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Reference: Notification of Section 10(j) Meetings

Dear Addressee:

On September 25, 2006, we issued the draft environmental impact statement for the Klamath Hydroelectric Project. By letters issued October 5, 2006, we informed you 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(j) of the FPA or section 313(b) of the Federal Power Act.

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In our October 5, 2006, letters, we indicated that we planned to conduct a meeting to help resolve some of the issues associated with the Klamath Hydroelectric Project relicensing. Consequently, we will hold a section 10(j) meeting from Tuesday, December 12 through Thursday, December 14, 2006, in Redding, California, according to the enclosed agenda. As indicated on the agenda, we also plan to discuss issues related to the initiation of formal consultation under the Endangered Species Act during this meeting.

On December 12, 2006, we will meet from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the:

Red Lion Inn
1830 Hilltop Drive
Redding, CA

On December 13 and 14, 2006, we will meet from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the:

Hilton Garden Inn
5050 Bechelli Lane
Redding, CA

The 10(j) meeting is being held as a forum to allow Commission staff and state and federal resource agencies with 10(j) authority to attempt to resolve apparent inconsistencies between their 10(j) recommendations and the Federal Power Act. While other interested entities may attend the meeting as observers, discussions will be limited to the above agencies. Similarly, ESA consultation discussions will be limited to Commission staff and appropriate federal agency personnel. A summary of the 10(j) and ESA meetings will be placed in the public record about 20 days following the conclusion of the meetings.

If you have any questions, please contact John Mudre at (202) 502-8902 or john.mudre@ferc.gov.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: Schedule for Klamath Hydroelectric Project 10(j) meeting

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MEETING AGENDA

Section 10(j) and ESA Consultation Meeting
Klamath Hydroelectric Project
December 12-14, 2006, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Redding, California

A. Introduction

- Introduction of Participants
- Meeting Procedures and Objectives

B. Discussion

Tuesday, December 12 - Issues within the scope of Section 10(j)¹

- Install a gage in the Link River bypassed reach if East and West Side developments are not decommissioned (ODFW)
- Release a minimum flow of 625 cfs, or inflow, to the Keno reach; when flows are above 625 cfs on a 24-hour basis, flow released from Keno dam should be within 10 percent of the measured inflow (ODFW, CDFG)
- Maintain minimum streamflows in the J.C. Boyle bypassed reach of 470 cfs (FWS) or 640 cfs (NMFS, CDFG, ODFW), or 40 percent of the inflow to J.C. Boyle reservoir, whichever is greater
- Suspend diversion of water to the J.C. Boyle power canal for at least 7 days on an annual basis when inflow to J.C. Boyle reservoir exceeds 3,300 cfs (FWS, NMFS, CDFG, ODFW) with a down-ramp rate of 2 inches per hour (ODFW only) and 300 cfs per 24 hours (NMFS, FWS, CDFG)
- Maintain minimum streamflows in the J.C. Boyle peaking reach of 720 cfs (ODFW, CDFG)
- Maintain minimum streamflows in the Copco No. 2 bypassed reach of 730 cfs or 40 percent proportional inflow, whichever is greater (FWS, NMFS, ODFW, CDFG)

¹ Topics covered during each day of the meeting will be subject to modification based on progress during the previous day and mutual agreement by meeting participants.

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- Suspend diversion of water to the Copco No. 2 powerhouse for at least 7 days on an annual basis when inflow to J.C. Boyle (NMFS, CDFG, ODFW) or Copco (FWS) reservoir exceeds 3,300 cfs (FWS, NMFS, CDFG, ODFW) with a down-ramp rate of 2 inches per hour (ODFW only) and 300 cfs per 24 hours (NMFS, FWS, CDFG)
- Release 40 percent of the instantaneous flow measured above the Fall Creek diversion to the bypassed reach (FWS, CDFG, ODFW)
- Release all inflow to the Spring Creek diversion dam from June 1 through September 15 and 50 percent of inflow for the remainder of the year (FWS, ODFW, CDFG)
- Maintain minimum flows downstream of Iron Gate dam in accordance with a specified monthly schedule (ODFW, CDFG)
- Operate Iron Gate development in a run-of-river mode when inflow drops below the specified minimum release and normal active storage above elevation 2,322 feet is depleted (CDFG)
- Ensure releases from Iron Gate dam are equal to the combined instantaneous inflow to the project, including releases from the Klamath Irrigation Project (NMFS, FWS)
- Operate all project developments except Iron Gate in a run-of-river mode (NMFS, ODFW, CDFG)
- Provide controllable ramp rates of 1-inch per hour and 300 cfs per day maximum, with exceptions specified by each agency (FWS, NMFS, ODFW, CDFG)
- Re-regulate flows at the development immediately downstream, if peaking should be allowed at any development (CDFG)
- Develop a coordinated gage installation plan that provides for installation of gages upstream and downstream of all project reservoirs and diversions, equipped with telemetry systems (ODFW, CDFG)
- Provide for the continuous measurement of flow at Spencer Creek and the Keno reach (FWS, ODFW, CDFG)

Wednesday, December 13 - Issues within the scope of Section 10(j)

- Develop a Pacific lamprey management plan (FWS)
- Construct fish ladders, tailrace barriers, spillway modifications, and downstream fishways at all project developments (ODFW, CDFG)
- Evaluate the need for a fish ladder built to federally listed sucker criteria at Keno dam (FWS)
- Develop an upstream and downstream anadromous fish passage habitat protection and enhancement plan (FWS, NMFS)
- Develop a plan for restoration of fish habitat upstream and downstream of the project and in key tributaries (FWS, NMFS)
- Develop a gravel augmentation plan that provides for deposition of from 1,226 to 6,134 tons of gravel per year in the J.C. Boyle bypassed and peaking reaches (FWS)
- Develop a hatchery and genetics management plan for Iron Gate Hatchery (NMFS, CDFG)
- Develop an anadromous fish monitoring plan (NMFS, FWS)

Wednesday, December 13 - Section 7 consultation pertaining to coho salmon)

- (pending NMFS staff availability)

Thursday, December 14 - Issues within the scope of Section 10(j)

- Develop several aquatic biota and habitat monitoring plans that entail numerous specific elements pertaining to resident fish populations (FWS, ODFW)
- Other items within the scope of Section 10(j)

Thursday, December 14 - Section 7 consultation

- Lost River and shortnose suckers

- Bald eagle
- Northern spotted owl

C. Summary of Meeting

- Issue resolution
- Follow-up actions