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Project No. 2144-035-Washington
Boundary Hydroelectric Project
City of Seattle, Washington

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Reference: Study Plan Determination for Phase 2 Toxic Sampling and Analysis Plan for the Boundary Hydroelectric Project

Dear Mrs. Greene:

Pursuant to 18 CFR § 5.15(c), this letter contains my determination on the City of Seattle's (City's) Phase 2 Toxics Sampling and Analysis Plan (Toxics Sampling Plan) and schedule for the Boundary Hydroelectric Project.

On July 31, 2007, the City filed the Toxics Sampling Plan as required by my March 15, 2007, study plan determination. The City subsequently held a meeting to discuss the Toxics Sampling Plan on August 21, 2007. Comments on the Toxic Sampling Plan were filed jointly by the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) on August 28, 2007, and by the Department of Ecology on August 31, 2007. The City subsequently consulted with the Forest Service and BLM to address their concerns regarding the decision-making process and criteria for additional toxics sampling. On September 28, 2007, the City filed responses to the Forest Service and BLM comments¹ along with a revised Section 2.4 of the plan that appears to address the Forest Service and BLM concerns. The Forest Service did not respond to the City's September 28, 2007, revisions or responses.

Staff concurs with the City's conclusions and basis for its Toxics Sampling Plan, and concludes that the plan and revisions adequately address all toxics study needs at this

¹ The Department of Ecology filed comments supporting the study plan and commending the City for its collaborative efforts. Thus, no response was needed.

time. I accept staff's findings and approve the Toxic Sampling Plan. Because the results of the Toxic Sampling Plan will not be available until August 15, 2008, and therefore will not be included in the initial study report that is due March 15, 2008, my subsequent review and determination on the need for additional toxics sampling will be issued by September 30, 2008, in accordance with the proposed schedule in figure 2.4-1a of the Toxic Sampling Plan.

If you have any questions, please contact David Turner at (202) 502-6091 or david.turner@ferc.gov.

Sincerely,

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