

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
Portland, OR 97204

OFFICE OF ENERGY PROJECTS

Project No. 2016-140 -- Washington
Cowlitz River Hydroelectric Project
City of Tacoma

Patrick D. McCarty
Generation Manager
Tacoma Power
3628 South 35th Street
Tacoma, Washington 98409-3192

SEP 14 2006

Subject: 2006 Annual Upstream Fish Passage Study Report, Article 3

Dear Mr. McCarty:

This acknowledges receipt of your 2006 Annual Upstream Fish Passage Study Report, filed July 19, 2006, under license Article 401 and Settlement Agreement 3 for the Cowlitz River Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2016). Your filing was required by ordering paragraph (B) of the Order Modifying and Approving Upstream Fish Passage Report, issued August 18, 2005.

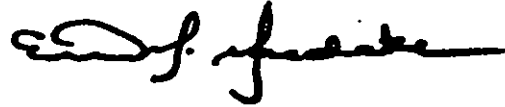
The ordering paragraph (B) requires that you file with the Commission, annually by July 19, 2006, an annual Upstream Fish Passage Study Report. The report is required to include the information required under Settlement Agreement Article 3 and be prepared in consultation with the Fisheries Technical Committee (FTC). You are required to allow the FTC 30 days to comment on the report prior to filing the report with the Commission. Finally, your filing is required to include any comments from the FTC and your response to any such comments.

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.

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Sincerely,

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

Erich G. Gaedeke
Fishery Biologist
Division of Hydropower Administration
and Compliance