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December 10, 2015

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
Mail Code: DHAC, PJ-12
888 First Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20426

RE: Priest Rapids Hydroelectric Project No. 2114-204 License Compliance Filing – Article 410 – Wildlife Habitat Monitoring, Information, and Education Plan – 2015 Annual Report

Dear Secretary Bose:

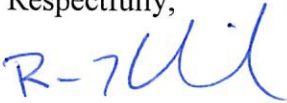
Please find enclosed Public Utility District No. 2 of Grant County, Washington's (Grant PUD's) 2015 Wildlife Habitat Monitoring, Information, and Education annual report consistent with the requirements of Article 410 of the Priest Rapids Hydroelectric Project License.

On October 12, 2009, Grant PUD filed its Wildlife Habitat Monitoring, Information, and Education Plan (Plan) pursuant to Priest Rapids Project (P-2114) License Article 410, which was modified and approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) on September 8, 2010. As identified in the Plan, Grant PUD is to: 1) monitor recreation effects on wildlife and sensitive wildlife habitats; 2) provide signage, educational outreach, etc. to educate the public about the potential adverse effects of dispersed recreation on sensitive habitats; and 3) identify and implement corrective actions to control recreation impacts and to rehabilitate wildlife habitats. The Plan also requires Grant PUD to file with FERC an annual report that describes the results of the habitat monitoring efforts and status of the information and education program by December 31 of each year following FERC approval of the Plan.

In 2015, Grant PUD continued web development with enhancement of educational materials regarding wildlife and wildlife habitat within the Priest Rapids Project area. Grant PUD collected imagery of wildlife and wildlife habitat in the project area for use in a calendar (calendar year 2016) and web site that will be published at the end of 2015 and made available to the public in 2016. Grant PUD selected for installation at recreations sites, appropriate I&E Program media to be used, such as signs and kiosks (roadside and at key sites. Wildlife I&E elements were incorporated into designs for the Wanapum Visitor Center, which opened to the public on December 1, 2015. Additional sites are being prioritized for the location of media such as interpretive talks and field trips, clean-up events, and in-school education lectures learning from experience with existing programs like Salmon in the Classroom.

FERC staff with questions or comments, please contact Tom Dresser Grant PUD Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality Manager, at 509-754-5088, ext. 2312.

Respectfully,



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