

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF DOUGLAS COUNTY WELLS HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT – FERC NO. 2149



RELICENSING UPDATE JANUARY – MARCH 2008

BACKGROUND

The Public Utility District No. 1 of Douglas County's (Douglas PUD) federal license to operate the Wells Project expires on May 31, 2012. The Wells Hydroelectric Project includes the Wells Reservoir, forebay, tailrace, dam, project lands and two 230 kV transmission lines. Wells Dam is the principal component of the Wells Project. It is located at river mile 515.6 on the Columbia River in the State of Washington, 30 river miles downstream of the Chief Joseph Project, owned and operated by the US Army Corps of Engineers, and 42 miles upstream of the Rocky Reach Project, owned and operated by Chelan PUD. Wells Dam includes ten generating units with a nameplate rating of 774.3 MW and a peaking capacity of 840 MW. The design of Wells Dam is unique in that the generating units, spillways, switchyard and fish passage facilities are combined into a single structure referred to as the hydrocombine. The Wells Reservoir is 29.5 miles long. The Methow and Okanogan rivers are tributaries of the Columbia River within the Wells Reservoir. The Wells Project Boundary extends 1.5 miles up the Methow River and 15.5 miles up the Okanogan River and includes approximately 2,140 acres of shoreline lands above the ordinary high water mark.

INTEGRATED LICENSING ACTIVITIES

All 12 of the RSP studies are now underway and will continue through most of 2008. Studies are taking place in all four of the major resource areas including one cultural, two terrestrial, two recreation and seven aquatic resource studies. Quarterly progress reports are being provided to stakeholders to ensure continued stakeholder support for the relicensing studies. Results from these studies will be shared with the resource work groups as the reports become available. The next ILP deadline is October 15, 2008 with the filing of the Initial Study Report. On October 30, 2008 Douglas PUD will host the Initial Study Report Meeting.

Information on Wells Project Relicensing is available at www.douglaspud.org/relicensing.