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February 18, 2025

DEBBIE-ANNE A. REESE
SECRETARY
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
888 FIRST STREET NE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20426

**Re: Section 401 Water Quality Certification and CZMA Consistency Certification submittal,
Newhalem Creek Hydroelectric Project (P-2705-037)**

Dear Secretary Reese,

Seattle City Light (City Light) is hereby providing a copy of the requests for individual Section 401 water quality certification (401 WQC)¹ and Coastal Zone Management Act consistency determination (CZMA)² pertaining to the proposed license surrender and decommissioning of the Newhalem Creek Hydroelectric Project, FERC Project No. 2705 (Project). This filing is in response to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC's) inquiry on February 10, 2023 pertaining to the status of the 401 WQC and CZMA, after of which Seattle City Light (City Light) responded on April 10, 2023, that both requests will be submitted following additional engagement with federal and state resource agencies to determine the scope of the proposed decommissioning and once design drawings have been developed.

City Light submitted the individual 401 WQC request to the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) on January 30, 2025. Ecology acknowledged receipt of the submitted request for certification on January 30, 2025. A copy of the contents of the 401 WQC request that have not been previously filed with FERC (i.e., the Surrender of License Application and Biological Assessment) are included in this same filing. Additionally, City Light submitted the CZMA certification request to Ecology on February 6, 2025. Ecology acknowledged receipt of the submitted request on February 10, 2025. A copy of the CZMA certification request and Ecology's acknowledgement is also included in this filing; the attachments provided to Ecology for the CZMA certification request are the same as the attachments being provided for the 401 WQC request.

¹33 U.S.C. § 1341(a)(1) (2018).

²16 U.S.C. § 1456.

³54 U.S.C. § 306108.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (206) 684-3117. City Light looks forward to continuing to work with FERC and the other parties to surrender the license and decommission the Project facility.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Shelly Adams".

Shelly Adams
Decommissioning Project Manager
Seattle City Light

Attachments

Cc: Diana Shannon, FERC
Rebekah Padgett, Ecology