



**PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 of CHELAN COUNTY**

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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Honorable Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, and  
Nathanial J. Davis, Sr., Deputy Secretary  
ATTN: OEP/DHAC  
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION  
888 First Street, NE  
Washington, DC 20426

Re: **Lake Chelan Hydroelectric Project No. 637-043**  
**License Article 403 – Riparian Zone Action Plan**  
**Request for Time Extension**

Dear Secretary Bose and Deputy Secretary Davis:

On May 6, 2008, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) issued the “*Order Modifying and Approving the Stehekin Area Implementation Plan Under Article 403*”<sup>1</sup> for the Lake Chelan Hydroelectric Project (Project) requiring the Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County, Washington (Chelan PUD), to file a Riparian Zone Plan by November 6, 2009, for Commission approval. Chelan PUD hereby requests an extension of time to file the Riparian Zone Action Plan to November 06, 2010.

The National Park Service (NPS) gathered considerable baseline data for developing the Riparian Zone Action Plan as reported in the 2008 Annual Report and 2009 Work Plan filed with the Commission on March 25, 2009. However, the collection of field data will not be completed in 2009 as originally planned due to a shift in priorities for NPS personnel to attend to habitat rehabilitation efforts following the Flick Creek Fire, which burned considerable acreage within the Lake Chelan National Park in 2007. Fire rehabilitation efforts are due to be completed in 2009, which will allow NPS personnel to focus on the Stehekin Area Riparian Zone Action Plan in 2010. The proposed schedule for an additional year will allow the NPS to conduct the necessary field work and finish analyzing existing information in order to develop a comprehensive Riparian Zone Action Plan as required. Per discussions held early this month, Von Pope, Chelan PUD’s wildlife biologist, and Jack Oelfke, NPS’s Chief of Natural Resources, North Cascades

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<sup>1</sup> 123 FERC ¶ 62,100 (2008)

National Park, agreed to meet quarterly to assure the report is completed by November 6, 2010, if granted the requested extension of time.

For the foregoing reasons, Chelan PUD respectfully requests that the Commission grant an extension of the deadline to file the Article 403 Riparian Zone Action Plan to November 6, 2010.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this filing or requests for additional information.

Sincerely,



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