

March 8, 2006
PKWD-06-015

Ms. Magalie R. Salas
Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE
Washington, D.C. 20427

Dear Secretary Salas:

Subject: **PACKWOOD LAKE HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT
FERC DOCKET NO. 2244-012
INTEGRATED LICENSING PROCESS TIMELINE**

Reference: Letter dated September 21, 2005 from Magalie R. Salas (FERC) to J.W. Baker (Energy Northwest), Study Plan Determination for the Packwood Lake Hydroelectric Project and Contingent Approval of Waiver of Article 37

Section 5.15 of the Integrated Licensing Process (ILP) requires Energy Northwest to submit an initial study plan report no later than September 20, 2006 with a meeting to be held within 15 days of the filing. Because several of our studies, as approved by the study plan determination (see Reference), will not be completed before the September 20th due date, we are seeking Commission concurrence for a schedule that provides for a supplemental study plan meeting to accommodate the completion dates of the draft reports.

Attached are a schedule of proposed due dates for draft study plans (see Attachment 1) and a schedule showing the proposed ILP time line based on this approach (see Attachment 2). Energy Northwest is proposing to file the initial study plan report no later than September 20, 2006 with a status on all 23 studies and hold a study plan meeting on or before October 5, 2006 to discuss those studies that have been completed (Review Track 1). In addition, a supplemental study plan meeting will be held in mid-December 2006 to discuss the remainder of the studies (Review Track 2). After each meeting, Energy Northwest will file a meeting summary within 15 days, including any modifications to ongoing studies or new studies proposed.

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We provided agencies, tribes, and interested stakeholders the opportunity to comment on this approach; one comment was received and addressed by clarifying where each of the twenty three studies would be discussed (see Attachment 3).

If you have any questions or require additional information regarding this matter, please contact Ms. Laura Schinnell at (509) 372-5123.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J.W. Baker". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

J.W. Baker, Vice President
Energy/Business Services

- Attachments: 1) Draft Study Report Due Dates
2) Integrated Licensing Process, Section 5.15 Due Dates
3) Electronic mail dated February 3, 2006, Laura Schinnell (Energy Northwest) to Lauri Vigue (WDFW), and dated February 1, 2006, Laura Schinnell to Blane Bellerud et. al., ILP Process for Study Report and Meeting

ATTACHMENT 1
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DRAFT STUDY REPORT DUE DATES*

STUDY OR REQUIREMENT	DRAFT DUE TO AGENCIES/TRIBES
Engineering Study Related to Barrier Replacement - Temporary Barrier	Complete
Cultural Resources – Inventory	Complete
Engineering Study Related to Barrier Replacement - Permanent Barrier - Design Criteria Concurrence from Agencies/Tribes	Complete
Engineering Study Related to Barrier Replacement - Fish Rescue Plan	Next draft – 3/8/06
Engineering Study Related to Barrier Replacement – Permanent Barrier – Resolve Differences in Design Criteria Received from Agencies/Tribes	4/5/06
Packwood Lake Drawdown - 1st draft	6/30/2006
Water Quality - Phase I Environmental Assessment	6/30/2006
Engineering Study Related to Barrier Replacement - Permanent Barrier - Begin Design	7/3/2006
Cultural Resources - Historic Properties Management Plan	7/14/2006
Stream Connectivity in Packwood Lake Tributaries	7/28/2006
Water Quality – Results	8/31/2006
Amphibian Survey	9/11/2006
Bald Eagle and Osprey Nest Survey	9/15/2006
Noxious Weed	9/18/2006
Rare Plant	9/18/2006
Large Wood	9/22/2006
Gravel Transport	9/22/2006
Fish Passage Barriers	9/30/2006
Vegetation Cover Type Mapping	11/1/2006
Fish Population Characterization Near the Drop Structure	11/4/2006
Packwood Lake Entrainment	11/9/2006
Anadromous Salmonid Habitat and Spawning Survey	11/15/2006
Geomorphology and Habitat of the Tailrace Slough	11/15/2006
Recreation	1/12/2007
Engineering Needs for Access Routes	1/19/2007
Fish Distribution & Species Composition	4/20/2007
Lake Creek Instream Flow and Habitat Assessment	6/29/2007
Packwood Lake Drawdown - 2nd season draft if needed	7/31/2007
Tailrace Slough Instream Flow	8/1/2007
Tailrace Slough Use by Anadromous Salmonids	9/4/2007

*Dates may be adjusted slightly.

