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Project No. 637-022 – Washington
Lake Chelan Hydroelectric Project
Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County

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December 9, 2009

Subject: 2009 Annual Cultural Resources Activities Report; Article 410

Dear Ms. Smith:

On December 3, 2009, you filed the 2009 annual report on cultural resource activities at the Lake Chelan Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 637). The report was filed pursuant to the Programmatic Agreement (PA) and your Historic Properties and Cultural Resources Management Plan (HPCRMP).¹ Article 410 of the project license requires you to implement the PA and the approved HPCRMP, filed on October 8, 2003.² In addition, you are subject to the provisions of Settlement Agreement (SA) article 10 with regard to cultural resources at the project. The project occupies 465.5 acres of federal lands administered by the U.S. Forest Service (FS) for the Wenatchee National Forest and the National Park Service (NPS) for the Lake Chelan National Recreation Area.

The Lake Chelan Cultural Forum (LCCF) was established, pursuant to the provisions of SA article 10, to implement the Lake Chelan HPCRMP. The LCCF meets to share information, coordinate efforts, and make recommendations regarding historic properties and cultural resources within the project's Area of Potential Effect (APE). The LCCF consists of representatives from the Washington State Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (SHPO), the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission, NPS, FS, the Commission, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Confederated Tribes of the

¹ Executed September 28, 2005, among the Commission, the Washington State Historic Preservation Officer, and the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation Tribal Historic Preservation Officer.

² *See* Order on Offer of Settlement and Issuing New License issued November 6, 2006 (117 FERC ¶ 62,219).

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Colville Reservation (CCT), the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation (YN), and the licensee.

Your 2009 report states that the LCCF convened in 2009 on four occasions. The LCCF members discussed the schedule of activities listed in the HPCRMP. You contracted with Cultural Resources Consultants to complete annual site monitoring for the Lake Chelan Project. In November of 2009, 19 sites were inspected. One site was recommended for treatment. Several sites were inundated at the time of the survey. A few sites were recommended to be removed from the *Lake Chelan Hydroelectric Project Archaeological Sites and Resources Monitoring Plan, March 2008*. In January 2008, you contracted with Archaeological Investigations Northwest (AINW) to prepare Determination of Eligibility and Site Addendum forms for sites located within the APE of Lake Chelan. AINW updated and prepared 126 site forms. Cultural forum members reached consensus on National Register of Historic Places eligibility for individual cultural resources located on FS, NPS, and Chelan PUD/private land. During 2009 you did not conduct any ground disturbing activities within the project's APE that required archaeological survey.

You included the agendas and minutes of each meeting and a list of the attendees, in person or via teleconference, in the 2009 annual report. Copies of your report were filed with the SHPO, CCT, YN, FS, NPS, Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Thank you for your cooperation and efforts in the protection of historic and cultural resources. Your 2009 report fulfill the annual filing requirement of your PA and HPCRMP. You are reminded that your annual report on cultural resource activities in 2010 is due by December 6, 2010. If you have any questions concerning this matter, you may contact me at 678-245-3084.

Sincerely,

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