

152 FERC ¶ 62,127
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County

Project No. 2145-105

ORDER AMENDING OPERATIONS COMPLIANCE MONITORING PLAN
APPENDIX A PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 402

(Issued August 25, 2015)

1. On June 25, 2015, Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County, Washington (licensee), filed a request to amend Appendix A of the Operations Compliance Monitoring Plan¹ for the Rocky Reach Hydroelectric Project, FERC No. 2145, for Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) approval. The project is located on the Columbia River in Douglas and Chelan counties, Washington.

BACKGROUND AND REQUIREMENTS

2. Article 402 of the project license² requires the licensee to annually develop an operations plan to be implemented during the following year. Each plan must include: descriptions of fisheries- and water quality-related operating criteria for the project turbines, the downstream fish passage facilities, fishways, spillways, and sluiceways; descriptions of fisheries- and water quality-related protocols for startup, in-season operation, shutdown, and inspections of the project turbines, the downstream passage facilities, fishways (including fish salvage), spillways, and sluiceways; and an annual schedule for operation and inspection of these facilities. The licensee filed its 2015 Operations Compliance Monitoring Plan on March 30, 2015, and the Commission approved the plan on May 5, 2015.

LICENSEE'S REQUEST

3. The licensee's June 25, 2015 filing indicates that Appendix A of the May 30, 2015 plan erroneously included a prior year's Juvenile Fish Bypass System Operations Plan. Accordingly, the June 25, 2015 filing includes the most recent Juvenile Fish Bypass

¹ 151 FERC ¶ 62,076 (issued May 5, 2015).

² Order on Offer of Settlement and Issuing New License. 126 FERC ¶ 61,138 (issued February 19, 2009).

System Operations Plan. The licensee requests that this update replace Appendix A of the 2015 Operations Compliance Monitoring Plan. The requested modification would not affect the content or implementation of the 2015 Operations Compliance Monitoring Plan.

CONCLUSION

4. The licensee's request to update Appendix A of the 2015 Operations Compliance Monitoring Plan appears reasonable, in order to maintain the most current and accurate information. The 2015 Operations Compliance Monitoring Plan, as approved, would not be modified; however, Appendix A should be updated to include the most current information. Therefore, the licensee's request should be approved.

The Director orders:

(A) Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County's (licensee) request to amend Appendix A of the 2015 Operations Compliance Monitoring Plan for the Rocky Reach Hydroelectric Project, FERC No. 2145, filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) on June 25, 2015, is approved. Appendix A is hereby updated to include the 2015 Rocky Reach Juvenile Fish Bypass System Operations Plan, as filed with the Commission on June 25, 2015.

(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. § 8251 (2012), and the Commission's regulations at 18 CFR § 385.713 (2015). The filing of a request for hearing 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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