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OFFICE OF ENERGY PROJECTS

Project No. 2145-102 –Washington  
Rocky Reach Hydroelectric Project  
Public Utility District No. 1 of  
Chelan County

**April 10, 2013**

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Subject: Final Construction Plans for Rocky Reach Trail Pursuant to  
Approved Revised Recreation Management Plan

Dear Mr. Janney:

This letter refers to a February 26, 2013 filing from Ms. Michelle Smith of your company providing final construction plans for the Rocky Reach Trail pursuant to ordering paragraph (C) of the approved recreation management plan for the Rocky Reach Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2145).<sup>1</sup>

The approved recreation plan includes conceptual plans for the Rocky Reach Trail, a 1-mile-long non-motorized trail with signage and bench, extending from Lincoln Rock State Park to an overlook above the fish bypass pipe located downstream from the project. The trail is to be integrated with future connecting phases of a trail that would be constructed by other entities on adjacent lands owned by the Washington Department of Transportation.

Ordering paragraph (C) of the October 12, 2010 order requires, in part, that you file, final construction drawings for the trail, including erosion and sedimentation control measures, trash clean-up and removal provisions, a discussion of how the needs of the disabled were considered in the planning and design of the improvements, and any cost or implementation schedule updates for the improvements.

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<sup>1</sup> Order Modifying and Approving Revised Recreation Management Plan issued October 12, 2010 (133 FERC ¶ 62,040).

The February 26, 2013 filing includes the information required under ordering paragraph (C). In addition, the final construction plans were prepared in consultation with the Washington State Parks and Washington Department of Transportation and resulted in modifications to the original trail route and design. Specific modifications were made to ensure a safe distance from the Rocky Reach switchyard, better follow the topography of the land, and provide the best views of the area. The final trail would be about 1-mile-long and include a footbridge over a small ravine, and extend from Lincoln Rock State Park to a point below the Rocky Reach dam. The trail would then connect to a section of a trail located outside the project boundary on Washington Department of Transportation property where it will lead to a planned overlook below the fish bypass pipe.<sup>2</sup> Mileage signs and benches would be provided along the trail route within the project boundary. All necessary permits have been obtained for the trail and that construction is scheduled to begin May 20, 2013. Finally, the filing indicates that the Commission's Division of Dam Safety and Inspections and Portland Regional Office were sent copies of the final plans pursuant to article 302 of the project license.

Based on our review of the information provided, we find that your filing meets the requirements of paragraph (C) of the October 12, 2010 order. Although the final plans contain modifications to the conceptual route and design of the trail, the reasons for the modifications are justified and the required trail generally conforms to the approved plan. You are reminded that pursuant to paragraph (D) of the October 12, 2010 order, you must file for Commission approval, within 60 days of completion, an as-built drawing (single overview site drawing) of the trail showing the location and layout of the completed facilities, including signage and benches, in relation to the project boundary. Further, you are reminded that you must obtain prior authorization of the Commission's Division of Dam Safety and Inspections (Portland Regional Office) pursuant to the requirements article 302 before beginning construction of the trail.

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<sup>2</sup> During an April 8, 2013 telephone conversation, Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County staff provided additional information to Commission staff clarifying the final trail route within the project boundary, the proposed signage and benches along the route, and the trail's integration with a separate trail section outside the boundary.

If you have any further questions on this matter, please contact me at (202) 502-8951.

Sincerely,

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