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July 7, 2009

Honorable Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, and
Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr., Deputy Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
Attention: OEP/DHAC
888 First Street NE
Washington, DC 20426

Re: Lake Chelan Hydroelectric Project No. 637
Revised Schedule for the 2009 Whitewater Boating Monitoring Study

Dear Secretary Bose and Deputy Secretary Davis:

The Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County, Washington (Chelan PUD) hereby notifies the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) of a change in the 2009 schedule for whitewater boating in the Chelan River. The Whitewater Boating Monitoring Study (study) was filed on November 6, 2007 as Appendix B of the Recreation Resources Management and Implementation Plan, and approved by the Commission on April 14, 2008 under Article 407.¹ On September 2, 2008, the Commission issued an order granting an extension of time to start the study to July 1, 2009, based on habitat restoration work being done in the lower reaches of the Chelan River.

In coordination and discussion with American Whitewater and the Lake Chelan Recreation Forum, spills for the first-year (2009) whitewater boating monitoring study will be provided as scheduled on the two weekends in July, but not in September as previously planned (see consultation summary attached). This revised schedule will allow Chelan PUD to complete final stages of habitat restoration work occurring in the Chelan River required by the new license. The habitat work includes riparian plantings scheduled for placement in the lower reaches of the Chelan River. Changes in flows and whitewater boating activity would be harmful to the establishment of the new plantings in the river. The Chelan River habitat restoration project is expected to be completed by October of this year.

Spill releases for whitewater boating on the scheduled second and fourth weekends in July and September will continue in 2010-11.

Sincerely,

Michelle Smith
Licensing and Compliance Manager

Enclosure: Communication Record with Lake Chelan Recreation Forum

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¹ 123 FERC ¶ 62,047

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From: Pomianek, Kris
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Rosana -

On March 27, 2009 Michelle Smith and I spoke via telephone with Tom O'Keefe from American Whitewater regarding the dates of the 2009 releases for Whitewater Boating in the Chelan Gorge. We indicated to him that we were concerned about the releases in September because of the new riparian habitat work that was going to be done during that time. As this will finish the Reach 4 habitat restoration work, no further delays in whitewater boating are anticipated the future. Tom agreed with our request and indicated that 2 weekends in July would be a good way to begin the monitoring study, allowing us time to carefully evaluate as this process begins.

Following our discussion with Tom, I contacted the members of the Lake Chelan Recreation Forum by telephone to explain the change in schedule. I spoke to the Lake Chelan Tourism and Promotion Group, the Lake Chelan Recreation Association, the City of Chelan, Washington State Parks, Manson Parks and Recreation Association and the Lake Chelan Chamber informing them of the change. There was no opposition to this recommended change.

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