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June 10, 2026

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)
888 First Street NE
Washington, DC 20426

**Re: Jackson Hydro Project, FERC No. 2157
Instream Flow Schedule for Reach 3 of the Sultan River - Water Year 2026-2027**

Dear Secretary Reese:

With this letter, Public Utility District No. 1 of Snohomish County (Snohomish PUD) is transmitting the instream flow schedule for the Jackson Hydroelectric Project (Project) within Reach 3 (River Mile [RM] 9.7 to 16.1) of the Sultan River for the 2026-2027 Water Year (refer to Attachment 1). This instream flow schedule is consistent with the requirements identified under "A-LA 9: Minimum Flows" in Appendix G of the Project's License; however, this flow schedule reshapes the default flow schedule identified in A-LA 9. The instream flow schedule for Water Year 2026-2027 is slightly modified from the flow schedule for Water Year 2025-2026 to avoid flow changes on the weekends and minimize transitions. The transition to the new rate will be by noon of the date listed in order to have operators onsite while the transitions take place. Members of the Aquatic Resource Committee were provided with the draft schedule for a 30-day review and comment period. Consultation documentation is included in Attachment 2; no requests for changes were made.

The shaping of the annual 23,831-acre-foot water budget is largely for the benefit of anadromous species using Reach 3 of the Sultan River since completion of volitional fish passage at the City of Everett's Diversion Dam at RM 9.7. Specifically, the post-passage emphasis of flow management and budgeting focuses on meeting the physical habitat and water quality needs of fall (Chinook and coho salmon) and spring (steelhead trout) spawning populations.

Please contact me if you have questions regarding this filing.

Sincerely,
/s/ Andrew McDonnell
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Attachments: 1 – Instream Flow Schedule Reach 3; 2 – ARC Consultation Documentation

cc: Aquatic Resource Committee

ATTACHMENT 1:
Water Year 2026-2027
Instream Flow Schedule for Reach 3

Date	Flow (cfs)
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November 1	50
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November 16-30	25
December 1-15	25
December 16-31	25
January 1-15	25
January 16-31	25
February 1-15	20
February 16-28	20
March 1-15	25
March 16-31	35
April 1-15	35
April 16-30	35
May 1-13	35
May 14-31	29
June 1-15	25
June 16-30	25

* July 1 begins the water year.

ATTACHMENT 2:
Consultation Documentation

Presler, Dawn

From: Presler, Dawn
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2026 12:53 PM
To: Anna Thelen; Anne Baxter; Anne Savery; Applegate, Brock A (DFW); Jeff Garnett; Kathleen Wells; Legare, Kyle; McDonnell, Andrew; Mike Rustay; Nate Morgan; Nobles, Matthew; Pete Verhey; Richard Vacirca; Scott Bohling; Tom O'Keefe
Subject: Jackson Hydro (FERC No. 2157) - draft Sultan River Reach 3 instream flow schedule

Dear ARC,

Attached is the draft Sultan River Reach 3 Instream Flow Schedule for the Jackson Hydro Project, per Aquatic License Article 9, for Water Year 2026-2027 (July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027). This schedule is slightly updated from last year's schedule to address flow changes not happening on weekends so staff can monitor the change, focus on spawning in fall and spring, annual budget, and timing of accretion.

Please review over the next 30 days, providing comments if any by Thursday April 23. We can also discuss at the ARC meeting on April 8 if you have any questions between now and then.

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Cheers,

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To: 'Applegate, Brock A (DFW)'; McDonnell, Andrew; Anna Thelen; Baxter, Anne (ECY); Anne Savery; Jeff Garnett; Kathleen Wells; Legare, Kyle; Mike Rustay; Nate Morgan; Nobles, Matthew; Verhey, Peter A (DFW); Richard Vacirca; Bohling, Scott (ECY); Tom O'Keefe
Subject: RE: [External Sender] RE: Jackson Hydro (FERC No. 2157) - 20260408 ARC meeting summary for your review

Hi ARC – I will include the email below as our consultation documentation for the A-LA9 filing. That way it is in the record for this year's consultation documentation, and for future reference.

