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 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
 FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County

Project No. 637-072

ORDER REVISING REPORTING SCHEDULE FOR RIPARIAN ZONE PLAN
 UNDER ARTICLE 403

(Issued January 25, 2018)

1. On December 22, 2017, Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County, licensee for the Lake Chelan Project, FERC No. 637, filed a request to revise the schedule for submitting technical reports due under the Riparian Zone Plan pursuant to Article 403 of the project license.¹ The Lake Chelan project is located on the Chelan River, in Chelan County, Washington. The project occupies federal lands administered by the U.S. Forest Service and the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service (NPS).

2. The Riparian Zone Plan was approved on August 2, 2011², and included a reporting schedule with various reports due on November 6, 2014, and November 6 of subsequent years. On August 26, 2014, the licensee filed a previous request to revise the reporting schedule to December 31 of the corresponding years, and it was approved on October 14, 2014.³ Because riparian sampling occurs in the fall, additional time is needed to analyze and summarize the three to five years of data collected for the reports. Therefore, the licensee is requesting to file the technical reports on March 1 of the subsequent corresponding years, rather than December 31. The table in paragraph 4 of the Order Approving Riparian Zone Plan Under Article 403 would be revised as follows:

Report	Date to FERC
Technical report, monitor mitigation measures	March 1, 2018
Technical report, monitor mitigation measures	March 1, 2022
Final report for monitor wildlife in drawdown zone	March 1, 2025
Technical report, monitor mitigation measures	March 1, 2027
Technical report, monitor mitigation measures	March 1, 2032

¹ Order on Offer of Settlement and Issuing New License, issued November 6, 2006 (117 FERC ¶ 62,129).

² Order Approving Riparian Zone Plan Under Article 403 (136 FERC ¶ 62,096).

³ Order Revising Reporting Schedule for Riparian Zone Plan Under Article 403 (149 FERC ¶ 62,022).

Technical report, monitor mitigation measures	March 1, 2037
Final report for monitor wildlife in drawdown zone	March 1, 2040
Technical report, monitor mitigation measures	March 1, 2047
Technical report, monitor mitigation measures	March 1, 2052
Technical report, monitor mitigation measures	March 1, 2054
Final report for monitor wildlife in drawdown zone	March 1, 2056

3. Revising the reporting schedule for the technical reports under the Riparian Zone Plan will provide additional time for the NPS and the licensee to complete comprehensive technical reports based on the large amount of data that will need to be compiled for the three to five-year reporting cycles. The licensee's request should be approved.

The Director orders:

(A) The revised reporting schedule filed on December 22, 2017, for the Riparian Zone Plan under Article 403 of the license for the Lake Chelan Project (FERC No. 637), is approved.

(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 Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. § 825l (2012), and the Commission's regulations at 18 C.F.R. § 385.713 (2017). 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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