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Project No. 2145-060—Washington
Rocky Reach Project
Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County

AUG 11 2010

Mr. Roger Braden
Public Utility District
P.O. Box 1231
Wenatchee, WA 98801

RE: Ute Ladies' Tresses Discovery Report

Dear Mr. Braden:

This is in reference to the material filed December 16, 2009, to comply with Article 404 of the Order on Offer of Settlement and Issuing New License, issued February 19, 2009, for the Rocky Reach Hydroelectric Project.

Article 404 requires you to file a report with the Commission within 90 days of discovering new populations of Ute ladies'-tresses along the project reservoir. The report shall describe the population size, any identified threats to the newly discovered population, and any recommendations for modifying the Ute ladies'-tresses management plan to include additional protection measures or to modify the monitoring and survey efforts to address the new population. The report shall be prepared after consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW).

The filed report indicates that you identified new populations of Ute Ladies'-tresses, containing a total of about 50 plants. The report was prepared in consultation with the resource agencies. The report indicates that principal threats to the new populations include encroachment by noxious weeds such as purple loosestrife, Himalayan blackberry, and reed canarygrass and potential effects from nearby development occurring on the two parcels.

The report also indicates you will manage these populations in consultation with the Rocky Reach Wildlife Forum, as described in the attached modified Ute ladies' tresses management plan dated December 15, 2009. The attached management plan modifies the previous Ute ladies' tresses management plan that was filed with the Commission on


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March 20, 2006. In the report you state that the BLM, FWS, and WDFW all approved of the modified plan in emails dated December 11, 2009.

This letter confirms that you are fulfilling the requirements of Article 404 in the July 1998 Order. If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 502-6012.

Sincerely,



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Administration and Compliance