

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA 130 FERC ¶ 62,268
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County

Project No. 637-068

ORDER APPROVING USDA FOREST SERVICE
SITE SPECIFIC EROSION CONTROL PLAN

(Issued March 29, 2010)

1. On November 18, 2009, Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County (Chelan PUD), licensee, filed with the Commission, a final U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service Site Specific Erosion Control Plan (plan), pursuant to Article 401 of the Order on Offer of Settlement and Issuing New License¹ and Order on Rehearing² for the Lake Chelan Hydroelectric Project, issued on November 6, 2006, and April 19, 2007, respectively. The project is located on the Chelan River, in Chelan County, Washington. The project occupies 465.5 acres of federal lands administered by the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) and U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service (USPS).

LICENSE REQUIREMENT

2. Article 401 1(a)(2) requires the licensee to prepare a site-specific erosion control plan, in consultation with and for approval by, the USFS, for habitat and ground-disturbing activities on National Forest System Lands necessary to implement the erosion control implementation plan.

LICENSEE'S PLAN

3. The site-specific plan has been developed to provide the necessary information to conduct erosion control work at Site 24abc (Domke Falls Campground), Site 25 (Refrigerator Harbor Campground), Site 26 (Lucerne Campground), and Site 27 (Lucerne Guard Station). The plan will be implemented during drawdown as follows: (a) Sites 24abc and Site 25 in winter 2010 to spring 2011, and (b) Sites 26 and 27 in winter 2011 to spring 2012.

¹ 117 FERC ¶ 62,129.

² 119 FERC ¶ 61,055.

AGENCY CONSULTATION

4. The plan was developed by USFS at the request of Chelan PUD. The plan was completed in 2009, consented to by Chelan PUD, and filed for approval.

DISCUSSION

5. Chelan PUD, in regular consultation with USFS, developed the plan in accordance with the requirements of license Article 401 1(a)(2). The plan meets the license requirements, and should be approved.

The Director orders:

(A) The licensee's Site-Specific Erosion Control Plan, required by Article 401 of the Order on Offer of Settlement and Issuing New License and Order on Rehearing for the Lake Chelan Hydroelectric Project, filed November 18, 2009, is approved.

(B) This order constitutes final agency action. Requests for rehearing by the Commission may be filed within 30 days of the date of issuance of this order, pursuant to 18 C.F.R. § 385.713.

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