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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
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**Re: Colville Confederated Tribes' Comments re License Term for Wells Dam  
Relicensing (Project No. 2149-152).**

Ms. Bose,

The Colville Confederated Tribes support the relicensing of Wells Dam for a term of 50 years. Issuance of a 50-year license for Wells Dam is consistent with the 50-year term for the Habitat Conservation Plan, which is a comprehensive and long-term plan for managing salmon and steelhead and their habitats associated with the Wells Project. In addition, a 50-year relicensing term was contemplated by the parties to the Wells Aquatic Settlement, which contains aquatic resource management plans intended to protect and enhance populations of the white sturgeon, Pacific lamprey, bull trout, and native resident fish; protect and restore surface water quality affected by the Project; and prevent the introduction and further spread of aquatic nuisance species. The Colville Tribes are party to both the HCP and the Aquatic Settlement and believe that, consistent with these agreements, a 50-year term for the Wells Dam license currently under review is appropriate.

Sincerely,

Michael O. Finley, Chairman  
Confederated Tribes of the Colville  
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