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Douglas County PUD  
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East Wenatchee, WA 98802

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**DEC 30 2010**  
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Subject: Wells Hydroelectric Project No. 2149  
Water Quality Certification Application

Dear Mr. Bickford:

This is formal notice that, on September 30, 2010, we received a copy of your application for a Clean Water Act Section 401 Certification for the proposed FERC re-license of the Wells Hydroelectric Project. The Project is located on the Columbia River, in Washington State.

As we've discussed, it is our intent to wait until after the draft EA/EIS is issued before releasing a draft 401 certification. After that, we have two separate comment periods before we issue the final 401 certification. On the current time schedule projected by FERC, we should be able to complete the 401 before the one year action deadline. If at that point the 401 certification is not complete, you may decide to withdraw the application and reapply.

If you have any questions, please contact Pat Irle at (509) 454-7864 or myself at (509) 457-7107.

Sincerely,

Charles McKinney  
Section Manager  
Water Quality Program

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c: FERC – Matt Cutlip, Portland

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