



*Your Community Energy Partner*

April 12, 2018

Via E-Filing

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary  
Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr., Deputy Secretary  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street NE  
Washington, DC 20426

Re: Sunset Fish Passage and Energy Project (FERC No. 14295)

Dear Ms. Bose,

Since 2009, the Public Utility District No. 1 of Snohomish County ("District") has worked collaboratively with a broad range of licensing participants, including interested members of the public, federal and state agencies, and Tribes to develop a license application for the Sunset Fish Passage and Energy Project (FERC No. 14295) ("Sunset Project"). If developed, this run-of-river hydroelectric project, with its unique design that required no dam or other impoundment, would have provided 30 MW of local, carbon-free energy that fits well with the higher winter demand needs of the District's customers.

The District has recently completed an energy planning process which has resulted in the development of an Integrated Resource Plan ("IRP"), a long-range energy planning document. The IRP finds that energy conservation by the utility and its customers has helped minimize the need for new energy resources. The IRP forecasts that, over the next 10 years, the PUD will not need the additional energy that the Sunset Project would have provided due to expected energy conservation.

After a review of the IRP, the District's Board of Commissioners has directed the District to no longer pursue a license for the Sunset Project. As such, the District requests that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("Commission") terminate the integrated licensing process (ILP) for the Sunset Project.

The District thanks the Commission staff and all licensing participants for participating in the FERC process. The District is greatly appreciative of the licensing participants' substantial efforts towards developing protection, mitigation and enhancement measures that would have allowed for the development of the Sunset Project while at the same time improving resource conditions within the vicinity of the project. We are also hopeful that

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the substantial scientific information generated through the FERC licensing process will be useful to resources managers as they move forward with efforts to manage and restore the aquatic and terrestrial resources within and adjacent to the South Fork Skykomish River.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Dawn Presler, Sr. Environmental Coordinator, at (425) 783-1709 or [DJPresler@snopud.com](mailto:DJPresler@snopud.com).

Sincerely,

*/s/ Tom DeBoer*

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