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Via Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested

September 12, 2011

Mr. Charlie McKinney
Water Quality Section Manager
Washington State Department of Ecology
15 W. Yakima Ave., Suite 200
Yakima, WA 98902-3452

**Subject: Withdrawal and Refiling of Request for Water Quality Certification
Wells Hydroelectric Project No. 2149-152**

Dear Mr. McKinney:

Public Utility District No. 1 of Douglas County, Washington (Douglas PUD), licensee of the Wells Hydroelectric Project (Wells Project), respectfully withdraws its September 30, 2010 Request for Water Quality Certification at the request of the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology). In addition, Douglas PUD hereby refiles its Request for Water Quality Certification for the relicensing of the Well Project. All materials that have been submitted to date regarding the September 30, 2010 Request are hereby incorporated by reference and resubmitted as part of this new Request.

On August 29, 2011 Ecology issued a draft of the Wells Project Water Quality Certification for public comment. This withdrawal and refiling is being made in order to allow Ecology to review the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) prior to issuing a final Water Quality Certification for the Wells Project. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission is expected to issue the FEIS on or before October 27, 2011. Ecology has indicated that the final Wells Project Water Quality Certification will be issued within 60 days following the issuance of the FEIS.

Douglas PUD greatly appreciates the active and constructive participation of Ecology staff throughout the entire application process and looks forward to continued collaboration during implementation of the new operating license for the Wells Project.

Please also provide a date-stamped copy of this letter showing its receipt by Ecology, so that I can forward it to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

If you have any questions or require further information, please feel free to contact me at (509) 881-2208 or sbickford@depud.org.

Sincerely,

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

Shane Bickford
Natural Resources Supervisor

Cc:

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the foregoing document has been served upon each person designated on the official service list compiled by the Secretary in this proceeding via electronic mail. Service will be made via first-class mail only to those parties who do not have e-mail addresses, but are on FERC's Official Service List.

Dated at East Wenatchee, Washington, this 12th day of September, 2011.



Mary E. Mayo
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