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Project No. 637-077 – Washington
Lake Chelan Hydroelectric Project
Chelan County PUD

April 21, 2011

Ms. Michelle Smith
Licensing and Compliance Manager
Chelan County PUD
327 N. Wenatchee Ave.
Wenatchee, WA 98801

Subject: 2010 Annual Lake Level Report – per Article 405(b)

Dear Ms. Smith:

This letter acknowledges receipt of your 2010 Annual Lake Level Report, filed February 28, 2011, pursuant to Article 405(b) of the November 6, 2006¹ Order Issuing New License and ordering paragraph (C) of the November 30, 2007² Order Modifying and Approving Operations Compliance and Monitoring Plan, respectively, for the Lake Chelan Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 637).

In part, license Article 405(b) requires you to file an Annual Lake Level Report that compares monthly actual and target lake levels; and runoff volume forecasts and other factors influencing achievement of targeted lake levels. The ordering paragraph (C) of the November 30, 2007 order requires the report be filed annually with the Commission by February 28.

Your report states that during the 2009-2010 Operating Cycle, the lake levels remained at or above all (September, October, May – August) target minimum lake levels that are required under the project license. You state that the lake level reached 1,099 feet mean sea level (msl) on July 10 and was operated at or above 1,099 feet msl from July 10 through August. You began spill of excess water at the dam on May 21 for six days, and again on June 3 to manage the refill rate of Lake Chelan in order to meet the

¹ See 117 FERC ¶ 62,129.

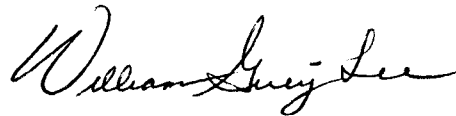
² See 121 FERC ¶ 62,152.

license objectives, lake elevation targets, and to protect recently constructed fish habitat in the Chelan River. You report that spill for lake level management continued until July 23 and resumed on July 30 through August 6 and August 19 and 20. You further state the actual runoff for April 1 through July 31 was 101% of the average volume. The actual runoff was considerably higher than forecasted on April 1 due to above average precipitation in May and June. Lake levels were successfully managed using spill as defined in the Lake Chelan Comprehensive Plan.

Please be advised that, while Commission staff will continue to review these filings, staff will no longer issue acknowledgment letters for future filings under this license requirement, unless further Commission action is needed. When your future filings for this requirement are posted on the Commission's e-library system, you may consider that as acknowledgment of the Commission's receipt of your submittal.

Thank you for your cooperation. Your report satisfies the requirements of the Annual Lake Level Report and your next report update is due by February 28, 2012. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Kim Carter at (202) 502-6486 or via email at Kim.Carter@ferc.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William Guey-Lee". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "William" being the most prominent.

William Guey-Lee, Chief
Engineering Resources Branch
Division of Hydropower Administration
and Compliance