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Energy Northwest

Project No. 2244-034

ORDER APPROVING RECREATION MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE

(Issued January 31, 2019)

1. On January 9, 2019, Energy Northwest, licensee for the Packwood Lake Hydroelectric Project No. 2244, filed an updated Recreation Management Plan, pursuant to U.S. Forest Service 4(e) Condition No. 14 as incorporated in Appendix B of the project's license.¹ The project is located on Lake Creek, a tributary to the Cowlitz River, in Lewis County, southwestern Washington near the unincorporated town of Packwood. The project occupies federal land within the Gifford Pinchot National Forest and Goat Rocks Wilderness, administered by the U.S. Forest Service.
2. U.S. Forest Service 4(e) Condition No. 14 requires Energy Northwest to comply with all provisions of the Recreation Management Plan filed with the Commission on June 6, 2008, and any approved revisions of that plan throughout the term of the project's license.
3. Energy Northwest filed the January 9, 2019 updated Recreation Management Plan to incorporate new implementation dates and to update the plan to include project upgrades that have taken place since filing the June 6, 2008 Recreation Management Plan. The updated Recreation Management Plan continues to address project-related recreation resources located on National Forest System lands within the existing project boundary and other lands affected by the project. Specific provisions for protection, mitigation and enhancement (PME) are detailed in Table 1 *Recreation PME Measures and Implementation Schedule*. The updated Recreation Management Plan retains the provisions for adaptive management to address changing recreation needs and preferences, incorporates the necessary provisions of the Roads Maintenance and Historic Properties Management Plans, and includes the requirement that the plan must be updated as appropriate every six years.
4. The updated Recreation Management Plan also includes minor changes to the language and format of the June 6, 2008 plan; however, these changes do not alter the original intent or requirements of the previous plan.

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

5. Energy Northwest's January 9, 2019 updated Recreation Management Plan includes all the provisions previously included in the plan required by U.S. Forest Service 4(e) Condition No. 14. The updates are minor in nature and serve to revise the plan to incorporate recreational changes that have occurred at the project since relicensing occurred. For these reasons, the updated Recreation Management Plan should be approved.

The Director orders:

(A) Energy Northwest's updated Recreation Management Plan, filed on January 9, 2019 pursuant to U.S. Forest Service 4(e) Condition No. 14 incorporated as Appendix B of the license for the Packwood Lake Hydroelectric Project No. 2244, is approved.

(B) This order constitutes final agency action. Any party may file a request for rehearing of this order within 30 days from the date of its issuance, as provided in section 313(a) of the Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. § 8251 (2012), and the Commission's regulations at 18 C.F.R. § 385.713 (2018). The filing of a request for rehearing does not operate as a stay of the effective date of this order, or of any other date specified in this order. The licensee's failure to file a request for rehearing shall constitute acceptance of this order.

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