

November 15th, 2017

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

Subject: Bowman Dam Hydroelectric Project (FERC Project No. 14791) Second 6-Month Progress Report

## Dear Secretary Bose:

Pursuant to Article 4 of the preliminary permit issued by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) for the Bowman Dam Hydroelectric Project, FERC Project No. 14791(Project), Ochoco Irrigation District (District), as permittee, is providing its second progress report on the activities it has undertaken under this permit in pursuit of the development of a license application for the construction, operation, and maintenance of the Project.

During the 6-month period preceding this report, Applicant performed the following tasks:

- June, 2017, Applicant reviewed the Fish Passage Analysis Scope of Work with consultants and determined that a Total Dissolved Gas (TDG) expert would be required to perform the necessary analysis to address dam spillway and hydroelectric power system water passage effects.
- August, 2017, Applicant completed a search of potential TDG experts and located staff in the United States Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) offices in Denver.
- August, 2017- November, 2017, Applicant coordinated with Reclamation to confirm availability and financial participation mechanism to engage staff for participation, analysis and reporting in the necessary TDG work that is essential to the consultation process with fishery agencies.
- August, 2017-November, 2017, Applicant held and attended meetings with Central Electric Cooperative
  and potential large electricity off-takers to further refine the economic analysis of power purchase for the
  project.
- During the next 6-month period, applicants plan to:
  - Contract for the initial TDG analysis.
  - Complete fish passage analysis.
  - Work to develop power purchase agreements.
  - Develop funding package.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me (541) 447-6449 or by email at ochocoid@crestviewcable.com.

Sincerely,

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