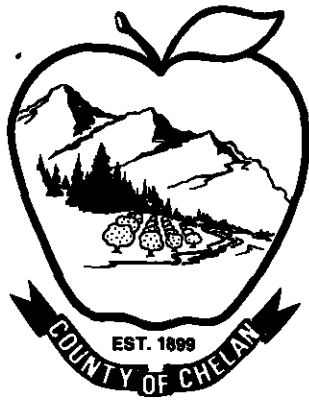


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September 12, 2011

Mr. Jon Wellinghoff, Chairman
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)
888 First Street Northeast
Washington, DC 20426

Re: Support for Douglas County PUD's License Application - Wells Hydroelectric Project

Dear Chairman Wellinghoff:

We write to you in support of the 50-year License Application of Douglas County PUD for the Wells Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2149-152). Douglas County PUD formally began its relicensing effort on December 1, 2006 and filed its Final license Application with FERC on May 27, 2010.

A 50-year license for the Wells Project is critically important to the entire region. The hydroelectric generation from the Wells Project helps promote economic development and ensures that the citizens of the region have access to abundant, clean and renewable electricity.

Douglas County PUD has completed numerous environmental relicensing studies and worked closely with stakeholders on the development of resource management plans and relicensing settlement agreements. Douglas PUD has agreed to provide funding for the protection and enhancement of fish habitat and hatchery programs in the Methow, Okanogan and Columbia Rivers.

We support Douglas PUD's application for a new 50-year license for the Wells Project.

We appreciate your consideration of the Wells Project's Final License Application.

Sincerely,

Chelan County Board of Commissioners

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