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Project No. 2705-037—Washington
Newhalem Creek Project
Seattle City Light

June 11, 2024

VIA FERC Service

Mr. Mike Haynes
Seattle City Light
700 Fifth Avenue, Suite 3200, P.O. Box 3
Seattle, WA 98124

Subject: Request for Additional Time

Dear Mr. Haynes:

This letter grants your request for additional time to respond to comments filed with the Commission on the Environmental Assessment (EA) issued on March 29, 2024. The EA was prepared by Commission staff in which we assess the environmental effects associated with the proposed surrender and decommissioning of the Newhalem Creek Project No. 2705.¹ The project is located on Newhalem Creek in Whatcom County, Washington.

The public comment period for the EA was extended from April 29, 2024, to May 13, 2024.² While the Commission's regulations provide an applicant 30 days to file a response, you request a total of 60 days, or until July 12, 2024, to file a response to the comments the Commission has received. You indicate additional time is necessary due to the issues and new information identified by the various stakeholders in their comments on the EA.

Your request for an extension of time is reasonable and justified. This letter grants you the 60-day extension until **July 12, 2024**, to file your response to comments on the EA.

¹ Seattle City Light, 78 FERC ¶ 62,097 (1997).

² See Notice of Comment Period Extension, issued April 24, 2024.

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Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Diana Shannon at (202) 502-6136 or Diana.shannon@ferc.gov.

Sincerely,

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