



May 12, 2010

Elvin "Speed" Fitzhugh
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RE: Spokane River Project, FERC Project No. 2545. Idaho Department of Environmental Quality Approval of Spokane River Water Temperature and Discharge Flow Validation Monitoring Plan and the Spokane River Water Temperature and Discharge Flow Quality Assurance Control Project Plan as Required by Article 401(a) of FERC's June 18, 2009 Spokane River Project License

Dear Mr. Fitzhugh:

On March 26, 2010, Avista requested comments from Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) on the Spokane River Water Temperature and Discharge Flow Validation Monitoring Plan (Monitoring Plan) and the accompanying Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP). DEQ provided comment to Avista on April 12 and WDFW provided their comments on April 26, 2010.

In response to the comments from WDFW, Avista made some changes to the Monitoring Plan and QAPP. Avista has discussed these changes with DEQ and the department agrees with Avista's responses to Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife's comments and recommendations.

The May 11, 2010 versions of both the Monitoring Plan and QAPP meet Idaho's Water Quality Certification requirements (I.B.1. and I.B.2.) pursuant to the provisions of Section 401 (a)(1) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (Clean Water Act), as amended, 33 U.S.C. § 1341. DEQ approves the revised Monitoring Plan and QAPP prepared by Avista.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dan Redline".

Dan Redline
Regional Administrator
Idaho Department of Environmental Quality

c: David T. Knight, Ecology
Doug Robison, WDFW
Jim Fredricks, IDFG
Phil Cerner, Coeur d' Alene Tribe
Rachael Price, FERC – DHAC
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