

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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From: Diana Shannon
Office of Energy Projects, DHAC

Subject: Stay of Coastal Zone Management review for surrender of
Newhalem Creek Project, P-2705-037

See attached.



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July 22, 2025

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RE: FERC License No P-2705, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Reference #NWS-2024-1051
Newhalem Creek Hydroelectric Project Decommissioning, Newhalem Creek, Skagit
River, Stream 1, Wetland 1, Whatcom County, Washington

Dear Lydia Baldwin and Diana Shannon:

Pursuant to 15 CFR § 930.60, the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) and Seattle City Light are writing to advise you of the status of Ecology's review of the Newhalem Creek Hydroelectric Project Decommissioning project Certification of Consistency with the Washington State Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Program. Ecology and Seattle City Light agreed to stay the CZM review period until October 15, 2025.

On February 6, 2025, Seattle City Light provided Ecology with its Certification of Consistency with the Washington State CZM program. Seattle City Light also sent this to both the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Federal Energy Regulatory Commission on this date. At this time, Ecology has notified Seattle City Light that a CZM federal consistency decision cannot be issued until all of the CZM Program enforceable policies are met. The applicant has not met the requirements of the state's: Shoreline Management Act, Water Pollution Control Act, or Clean Air Act. The current CZM deadline is August 6, 2025, and additional time is required to obtain the shoreline permit or exemption, Section 401 Water Quality Certification, Construction

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Stormwater General Permit, and Asbestos Demolition Notification Approval and Permit to Work from the local clean air agency.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Rebekah Padgett at 206-914-8328.

Sincerely,

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