

September 4, 2007

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, N.E.
Washington, DC 20426

RE: Mason Dam Hydroelectric Project P-12686-001 - Water Quality Parameters

Dear Secretary:

On March 9, 2007, the Commission approved, with modification Baker County's study plan for the proposed Mason Dam hydroelectric Project. Upon approval, Baker County hired a contractor to conduct the water quality study. However, as work began for this study there were some areas of the QAPP that the contractor did not understand. In order to ensure the data collected matched the requirements, changes were made to the QAPP. Paul DeVito put me in contact with Steve Hanson from the DEQ lab in Portland to work out some of these issues. Steve was able to help me gain a better understanding of how to conduct the study and collect the data of the parameters listed in the QAPP. As we all worked through the process some questions were raised. One of those being, do we need all of these parameters? Through continued discussion the DEQ and Baker County have decided that continued alkalinity sampling is not needed.

As a result, we respectfully request that the Commission amend our study plan to allow Baker County to discontinue our water quality sampling efforts for alkalinity. By copy of this letter we invite all stakeholders to provide comments directly to the Commission regarding this request and the need for continued alkalinity sampling. If you have any questions you can reach me through e-mail, phone, or other correspondence.

Sincerely,

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