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Ms. Heather R. Bartlett
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Re: Withdraw of Request for Clean Water Act Section 401 Certifications of NPDES Draft Permits

Dear Ms. Bartlett:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is withdrawing our requests of Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology)'s certification under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act of the draft NPDES permits for the following nine federal hydroelectric generating facilities in Washington:

Lower Columbia River Hydroelectric Generating Facilities
Bonneville Project, NPDES Permit No. WA0026778
The Dalles Lock and Dam, NPDES Permit No. WA0026701
John Day Project, NPDES Permit No. WA0026832
McNary Lock and Dam, NPDES Permit No. WA0026824

Lower Snake River Hydroelectric Generating Facilities
Ice Harbor Lock and Dam, NPDES Permit No. WA0026816
Lower Monumental Lock and Dam, NPDES Permit No. WA0026808
Little Goose Lock and Dam, NPDES Permit No. WA0026786
Lower Granite Lock and Dam, NPDES Permit No. WA0026794

Grand Coulee Dam, NPDES Permit No. WA0026867

The EPA sent the preliminary draft NPDES permit documents and requested Ecology's Clean Water Act 401 certification on the following dates:
Lower Columbia River Hydroelectric Generating Facilities – September 20, 2018
Lower Snake River Hydroelectric Generating Facilities – September 19, 2018
Grand Coulee Dam – October 4, 2018

Please return to us the materials that we provided with our certification request. When we determine that a renewed request for water quality certification is appropriate, we will be in further communication with appropriately updated materials. If you have any questions on this matter, you may contact me at (206) 553-1855.

Sincerely,

Daniel D. Opalski, Director
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cc: Ellie Ott, Washington Department of Ecology (via email)
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