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April 2, 2010

Waikele Hampton
Chelan County PUD No. 1
327 N. Wenatchee Ave.
Wenatchee, WA 98801

RE: Rocky Reach 2145
2010 Gas Abatement Plan

Dear Waikele:

The 2010 Total Dissolved Gas Abatement Plan for Rocky Reach Dam is hereby approved for the 2010 fish spill season, in accordance with WAC 173-201A- 200(1)(f)(ii) and 401 Certification Section 5.4 (Washington State Order 3155).

We appreciate the effort you made to include the information regarding the purpose, recent success and plans for this year's implementation of the fisheries management plan (i.e., the Habitat Conservation Plan). Given the importance placed on this HCP for Rocky Reach spill operations, and the effects of spill on TDG and on attaining compliance with TDG standards, it is expected that there will be a need for additional, updated discussions of this in future documents.

Two minor comments:

1) Just a reminder that the draft Gas Abatement Plan report for this year is due October 31, 2010.
2) We also recommend that the next annual draft Gas Abatement Plan (for 2011) be submitted by February 28th, 2011, so that Ecology can prepare comments and the PUD can address those comments by April 1st, 2011, the date that fish spill is expected to begin.

Again, thanks for all your hard work and patience.

Sincerely,

Pat Irle
Hydropower Projects Manager

cc: Steve Hays, Chelan PUD
Michelle Smith, Chelan PUD