ATTACHMENT 2
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INTEGRATED LICENSING PROCESS
 SECTION 5.15 DUE DATES

Initial Study Report	9/20/2006
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Review Track 1

Initial Study Report Meeting	10/5/2006*
Meeting Summary for Initial Study Report Meeting	10/20/2006
Disagreement on Initial Study Report Meeting Summary Filings	11/20/2006
Director Approval of study plan reports and/or amendments if no disagreements for Cultural Resources, Engineering Studies Related to Barrier Replacement, Packwood Lake Drawdown, Water Quality, and Stream Connectivity in Packwood Lake Tributaries	12/5/2006
Responses to Disagreement filings of 11/20/2006	12/19/2006
Director Approval of study plan amendments if there are disagreements for studies listed for Review Track 1	1/18/2007

Review Track 2

Supplemental Initial Study Plan Meeting to discuss draft reports issued for Amphibian Survey, Bald Eagle and Osprey Nest Survey, Noxious Weed, Rare Plant, Large Wood, Gravel Transport, Fish Passage Barriers, Fish Population Characterization Near the Drop Structure, Packwood Lake Entrainment, Vegetation Cover Type Mapping, Anadromous Salmonid Habitat and Spawning Survey, Geomorphology and Habitat of the Tailrace Slough; and oral reports of preliminary results for Recreation, Engineering Needs for Access Routes, Fish Distribution and Species Composition, Lake Creek Instream Flow and Habitat Assessment, Tailrace Slough Instream Flow, Tailrace Slough Use by Anadromous Salmonids	12/19/2006*
Meeting Summary for Supplemental Initial Study Report Meeting	1/4/2007
Director Approval of study plan reports and/or amendments if no disagreements for Track 2	1/19/2007
Disagreement on Supplemental Initial Study Report Meeting Summary Filings	2/5/2007
Responses to Disagreement filings of 2/5/2007	3/7/2007
Director Approval of study plan amendments if there are disagreements for Track 2	4/6/2007

Updated Study Report	9/20/2007
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Attachments: StudyReportSchedule020306.xls

Lauri:

Thanks for your comments. I should have included the Amphibian Survey in the supplemental listing. Attached is a revised spreadsheet adding that study to the ILP Process list worksheet.

Have you started your new duties or should I continue to include you on Packwood emails until a replacement is identified?

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Laura-

This plan of action is fine with me. The only comment I have is that the Amphibian Study also falls under the category as having an possible second season if we end up having a drought this year. I know it doesn't look like an issue now but things could change.

Thank you-
Lauri

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The approach that we are proposing is that Energy Northwest file the study plan report no later than September 20, 2006 with a status on all 23 studies, hold a study plan meeting on or before October 5, 2006 to discuss those studies that have been completed and then propose that a second study plan meeting be held in mid-December to discuss the rest of the studies. This would mean that Cultural Resources, Packwood Lake Drawdown, Stream Connectivity in Packwood Lake Tributaries, Engineering Study Related to Barrier Replacement, and Water Quality studies would be on one time line to determine if an additional season of study or modification of the study plan is required; and the rest on a second timeline, thereby giving the agencies, tribes, and interested stakeholders at least 30 days to review the draft or oral reports. After each meeting, Energy Northwest will file a meeting summary within 15 days, including any modifications to ongoing studies or new studies proposed by the potential applicant. Any disagreements to the meeting summary would need to be filed within 30 days. I've attached a revised schedule of proposed due dates for draft study plans, with a worksheet showing the proposed ILP time line based on this approach.

Your feedback by February 17 is requested. If we haven't heard from you by that time, we will assume that this approach is acceptable, and will formally request that FERC adopt this approach and approve the proposed ILP time line.

Please contact me if you have questions or would like me to walk you through the proposed time line.

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