Cheers,
Dawn

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Sent: Monday, April 20, 2026 1:42 PM
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Thanks Andrew, Your reasoning looks sound to me. I do appreciate it. I also like your "WDFW considers" season. WDFW also considers March 15 to start the season on the Skagit River as well. I am not sure if you have earlier arrival of steelhead in the Sultan River, but on the Skagit we have the appearance of steelhead in February. Most of those early steelhead just spawn in the tributaries.

I hope that we can record the "ARC consultation" for the Reach 3 stream flow somewhere, just for "the record" sake.

Thanks Much, Brock

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Anytime, Brock. I appreciate the questions.

I agree it is a good idea to capture this exchange in the meeting notes for folks that couldn't attend and to refresh this time next year. The reason it isn't captured in the draft meeting notes is because we didn't have a ton of discussion on this topic, rather I asked if there were any questions and reiterated the goal of allocating a greater fraction of the water budget in the fall and spring in support of spawning populations.

Adding a bit more, WDFW considers spawning for natural origin winter steelhead to begin on March 16. In shaping the budget, maintaining flows in January allows a bit more to be added in March to support the physical habitat and water quality needs of spawning steelhead, while also balancing the 23,831-acre-foot annual water budget for Reach 3.

Please reach out if you or others have more questions.

Thanks,

Andrew

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Thanks Andrew, I appreciate the reply.

On the Reach 3 stream flow, I understand the reasons behind the end and beginning of the flow periods on weekend/operating days. However, I see a change in flows in the numerical table in January and March. I more interested in the reasons for the change, not that I disagree with them. I would like everything that you said and the reason for the changes above recorded in the meeting notes, so that the ARC can refer to the notes for next year, when we talk about Reach 3 flows.

Thank You, Brock

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Hi Brock,

Thank you for the questions.

1. SFx6 represents an estimate of total instantaneous inflows into Spada Lake Reservoir. The estimate is produced by multiplying the flow rate at the South Fork Sultan River stream gage site by 6. This multiplier was established by Austin Polebitski, Ph.D., a hydrologic consultant who reviewed and analyzed stream flow records from existing and discontinued stream gage sites in the watershed.
2. The changes you see are insignificant and the schedule continues to be shaped by those IFIM results DOE and the ARC worked on. What is different is simply when the change occurs. All changes to minimum instream flow occur during normal working days and hours, not holidays or weekends. For example, October 31, 2025 was a Friday and minimum flow was reduced to 25 cfs. In 2026, October 31 falls on a Saturday, so the plan is to maintain 50 cfs through Sunday, November 1, then reduce to 25 cfs on Monday, November 2. The appearance of this in graphical format seems significant compared to what you end up with, which is a schedule that continues to support the results from the IFIM, accommodates changes during normal working hours, and balances the annual Reach 3 minimum instream flow water budget.

Please reach out if you or others have more questions.

Thanks,

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Thanks Dawn, The meeting Power Point slides generated a couple of questions.

- 1) What does the purple "SFx6" mean on the graph on the second slide? I assume that S.F. may mean spill flow or stream flow. Why does the graph say "x6?"
- 2) I am curious on the reasoning of the changes to "A-LA 9 Reach 3 Instream Flows WY 26-27," on the last slide. I did not really see any reference to this in the meeting notes. Jim Pacheco from Ecology and others on the ARC worked on this fairly rigorously. The group made changes the first time, using an IFIM model.

Thanks for Sending the Power Point Slides, Brock

From: Presler, Dawn <DJPresler@SNOPUD.com>

Sent: Thursday, April 16, 2026 2:34 PM

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And here are the ppt slides for those interested/not present to see them during the meeting....

Cheers,
Dawn

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Dear ARC Members,

Attached is the draft meeting summary from our April 8 ARC meeting for the Jackson Hydro Project. Please take the next 5 business day to review and provide comments, if any, back to me by April 22 COB. Failure to respond will be deemed approved as written.

Anna said she will present on the City's Drought Response/Declaration process at the next meeting. And, she also offered the following resources in case folks want to preview:

- Overall water supply page: [Water Supply | Everett, WA - Official Website](#)
- Water situation report is the first button down and takes you here: [Everett-Water-Situation---current-PDF](#)

Reminder – July 8 meeting will be IN-PERSON and start at 9:00AM in Sultan at Osprey Park basketball court pavilion. Make sure your calendars include any necessary drive time to get to the site.

Have a great week.

Cheers,

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