## FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION Washington, D. C. 20426

OFFICE OF ENERGY PROJECTS

Project No. 2496-002,104,105 and 231— Oregon Leaburg-Walterville Hydroelectric Project Eugene Water and Electric Board

May 11, 2018

Lisa McLaughlin License Manager Eugene Water and Electric Board 500 East 4th Avenue, P.O. Box 10148 Eugene, Oregon 97440

Subject: 2017 Annual Compliance Report - Fish and Wildlife Enhancements

Dear Ms. McLaughlin:

On April 12, 2018, you filed your 2017 Annual Compliance Report – Fish and Wildlife Enhancements pursuant to Article 425 of the project license for the Leaburg-Walterville Hydroelectric Project, FERC No. 2496. Your report contains several annual reporting requirements for project activities including: the annual compliance report under Article 425; annual compliance activities conducted for the Gravel Augmentation Plan and Fish Habitat Restoration Fund under Article 412; the Fish Habitat Enhancement Plan under Article 413; and the Walterville Tailrace Return Channel Plan under Article 419.

You state in your cover letter that due to an oversight, the report was not submitted to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Marine Fisheries Service, and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (resource agencies), for the required 30-day review, prior to filing it with the Commission. You state that you submitted the report to the resource agencies concurrent with your filing with the Commission. You further state that you intend to file any comments or recommendations from the resource agencies if your receive any from them.

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You are required to file resource agency comments and recommendations as a part of your annual report. For this reason, we are unable to process your filing at this time. While we will consider your filing to be timely, it is incomplete. We are requiring you to file a report with us within 30-days of the date of this letter that documents your consultation with the resource agencies, including any recommendations and comments regarding your annual report and your response to those comments. If no comments or recommendations are received, you must still file a report with us stating such.

We appreciate your attention to this matter and look forward to receiving the requested report by **June 10, 2018** at the latest. Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (202) 502-6289.

Sincerely,

R. Bluto J.

Robert Ballantine Aquatic Resources Branch Division of Hydropower Administration and Compliance

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Order Issuing New License. 78 FERC ¶ 62,207 (issued March 24, 1997).