UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 10
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OFFICE OF
WATER AND WATERSHEDS

[State Regional Administrator or appropriate individual address]

Re: Bonneville Project, WA0026778
The Dalles Lock and Dam, WA0026701
John Day Project, WA0026832
McNary Lock and Dam, WA0026824
Ice Harbor Lock and Dam, WA0026816
Lower Monumental Lock and Dam, WA0026808
Little Goose Lock and Dam, WA0026786
Lower Granite Lock and Dam, WA0026794

Dear Mr./Ms. Surname:

The EPA is planning to issue NPDES permits for the above listed facilities. The~~se~~ facilities discharge pollutants to the lower Columbia River and the lower Snake River. Copies of the preliminary draft permits and draft Fact Sheets are enclosed. ~~On Insert Date, the EPA received final Clean Water Act (CWA) § 401 certification for the permit from the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality.~~

The EPA has determined the permits may affect the quality of waters of the State of Insert State (State). Therefore, ~~consistent with~~in recognition of the requirements of § 401(a)(2) of the Clean Water Act (CWA)~~WA~~, we are notifying you of this action, and are providing the draft permit and fact sheet to you for your review.~~the State and the permit applicant of our receipt of the enclosed certification.~~

In accordance with §401(a)(2) of the CWA, ~~I~~if ~~, within 60 days after receiving this notification,~~ the State determines that a discharge will affect the quality of its waters so as to violate any water quality requirements in the State, the State may notify the EPA in writing of its objection to the issuance of the permit. We plan to issue these permits by November 15, 2018. Therefore, we ask that you share any concerns you may have with these permit actions at your earliest convenience, but no later than November 1, 2018.

If you have questions, ~~or concerns about this matter,~~ please do not hesitate to contact permit writer, of my staff, at (206) 553-xxxx or last name.first [HYPERLINK "mailto:name@epa.gov"].

Re: Request for Preliminary Clean Water Act Section 401 Certification of NPDES Draft Permit for [Name of Facility], NPDES Permit No. XXXXX

Dear Mr./Ms./as appropriate surname:

[SEQ CHAPTER \h \r 1]Enclosed is a preliminary draft of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit plus a fact sheet for the [name of permit, facility name]. We are asking for the [State agency/Tribe] to review and provide a preliminary Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 401 Certification for this permit action.

We intend to issue this permit by mid-November. To meet this schedule, we are asking for your review within 30 days. We look forward to receiving your preliminary certification by <<<Insert date>>> If we receive the certification prior to public notice of the permit, we will include a reference to the State's certification in the public notice along with a copy of the certification in the fact sheet. The public notice of the permit may also fulfill the State's/Tribe's public notice requirements for certification under CWA Section 401(a)(1).

Since this preliminary draft is not intended for review outside of [state agency/tribe], we appreciate your discretion in retaining it within the department. Please keep us up-to-date about the status of your review. If you have any questions, please contact permit writer name at phone number or 1-800-424-4372 ext. permit writer extension, or permitwriter@epa.gov. We look forward to your comments on this draft permit.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Lidgard
Manager, NPDES Permits Unit

Enclosure

cc: Contact for 401 Certifying Agency
Permittee Contact

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