

## Rocky Reach Meeting Minutes

**To:** Distribution List  
**From:** Suzanne Bacon  
**Date:** October 23, 2003  
**Subject:** Rocky Reach Full Team Meeting  
**Attendees:** Refer to Sign-Up Sheet  
**Location:** Chelan PUD Auditorium, Wenatchee, WA  
**Time:** 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

### Meeting Purpose

- 1) Review the second draft Preliminary Draft Environmental Assessment (PDEA).
- 2) Review document schedule.

### Relicensing Update – Proposed Costs / Schedule (refer to PowerPoint handout)

#### Schedule

Suzanne Bacon, Chelan PUD (PUD), summarized the current status of the relicensing process. On October 21, 2003, Chelan PUD met a major milestone when it issued the second draft of the PDEA. The next external deadline is December 22, 2003, when PDEA comments and preliminary terms and conditions are due. Beginning January 2004, settlement negotiations will continue until the final PDEA and license application is submitted.

Scott Kreiter (PUD) mentioned that since the agencies will be concentrating on their comments and preliminary terms and conditions recommendations, the November and December full team meetings are cancelled. Once comments are submitted, meetings and discussion will resume. Suzanne (PUD) added that the preliminary proposal submitted in the PDEA will be subject to change due to the terms and conditions and future settlement discussions. The group concurred with the decision to postpone relicensing meetings until January 2004.

#### Proposed Costs

Suzanne stated that the cost in net present value (NPV) for the proposed protection, mitigation, and enhancement (PME) measures in the second draft PDEA is estimated as \$366 million over a 50-year license term. About half of the costs are existing measures that would continue over the next 50 years; and the other half is the cost of new measures. The details are presented in Table 20 of the PDEA, which identifies all the PME measures and costs (both as NPV and levelized). Kelly Boyd, PUD business advisor, briefly explained that the difference between NPV and levelized costs; in brief, the NPV is the cost in today's dollars while levelized cost takes the average of the NPV dollars over 50 years. The NPV payment stream will vary for different years (due to discount rates, inflation, etc.) while the levelized payment stream looks at the NPV costs as equal payments.

Suzanne presented a pie chart reflecting the costs for each resource area shown in Table 20 (refer to Slide 5). About three-quarters of the costs pertain to the Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP); i.e., juvenile bypass system R&D, O&M; juvenile bypass system construction; and anadromous fish/HCP. Ongoing operation and maintenance items are listed as “existing” are costs. Another pie chart (Slide 6) breaks down the costs of other (non-HCP) measures through the relicensing process.

## **Major Differences between First and Second Draft PDEA**

### **Executive Summary**

Suzanne (PUD) mentioned that the summary contains more detail and costs than the first draft along with Table 20. It presents a better picture of the proposals than the first draft.

### **Section 5.3.1 – Geological and Soil Resources**

Gene Yow (PUD) stated that the order for a couple paragraphs was rearranged to read better chronologically.

### **Section 5.3.2 – Water Resources and Water Quality**

Steve Hays (PUD) reported that the only major changes were on Page 61 and Page 63; namely, the addition of the Water Quality Comprehensive Plan and the Cumulative Effects (part c.) sections. Steve added that public comments and the TMDL report may result in changes in the final draft. The TMDL report was not previewed in time to include any details in the second draft PDEA.

### **Section 5.3.3 – Fisheries Resources**

According to Scott Kreiter (PUD), the Environmental Impacts and Recommendations (part b.) starting on Page 81 to Page 99 has completely changed. It now gives more detail regarding the bull trout, sturgeon, lamprey and HCP areas. The PME measures from the comprehensive plans were incorporated into the PDEA. On Page 99, the Cumulative Effects (part c.) section was added.

### **Section 5.3.4 – Terrestrial and Wildlife Resources**

Changes were made to the Environmental Impacts and Recommendations (part b) starting on Page 127. It was changed based on the management plans issued on October 21, 2003. This section contains new information that the Natural Sciences Working has not yet seen; e.g. the upland improvements (Page 129) and the *Our Analysis* sections. Various updates were made based on the comments received. Some rearranging was done to make the document more readable and cleaner.

### **Section 5.3.5 – Cultural Resources**

The Affected Environment (part a.) was rewritten by Paul Friedman, Federal Regulatory Energy Commission (FERC) cultural resources representative.

### **Sections 5.3.6 to 5.3.9 – Recreation / Socioeconomics / Land Use / Aesthetics**

Kris Pomianek (PUD) mentioned that no major changes were made since the Social Sciences Working Group last met on August 27.

## **Next Meetings**

Full Team Meetings – Postponed until January 2004

Wildlife Subcommittee Meeting – November / December

Reference materials are posted on the Web site, [http://www.chelanpud.org/rr\\_relicense/comm/meet2003/102303.htm](http://www.chelanpud.org/rr_relicense/comm/meet2003/102303.htm). Please contact Rosana Sokolowski, (888) 663-8121, Extension 4175, if hard copies are required.

- ✓ Rocky Reach relicensing update, October 20, 2003 (PowerPoint presentation)
- ✓ Management plan status update (10/23/03)
- ✓ PDEA tables 20-22
- ✓ The relicensing application: a checklist of included documents
- ✓ Sign-up sheet