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Project No. 2244-040 -- Washington  
Packwood Lake Hydroelectric Project  
Energy Northwest

**June 2, 2020**

VIA FERC Service

Mr. Ken Williams  
Energy Northwest  
P.O. Box 968, MD 1030  
Richland, WA 99352-0968

Subject: Fall Chinook Monitoring Plan, Request for Extension of Time

Dear Mr. Williams:

This regards your request for extension of time, filed with the Commission on May 1, 2019, to prepare and file your Fall Chinook Monitoring Plan pursuant to Article 401 of the project license.<sup>1</sup> Article 401 requires that you file for Commission approval, within one year of license issuance, a Fall Chinook Monitoring Plan in accordance with carrying out the National Marine Fisheries Service's (NMFS) reasonable and prudent measure 7.<sup>2</sup>

According to your filing, you state that during preparation of your 2019 implementation and monitoring efforts, you and NMFS determined that the requisite plan and associated monitoring should be delayed. You state that intermittent releases of fall Chinook salmon have occurred over the past 20 years; however, NMFS has agreed that development of the requisite plan should be delayed until such a time that fall Chinook salmon are again transported above Cowlitz Falls Dam (FERC No. 2833). Documentation of NMFS' concurrence by email dated April 9, 2019, was included in your filing.

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<sup>1</sup> Order Issuing New License (165 FERC ¶ 62,031), issued October 11, 2018.

<sup>2</sup> Order Amending License to Incorporate Revised Incidental Take Statement (166 FERC ¶ 62,071), issued February 14, 2019.

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Since it is currently unknown when fall Chinook salmon may be transported above Cowlitz Falls Dam, your request did not include a specific date for filing your Fall Chinook Monitoring Plan with the Commission. However, to keep the Commission apprised of the status of fall Chinook salmon being transported above Cowlitz Falls Dam and development of your requisite plan, you should file an annual status report with the Commission. Your reports should identify the status of fall Chinook salmon transport above Cowlitz Falls Dam; the status of developing your requisite plan; and documentation of consultation and associated concurrence with NMFS on continuing to delay development of your plan. If at such time it is determined that your plan will not be developed due to uncertainties related to the transport of fall Chinook salmon above Cowlitz Falls Dam, you should file an amendment request with the Commission to remove the associated requirement from license Article 401. Accordingly, your status reports should be filed with the Commission annually by December 31, beginning 2020.

Thank you for your cooperation regarding this matter. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (503) 552-2716 or by email at [erich.gaedeke@ferc.gov](mailto:erich.gaedeke@ferc.gov).

Sincerely,

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