

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County

Project No. 2145-102

ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 406

(Issued November 3, 2011)

1. On September 14, 2011, the Public Utility District No. 1, licensee for the Rocky Reach Hydroelectric Project, FERC No. 2145, requested an extension of time to file a proposed Entiatqua Trial Feasibility Study (the study). The study is required by ordering paragraph (B) of an Order Modifying and Approving Revised Recreation Management Plan.¹ The project is located on the Columbia River in the City of Entiat, in Chelan County, Washington.

Background

2. The ordering paragraph (B) requires the licensee to submit the completed study and the study results within one year of the order issuance date for Commission approval. There are seven agencies (City of Entiat, Washington State Department of Transportation, C&C Railway, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the U.S. Bureau of Land Management) whose consultation reviews are also required as part of the submission.

3. On the attached consultation to the extension request, the Recreation Resource Advisor for Chelan County PUD states that additional time is needed to complete the environmental evaluation and consultation with the agencies. The licensee is requesting that the original October 12, 2011, deadline be extended to December 31, 2011.

Discussion

The licensee states that the feasibility study is almost complete and provides a proposed time schedule of events for completion. The reasons advanced by the licensees in support of the requested extension of time are reasonable and justify the extension.

¹ 133 FERC ¶ 62,040 (October 12, 2010).

The Director orders:

(A) The deadline to provide the proposed Entiatqua Trail Feasibility Study pursuant to the Commission's Order Modifying and Approving Revised Recreation Management Plan, under Article 406 of the Rocky Reach Hydroelectric Project, is extended to December 31, 2011.

(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 (2011). The filing of a request for rehearing does not operate as a stay of the effective date of this order, or of 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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