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OFFICE OF ENERGY PROJECTS

Project No. 2545-091 -- WA
Spokane River Project
Avista Utilities

July 23, 2015

Speed Fitzhugh
Spokane River License Manager
Avista Utilities
1411 E. Mission Ave
Spokane, WA 99252

Subject: 2015 Environmental Inspection of the Spokane River Project
(FERC Project No. 2545)

Dear Mr. Fitzhugh:

On June 23 and 24, 2015, Ben Ellis, a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission contractor, conducted an environmental inspection of the Spokane River Project. Thank you for the cooperation and assistance you extended to Mr. Ellis during his inspection.

Overall, Mr. Ellis found the developments to be in good condition, with clean powerhouses, well-maintained public access sites, clear signage, and compliance with environmental mitigation measures. Mr. Ellis also noted your efforts to maintain good communication and consultation with numerous agencies and stakeholders.

Based on file reviews, discussions, and field observations made during the inspection, the project was found to be in compliance with the license articles related to fish and wildlife, recreation, public safety, and cultural resources. No follow-up items needing action were noted during the inspection of the Spokane River Project.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 503-552-2716 or by email at erich.gaedeke@ferc.gov.

Sincerely,

Erich G. Gaedeke
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