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OFFICE OF ENERGY PROJECTS

Project No. 2195-128--Oregon
Clackamas River Hydroelectric Project
Portland General Electric Company

July 24, 2015

Ray Hendricks
Manager, Environmental Compliance and Licensing
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Subject: Notice of Inability to Refill Timothy Lake, Article 5(a)(i)

Dear Mr. Hendricks:

This letter acknowledges receipt your notification, filed on May 20, 2015, regarding the inability to refill Timothy Lake for the Clackamas River Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2195). Appendix B, Article 5(a)(i) of the project license requires you to refill Timothy Lake to elevation 3189.0 ft., PGE datum, by Memorial Day, and to elevation 3190 ft. by July 1 if sufficient inflow is available consistent with required minimum releases pursuant to paragraph (b) of this Condition. The Condition allows you to refill Timothy Lake to higher elevations, not to exceed elevation 3191.5 ft., so long as they are consistent with required minimum releases pursuant to paragraph (b) of this Condition.¹

Your filing states that due to insufficient inflow into Timothy Lake from the March through June 2015 period in which the lake is typically refilled for recreational purposes, Timothy Lake was not foreseen to be refilled to the minimum 3189.0 ft. by May 25, 2015 (Memorial Day) or to the 3190.0 ft. by July 1, 2015. Based on the lake level at the time of your report and associated refill rate, Timothy Lake elevation was forecasted to be approximately 3188.7 ft. as of May 25, 2015. In addition, the increase in

¹ Appendix E of the project license contains the modified §4(e) terms and conditions and 10(a) recommendations, filed on August 18, 2006 by the USDA Forest Service under Section 18 of the Federal Power Act.

minimum flow release from Timothy Lake to the lesser of 60 cfs or inflow as of Memorial Day 2015 will result in Timothy Lake elevation remaining at or near 3188.7 ft. throughout the recreation season without any significant summer month precipitation. However, you state that all associated Timothy Lake recreation facilities will be operational at this elevation. Your filing included graphs depicting March through June daily average lake inflows and outflows for 2011-2015. Finally, the report also notes that details of Timothy Lake operation will be reported in the 2015 annual report of operations that is required to be filed with the Commission by March 31, 2016.

Your notification fulfills the reporting requirement pursuant to Appendix B, Article 5(a)(i) of the project license. You are reminded that pursuant to Article 5(a)(vi), if the elevation of Timothy Lake falls below elevation 3189.0 ft., you are to conduct monitoring of cultural sites pursuant to the Historic Properties management Plan and of sensitive plant populations pursuant to the Terrestrial Resources management Plan. The results should be included in your 2015 annual reports.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (212) 273-5917.

Sincerely,

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and Compliance