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OFFICE OF ENERGY PROJECTS

Project No. 2016-147 -- Washington  
Cowlitz River Hydroelectric Project  
City of Tacoma

Patrick D. McCarty  
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Subject: 2007 Status Report, Settlement Agreement Article 1

Dear Mr. McCarty:

This acknowledges receipt of your 2007 Status Report, filed February 15, 2007, under license Article 401 and Settlement Agreement Article 1 for the Cowlitz River Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2016). Your filing was required by ordering paragraph (B) of the Order Modifying and Approving Downstream Fish Passage and Collection Plan for Riffe Lake and Cowlitz Falls, issued April 22, 2005.

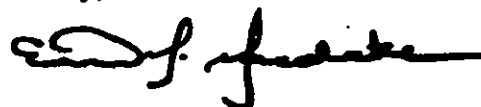
The ordering paragraph (B) requires you to file with the Commission by February 15, 2007, a status report describing the activities scheduled for that year. Further, it requires that you file a draft status report with the Fisheries Technical Committee for a 30-day review and comment period and receive final approval from the National Marine Fisheries Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service prior to filing the report with the Commission.

For 2006, you state that the surface bypass collector (SBC) was installed on schedule and was used during the entire 2006 Cowlitz Falls Fish Facility juvenile collection season. The sampling results indicate that fish collection efficiency (FCE) percentages for steelhead and coho were lower than the previous nine year average. However, the FCE percentage for spring Chinook salmon was the highest yearly average ever observed. In order to address the inadequacies of the SBC performance in 2006, you plan to implement various modifications to the screen structure and additional features in the vicinity of the screen entrance. Regarding the SBC evaluations, you state that the 2007 evaluations would be similar to those conducted in 2006.

Your filing adequately fulfills the requirements of the order identified herein.

Thank you for your filing. If you have any questions, please contact me at (503) 552-2716.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. Gaedeke", written in a cursive style.

Erich G. Gaedeke  
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and Compliance