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Project No. 2149 - Washington
Wells Hydroelectric Project
PUD No. 1 of Douglas County

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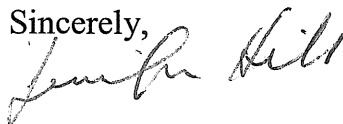
RE: Section 106 Consultation Authorization.

Dear Mr. Bickford:

In your December 1, 2005 letter (see attachment), you requested that we grant permission for you to initiate Section 106 consultation on our behalf. By copy of this letter, we are authorizing Douglas County PUD to initiate consultation with the Washington State Historic Preservation Officers and other consulting parties, pursuant to 36 CFR § 800.2(c)(4) of the regulations implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. This consultation pertains to the relicensing effort by Douglas County PUD involving the Wells Hydroelectric Project located in Douglas County, Washington.

As stated in your letter, we are granting authorization to Douglas County PUD in order for them to conduct day-to-day Section 106 consultation responsibilities in regards to the above relicensing effort; however, the Commission remains ultimately responsible for all findings and determinations.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Frank Winchell at 202-502-6104 with any questions or comments.

Sincerely,


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