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Project No. 2114-116--Washington
Priest Rapids Hydroelectric Project
Public Utility District No. 2 of Grant
County, Washington

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Reference: Notification of 10(j) Meeting

To the Parties Addressed:

On February 28, 2006, we issued a draft environmental assessment for the Priest Rapids Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2114). By letters dated March 1, 2006, we informed Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (Washington DFW) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) of our determination that some of the agencies' recommended fish and wildlife measures, made pursuant to section 10(j) of the Federal Power Act (FPA), may be inconsistent with the public interest and comprehensive development standard of sections 4(e) and 10(a) and the substantial evidence standard of section 313(b) of the FPA.

We believe that a meeting may help to resolve the remaining issues associated with the Priest Rapids Project relicensing proceeding. Consequently, we will hold a section 10(j) meeting with Washington DFW and FWS on April 19, 2006. The meeting will be held at the Moses Lake Convention Center, 1475 Nelson Road NE, Moses Lake, Washington, and is scheduled from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The agenda for the meeting will generally follow the format outlined in our February 28, 2006, letters. For your convenience, an updated agenda is attached to this letter.

If you plan on attending the meeting or have any questions, please contact Robert Easton at (202) 502-6045 or by email at robert.easton@ferc.gov.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Hill, Chief
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Enclosure: Agenda for 10(j) Meeting

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10(j) MEETING AGENDA

A. Introduction

1. Introduction of Participants
2. Meeting Procedures and Objectives
3. Chronology of 10(j) Process

B. Discussion of 10(j) Issues

1. Bull Trout Management Plan
2. Continued spill for downstream passage at Wanapum Dam
3. Aquatic invasive species management plan
4. Maintain a daily flow fluctuation range of 10,000 cubic feet per second downstream of Priest Rapids Dam
5. Conduct annual stranding and entrapment surveys of fall Chinook salmon in the Hanford Reach

C. Other Issues

D. Summary of Meeting

1. Issue Resolution
2. Follow-up Actions