1908. By Act of October 2, 1968, Pub. L. No. 90-554, Congress established the North Cascades National Park and designated the North Cascades National Recreation Area, the Lake Chelan National Recreation Area, and the Ross Lake National Recreation Area as components thereof.

The Holden Mine was closed in 1957, and was discovered that water leaching through the debris left at the mine was polluting nearby streams and clean up of this debris is considered a priority for a National Superfund Site. The Holden Mine site can only be accessed through the same shoreline areas and docks of Sites 25, 26 and 27, and will be using the same equipment, e.g. barges, and same Forest Service personnel.

4. Based on cleaning a National Superfund Site, which is a priority, the request by the Chelan PUD for revising the timelines to implement erosion control works for Sites 25, 26 and 27 will be granted in this order.

The Director orders:

(A) The request filed by the Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County, Washington on December 20, 2010, to revise the schedule to implement erosion work for Site 25 to take place in the fall of 2011 and early winter of 2012, and work for Sites 26 and 27 to take place in 2015 to 2016 for the Lake Chelan Hydroelectric Project is granted.

(B) This order constitutes final agency action. Any party may file a request for rehearing of this order within 30 days from the date of its issuance, as provided in section 313(a) of the FPA, 16 U.S.C. § 8251 (2006), and the Commission's regulations at 18 C.F.R. § 385.713 (2010). The filing of a request for rehearing does not operate as a stay of the effective date of this order, or any other date specified in this order. The licensee's failure to file a request for rehearing shall constitute acceptance of this order.

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