

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
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OFFICE OF ENERGY PROJECTS

Project No. 2149--Washington
Wells Hydroelectric Project
Public Utility District No. 1 of Douglas County

Shane Bickford
Relicensing Coordinator
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**Reference: Douglas PUD designated as Non-Federal Representative for
Endangered Species Consultation**

Dear Mr. Bickford:

By letter dated December 1, 2005, the Public Utility District No. 1 of Douglas County (Douglas PUD) asked to be designated the Commission's non-federal representative for informal consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA Fisheries) pursuant to section 7 of the Endangered Species Act.

By this letter, we designate Douglas PUD our non-federal representative as described above for the relicensing of the Wells Hydroelectric Project.

The role of the non-federal representative includes conducting studies, developing and supplying information, attending meetings, ensuring that pertinent endangered species information is maintained in a project file, developing a draft biological assessment, participating in informal consultation with the FWS and NOAA Fisheries, and keeping the Commission apprised of its actions. We recommend you meet with the FWS and NOAA Fisheries to discuss how to conduct informal consultation for the Wells Hydroelectric Project.

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If you have any questions, please contact David Turner at (202) 502-6091 or david.turner@ferc.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Hill".

Jennifer Hill
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