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**Reference: Request for treatment of document as a Comprehensive Plan,
pursuant to section 10(a)(2)(A) of the Federal Power Act**

Dear Mr. Kirkendall:

Thank you for your letter dated September 17, 2007, providing the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) with a copy of the “Anadromous Fish Agreement and Habitat Conservation Plan: The Wells Hydroelectric Project (FERC License No. 2149),” dated March 26, 2002. The plan is supported by Documents A through D. Pursuant to section 10(a)(2)(A) of the Federal Power Act (FPA), you request that the document be considered as a comprehensive plan.

As you note in your letter, the plan establishes a beneficial use of the Upper Columbia River through conservation of Chinook salmon, steelhead, sockeye salmon, and coho salmon (Plan Species). The Anadromous Fish Agreement provides for a comprehensive and long-term adaptive management plan for the Plan Species and their habitats.

Based on the staff review, the following document qualifies as a comprehensive plan under section 10(a)(2)(A) of the FPA:

National Marine Fisheries Service. 2002. Anadromous Fish Agreement and Habitat Conservation Plan: The Wells Hydroelectric Project (FERC License No. 2149). U.S. Department of Commerce. March 26, 2002.

Any future river-related plan prepared by the National Marine Fisheries Service must be filed with the Commission in order to be considered in the Commission's section 10(a)(2)(A) of the FPA analysis of hydropower projects in Washington.

Sincerely,

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