

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County

Project No. 637-094

ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION OF TIME FOR FILING SITE-SPECIFIC
EROSION CONTROL PLAN

(Issued April 23, 2015)

1. On February 4, 2015, Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County, licensee for the Lake Chelan Project No. 637, filed an extension of time request to delay implementation of the Site Specific Erosion Control Plan pursuant to license Article 401 and U.S. Forest Service 4(e) condition no. 1.¹ The project is located on the Chelan River in Chelan County, Washington and occupies federal lands administered by the U.S. Forest Service and the National Park Service.

Background

2. License Article 401 and U.S. Forest Service 4(e) condition no.1 required the licensee to file a Site-Specific Erosion Control Plan describing future erosion control work at six locations along the south shoreline of the reservoir. These locations are labeled sites 1, 2, 14, 15, 16, and 17. The licensee submitted the plan on June 14, 2013 and the Commission issued an order approving the plan on August 27, 2013.² In the plan, the licensee stated it would commence work at the sites in late 2013 and complete it by the end of 2015.

Licensee's Request

3. The licensee states that due to difficulty in obtaining U.S. Forest Service permits, and because U.S. Forest Service personnel have devoted much of their efforts to controlling forest fires, the proposed erosion control work at the sites has been delayed. Therefore, the licensee requests an extension of time in order to conduct work at sites 1 and 2 in late 2015 and early 2016, and work at sites 14, 15, 16, and 17 in late 2016 and early 2017. The licensee also included a letter from the U.S. Forest Service supporting the licensee's request for an extension of time.

¹ *Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County*, 117 FERC ¶ 62,129 (2006).

² *Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County*, 144 FERC ¶ 62,172 (2013).

Discussion

4. Based upon the information presented by the licensee, the delay in conducting erosion control work at the six sites along the reservoir is justified. The licensee could not perform the work due to difficulties in obtaining permits and the dedication of U.S. Forest Service resources to controlling forest fires. Therefore, the licensee's request to extend the deadline for performing the work as authorized in the Site-Specific Erosion Control Plan is reasonable and should be approved.

The Director orders:

(A) The deadline for conducting erosion control work under the Site-Specific Erosion Control Plan pursuant to Article 401 of the license for the Lake Chelan Project No. 637 at sites 1 and 2 is extended until April 30, 2016 and the deadline for conducting the work at sites 14, 15, 16, and 17, is extended until April 30, 2017.

(B) This order constitutes final agency action. Any party may file a request for rehearing of this order within 30 days from the date of its issuance, as provided in section 313(a) of the Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. § 8251 (2012), and the Commission's regulations at 18 C.F.R. § 385.713 (2014). The filing of a request for rehearing does not operate as a stay of the effective date of this order, or of any other date specified in this order. The licensee's failure to file a request for rehearing shall constitute acceptance of this order.

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