



Your Northwest renewables utility

February 26, 2015

Via E-Filing

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street NE
Washington, DC 20426

**Re: Sunset Fish Passage and Energy Project (FERC No. 14295) –
Preliminary Permit Progress Report, No. 6**

Dear Secretary Bose:

Public Utility District No. 1 of Snohomish County submits its sixth Preliminary Permit Progress Report for the Sunset Fish Passage and Energy Project (FERC No. 14295). This report covers activities from September 2014 through February 2015.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Dawn Presler, Sr. Environmental Coordinator, at (425) 783-1709 or DJPresler@snopud.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Craig Collar".

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Enclosed: PPP Report, No. 6

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Preliminary Permit 6-Month Progress Report Report No. 6

Per the Commission's "Order Issuing Preliminary Permit and Granting Priority to File License Application" dated March 2, 2012, Terms and Conditions Article 4, for the Sunset Fish Passage and Energy Project FERC No. 14295 (Project), Public Utility District No. 1 of Snohomish County (the District) hereby files its sixth Preliminary Permit Progress Report. This report includes activities conducted from September 2014 through February 2015.

The District conducted the following activities:

1. Stakeholder Outreach and Consultation

Staff responded to several public records disclosure requests and questions from the public via email and phone. The mailing and service lists were notified of comment periods and meeting dates.

2. RSP Studies Progress

Staff and consultants completed the studies required under the FERC's Study Plan Determination. Draft technical reports were developed and then circulated to licensing participants, posted to the Project web site, and e-filed with the FERC for a 30-day review and comment period. Staff reviewed comments received on each report, and responded to the comments, updating the reports as appropriate. Final technical reports were compiled to include licensing participants' comments and responses to the comments, and e-filed with the FERC as appendices to the Compilation Study Report on January 30, 2015 (some reports were refiled on February 9, 2015, due to a PDF conversion error).

3. Compilation Study Report (CSR)

Staff summarized the 17 technical reports (developed pursuant to the Study Plan Determination) into a CSR which met the requirements of the Initial Study Report and Updated Study Report. The CSR was filed with the FERC on January 30, 2015. Along with the CSR filing, the District filed an Updated Project Design document that provided details of the no-weir/no-dam Project design that was announced in April 2014. Additionally, the District filed an updated Communication and Distribution Protocol document that clarified processes based on previous comments from licensing participants. Also filed by the District was the Instream Flow Study Final Technical Report and the River Hydraulic Characterization, Hydrology, Sediment Processes Technical Memo for a 30-day review and comment period.

4. CSR Meeting and Meeting Summary

Staff developed presentation materials for the CSR Meeting. The CSR Meeting was held over two days (February 11 and 12, 2015) at the District's Administration Building in Everett. The meeting was attended by approximately 10 members of the public, American Rivers, Hydropower Reform Coalition, National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, WA Department of Ecology, WA Department of Fish and Wildlife, Tulalip Tribes, and FERC. Presentations were given by the District and/or its consultants regarding the updated

Project design and each study report. A question and answer session followed each presentation. The meeting is being summarized into a Meeting Summary, which will be filed with the FERC by March 1, 2015.

5. Preliminary Permit Extension Application

Staff developed a request and an application for preliminary permit extension and filed it with the FERC on January 23, 2015. Staff reviewed the FERC Order issued on January 28, 2015, which extends the preliminary permit for two years.