

August 22, 2008

The Honorable Kimberly D. Bose  
Secretary  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street, NE  
Washington DC 20426

***RE: Public Utility District No. 1 of Okanogan County,  
Enloe Hydroelectric Project, FERC Project No. 12569-000;  
Application for Original License***

Dear Secretary Bose:

The Public Utility District No. 1 of Okanogan County (“District”) submits for filing herewith its final application for license (“FLA” or “Application”) of the Enloe Hydroelectric Project, FERC Project No. 12569 (“Project”). The Project will be located at the existing Enloe Dam on the Similkameen River, near the town of Oroville, in Okanogan County, Washington.

On September 14, 2005, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“FERC” or “Commission”) granted the District a preliminary permit for the Project.<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to that preliminary permit, the District prepared this application as an application for license for an existing dam major modified water power project under 18 C.F.R. §4.41. The District initiated pre-filing consultation on July 20, 2005 and is utilizing the Traditional Licensing Process under 18 C.F.R. Part 4.

The District’s consultation to date with resource agencies, tribes and interested stakeholders confirms that a regional consensus exists that fish passage at the Project to introduce anadromous fish upstream is not warranted or appropriate at the current time. As reflected in the consultation history included in the Application and additional documentation held by the District, this consensus includes all the key agencies and tribes, but some comments have been received by other entities supporting fish passage. The District submits that it has complied with the instructions provided by the Commission in its 2000 order on rehearing rescinding license for the Project and advising that any future application should be premised on a consensus of all responsible parties in the United States and Canada regarding fish passage.<sup>2</sup> In representing the

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<sup>1</sup> *Public Utility District No. 1 of Okanogan County*, Order Issuing Preliminary Permit, 112 FERC ¶ 62,221 (2005).

<sup>2</sup> *See Public Utility District No. 1 of Okanogan County*, Order on Rehearing, Rescinding License, Denying License Application, and Terminating Stay, 90 FERC ¶ 61,169 at 16 (2000).

existence of this consensus, the District fully acknowledges the statutory responsibilities and prerogatives of the state, federal and provincial agencies involved and the fact that these cannot be pre-judged. At the same time, a reading of the consultation history would lead any fair-minded person to conclude that comments to date reflect a consensus that is consistent with the Commission's previously expressed expectations.

The enclosed Application reflects the results of the extensive consultation conducted by the District with interested tribes, agencies and other both in the United States and Canada. The Project design has been refined and detailed mitigation and enhancement measures identified that will ensure the comprehensive development of the waterway and clean renewable energy for the region.

Exhibit F of the enclosed Application is designated and filed separately as Critical Energy Infrastructure Information ("CEII"). The Application contains the following volumes:

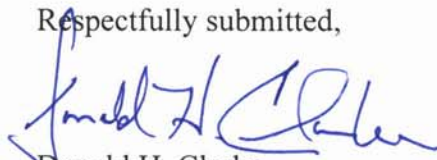
- Volume I: Initial Statement  
Public Versions of Exhibits A-G
- Volume II and III: Appendices
- Volume IV: Exhibit F (CEII)  
Exhibit F Appendices (CEII)

Pursuant to 18 C.F.R. § 4.32(b)(6), the District will publish notice in The Omak-Okanogan County Chronicle twice, disclosing the filing date and a summary of the Project. Additionally, the District has sent an electronic copy of the public version of the license application to those listed on the Commission's official distribution list for this docket and to all resource agencies, Indian Tribes, other government offices, and consulted members of the public as required by 18 C.F.R. § 4.32(b). On this same day, the District is transmitting five copies of the FLA to the Commission's Office of Energy Projects. Pursuant to 18 C.F.R. § 4.32(b)(3),(4), the District will also make a copy of the public version of the license application available at the following libraries:

- Omak Public Library (30 S. Ash Street, 509-826-1820)
- Okanogan Public Library (228 W. Pine Street, 509-422-2609)
- Oroville Public Library (1276 Main Street, 509-476-2662)
- Tonasket Public Library (209 S. Whitcomb Ave., 509-486-2366)
- Twisp Public Library (201 N. Methow Valley Hwy # 2, 509-997-4681)

The District looks forward to continuing consultation with interested stakeholders and coordination with FERC as this application for original license is being processed. Should you have any questions or require further information regarding the Project, please contact the undersigned or the District's Director of Regulatory & Environmental Affairs, Dan Boettger at (509) 422-8425.

Respectfully submitted,



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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have served an electronic copy of the public version of the foregoing license application document by first class mail to all those parties listed on the Commission's official distribution list for this docket and to all resource agencies, Indian Tribes, other government offices, and consulted members of the public as required by 18 C.F.R. § 4.32(b).

Dated at Washington, DC this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2008.

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