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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Portland General Electric Company

Project No. 2195-011

ORDER APPROVING REVISED NORTHERN SPOTTED OWL AND BALD EAGLE CONSERVATION MEASURES

(Issued May 10, 2018)

- 1. On May 2, 2018, Portland General Electric Company (PGE), licensee for the Clackamas River Hydroelectric Project No. 2195, filed revised Northern Spotted Owl and Bald Eagle Conservation Measures for Commission approval. The project is located on the Oak Grove Fork of the Clackamas River and the mainstem of the Clackamas River in Clackamas County, Oregon. The project occupies federal lands within the Mt. Hood National Forest, under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Forest Service (Forest Service), and a reservation of the U.S. Department of Interior's Bureau of Land Management (BLM).
- 2. The project license is subject to Forest Service 4(e) Terms and License Conditions. Article 21 of the Forest Service 4(e) Terms and License Conditions requires that PGE implement the project's Terrestrial Resources Management Plan (TRMP); the Northern Spotted Owl and Bald Eagle Conservation Measures are Exhibit E to the TRMP.
- 3. PGE revised its Northern Spotted Owl and Bald Eagle Conservation Measures in consultation with the Terrestrial Resources Working Group to address the current biological assessments covering northern spotted owl disturbance and habitat modification, and the removal of bald eagles from the federal list of threatened and endangered species.
- 4. Regarding northern spotted owls, there are no known or predicted nest sites or designated critical habitat in close proximity to the project, except for some areas that are within the Mt. Hood National Forest or on BLM lands. Therefore, PGE's revised northern spotted owl conservation measures will be applied only to activities occurring within the project boundary on federal lands, in coordination with the Forest Service and BLM, as appropriate.

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- 5. Regarding bald eagles, all future nest management plans for bald eagles, if needed, will be consistent with the *National Bald Eagle Management Guidelines* (USFWS 2007), or the most recent revision.
- PGE's revised Northern Spotted Owl and Bald Eagle Conservation Measures should be approved.

The Director orders:

- (A) Portland General Electric Company's revised Northern Spotted Owl and Bald Eagle Conservation Measures, filed May 2, 2018, for the Clackamas River Hydroelectric Project No. 2195, are approved.
- (B) This order constitutes final agency action. Any party may file a request for rehearing of this order within 30 days from the date of its issuance, as provided in section 313(a) of the Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. § 8251 (2012), and the Commission's regulations at 18 C.F.R. § 385.713 (2017). The filing of a request for rehearing does not operate as a stay of the effective date of this order, or of any other date specified in this order. The licensee's failure to file a request for rehearing shall constitute acceptance of this order.

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¹ Order Issuing New License (133 FERC ¶ 62,281), issued December 21, 2010.