

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20426

OFFICE OF ENERGY PROJECTS

RE: Hydroelectric Licensing Workshop on Integrating State Processes, June 6-7,
Bellevue, Washington.

To the Parties Addressed :

Thank you for your interest in attending our Hydroelectric Licensing Workshop on Integrating State Processes on June 6 and 7, in Bellevue, WA. The goals of the workshop are to: 1) familiarize Commission Staff with the State of Washington's Water Quality Certification (WQC) process and Coastal Zone Management (CZM) program; 2) familiarize the state's WQC and CZM agencies and the coastal counties with the hydroelectric licensing process; 3) identify common attributes among the various processes; and 4) develop potential ways to integrate the state and county processes with the licensing process. We look forward to working with you to achieve these goals. Your participation in this workshop will assist us in our efforts to streamline the hydroelectric licensing process. A more detailed agenda is attached.

The outcome of the workshop will be a report issued jointly by FERC staff and your individual state resource agencies. If our efforts are fruitful, the report will include recommended solutions for more efficient integration of the licensing process with the water quality certifying processes and the CZM programs.

The Washington Department of Ecology, has offered to host the meeting in the First Floor Conference Room of their Northwest Regional Office, located at 3190 - 160th Ave. SE, Bellevue, WA 98008-5452. Driving directions and facility location can be viewed at: http://www.ecy.wa.gov/directory_nwro.html.

We request that each invited agency prepare a presentation, for approximately 40 people, describing their process as it relates to the issuance of a WQC or CZM consistency certification and the hydroelectric licensing process. If your agency needs any special accommodations, such as audio or visual equipment, for your presentation,

please contact Mr. Jeff Marti, of the Washington Department of Ecology at (360) 407-6636 or e-mail at: jema461@ecy.wa.gov. Questions regarding the workshop should be directed to Kenneth Hogan at (202) 208-0434 or Steve Hocking at (202) 219-2656.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

Hydroelectric Licensing Workshop on Integrating State Processes
Washington Region Agenda
June 6-7, 2002
Bellevue, Washington

Day One

9:00 Introductions

9:30 FERC Licensing Process (ALP & Traditional) - FERC Staff

10:00 Question and Comments

10:15 Break

10:30 WQC/CZM Process Presentation (est. 30 minutes each) - State Staff

11:30 Question and Comments

12:00 Lunch

1:00 County CZM Process Presentations (est. 15 - 30 minutes each)

2:30 Break

2:45 Questions and Comments

4:00 End of Day 1

Day Two

9:00 Recap Day 1

9:30 Ways to integrate states' WQC/CZM process and the FERC licensing process

12:30 Lunch

1:30 Continue discussion

3:45 Conclusion/Wrap up

4:00 End of Workshop

Washington Regional Workshop

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