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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

Re: **Lake Chelan Hydroelectric Project No. 637**
License Article 401 and Water Quality Certification Condition V.B
Request for Time Extension for Chelan River Water Temperature Modeling
Study Report

Dear Secretary Bose and Deputy Secretary Davis:

On September 4, 2014, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) issued its order for the Lake Chelan Hydroelectric Project (Project) approving the Chelan River Water Temperature Modeling Study Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) submitted on April 14, 2014, by the Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County, Washington (Chelan PUD)¹, pursuant to the Commission's November 30, 2007 Order Modifying and Approving Quality Assurance Project Plan under license Article 401 and Water Quality Certification Condition V.B². The Commission concluded that Chelan PUD's April 14, 2014, filing satisfied the requirement of ordering paragraph (B) of the Commission's November 20, 2007 Order Modifying and Approving Quality Assurance Project Plan under license Article 401 and Water Quality Certification Condition V.B of the license. In its order, the Commission also required, in paragraph B, that Chelan PUD must file a copy of its final Washington Department of Ecology (WDOE) reviewed report with the Commission for review by August 1, 2015. The timing of this requirement is derived from the schedule in Chelan PUD's April 14, 2014, Chelan River Water Temperature Modeling Study QAPP.

On November 30, 2007, the Commission issued its "Order Modifying and Approving Quality Assurance Project Plan, Article 401 and WQC Condition V" requiring Chelan

¹ 148 FERC ¶62,177 (2014)

² 121 FERC ¶62,154 (2007)

PUD to file a Revised Chelan River Temperature Modeling Study QAPP by April 30, 2012 to re-evaluate and revise the original QAPP in collaboration with WDOE³. On September 2, 2010, and October 15, 2013, the Commission issued orders^{4,5} granting Chelan PUD their first extension to file the QAPP for the Chelan River Temperature Modeling Study by September 1, 2013, and then the second extension of April 15, 2014 (orders^{4,5} respectively).

Ordering Paragraph (C) of the Commission's September 2010 order requires that Chelan PUD include its revised QAPP for its Chelan River Water Temperature Modeling Study with the submittal of the 2015 Final Biological Objectives Status Report due April 30, 2015. The Commission's September 2014 order, footnote 5, reiterates this same filing date. Chelan PUD filed the Revised QAPP for the Chelan River Temperature Modeling Study on April 29, 2015.

Due to the additional and ongoing collaboration with Ecology on development of the model and the revised QAPP, the reporting dates for the study results generated from the model have been affected. In the Revised QAPP, the new schedule calls for Chelan PUD to file a copy of its final WDOE-reviewed report, generated from the model results, with the Commission for review by February 15, 2016.

For the foregoing reasons, Chelan PUD respectfully requests that the Commission grant an extension to Chelan PUD to file a copy of its final WDOE-reviewed report, generated from the model results, with the Commission for review by February 15, 2016.

Sincerely,



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³ 121 FERC ¶62,154 (2007)

⁴ 132 FERC ¶ 62,147 (2010)

⁵ The October 15, 2013, order has no FERC Cite number.