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Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
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888 First Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20426

**RE: Priest Rapids Hydroelectric Project No. 2114-174
License Compliance Filing – Article 401(a)(12) – 2022 Pacific Lamprey
Management Plan Comprehensive Annual Report and Year 15 Biological
Objectives Status Report**

Dear Secretary Bose,

Please find enclosed Public Utility District No. 2 of Grant County, Washington (Grant PUD) 2022 Pacific Lamprey Management Plan (PLMP) Comprehensive Annual and Year 15 Biological Objective Status Report consistent with the requirements of Article 401(a)(12) of the Priest Rapids Project License¹ and the Washington State Department of Ecology 401 Water Quality Water Quality Certification Condition of 6.2(5)(b) and 6.2(5)(d) for the Priest Rapids Project (Project).

The 2022 PLMP Comprehensive Annual Report and Year 15 Biological Objectives Status Report summarizes the on-going activities undertaken at the Project in 2022, as identified in the PLMP, for the purpose of identifying and addressing Project impacts on Pacific lamprey. Any variations from the implementation schedule provided in the PLMP have been identified in this document. This report also describes, consistent with the 401 Certification, recent Pacific lamprey passage, behavioral, and survival investigations and measures undertaken in the Columbia River basin, as well as an evaluation to determine if these investigations and measures are: (i) consistent with similar measures taken at other projects; (ii) appropriate to implement at the Project; and (iii) cost effective to implement at the Project.

Pursuant to the reporting requirements, Grant PUD provided a complete draft of the PLMP Comprehensive Annual and 15-Year Biological Objectives Status Report to the Priest Rapids Fish Forum (PRFF) on February 6, 2023 for a thirty day comment period. The PRFF includes Washington Department of Ecology (WDOE), U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS), Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife (WDFW), Colville Confederated Tribes (CCT), Yakama Nation, the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Wanapum Indians, and the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation. Comments

¹ 123 FERC ¶ 61,049 (2008)

were received from the Yakama Nation on March 7 and 8, 2023 and Grant PUD's response are provided in Appendix D. On March 10, 2023, Ecology approved the 2022 PLMP Comprehensive Annual and Year 15 Biological Objective Status Report (Appendix E).

FERC staff with any questions should contact Tom Dresser at 509-754-5088, ext. 2312, or at tdresse@gcpud.org.

Sincerely,

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