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August 29, 2011

Honorable Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street, NE  
Washington, DC 20426

**Subject: Wells Hydroelectric Project No. 2149-152  
Supplement to Draft Biological Assessment**

Dear Secretary Bose:

The Public Utility District No. 1 of Douglas County, Washington (Douglas PUD), licensee for the Wells Hydroelectric Project (Wells Project), hereby encloses for filing a Supplement to the draft Biological Assessment (Supplement) filed with FERC on May 27, 2010. The enclosed Supplement includes an analysis of the effects of the Wells Project on newly designated critical habitat for bull trout. The Supplement also includes an analysis of Project effects on two newly designated Endangered Species Act (ESA) candidate species, North American wolverine and whitebark pine; and one ESA candidate species recently added to the Douglas County, Washington list of potentially occurring species, northern wormwood.

The enclosed Supplement was prepared in response to correspondence between the US Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and the FERC regarding the FERC's conclusions in the draft Biological Assessment (BA) and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the relicensing of the Wells Project. Specifically, this Supplement contains the information requested by the FWS in letters to the FERC dated May 9, 2011 and August 5, 2011, which indicated that further analysis of bull trout critical habitat must be included in the draft BA before it can be made final by the FERC.

If you have any questions regarding Douglas PUD's Supplement to the Draft Biological Assessment or should you require further information, please contact me at (509) 881-2208 or sbickford@dcpud.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Shane Bickford". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Shane" and last name "Bickford" clearly distinguishable.

Shane Bickford  
Natural Resources Supervisor

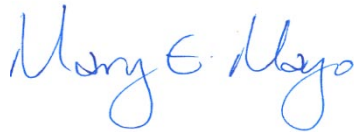
Enclosure

cc: Official Service List

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that the foregoing documents have been served upon each person designated on the official service list compiled by the Secretary in this proceeding via electronic or first-class mail.

Dated on this 29<sup>th</sup> day of August 2011.



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