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September 30, 2024

DEBBIE-ANNE A. REESE ACTING SECRETARY FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION 888 1ST STREET NE WASHINGTON, D.C. 20426

Re: Newhalem Creek Hydroelectric Project No. 2705 – Filing of Documents for Section 106 **Identification and Evaluation of Historic Properties**

Dear Acting Secretary Reese:

Seattle City Light (City Light) is filing documents in support of compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) related to the proposed license surrender and decommissioning of the Newhalem Creek Hydroelectric Project, FERC Project No. 2705 (Project).

The filing consists of this cover letter and the enclosed documents:

- Evaluation of the Historic Built Environment for the Newhalem Creek Hydroelectric Project Decommissioning, Newhalem, Whatcom County, Washington, Prepared by ICF for City Light
- Assessment of Effect of the Newhalem Creek Hydroelectric Decommission Project P-2705 to the Skagit River Gorge and Canyons TCP District (45WH450), Prepared by the Upper Skagit Indian Tribe for City Light [Redacted, filed as "CUI//PRIV- PRIVILEGED- DO NOT RELEASE"]
- Cultural Resources Survey Report: Newhalem Creek Hydroelectric Decommissioning Project, Newhalem, Whatcom County, Washington, Prepared by ERCI for Seattle City Light [filed as "CUI//PRIV- PRIVILEGED- DO NOT RELEASE"]
- Identification of Adverse Effects on Historic Properties for Seattle City Light's Newhalem Creek Hydroelectric Decommissioning Project (DAHP #2021-08-05085), Prepared by City Light for the Washington Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation [filed as "CUI//PRIV-PRIVILEGED- DO NOT RELEASE"]

Should you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact me at 206-684-3117.

Sincerely,

Shelly Adams

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CC Diana Shannon, FERC

Signature: Slow Shelly Adams (Sep 30, 2024 11:48 PDT)

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