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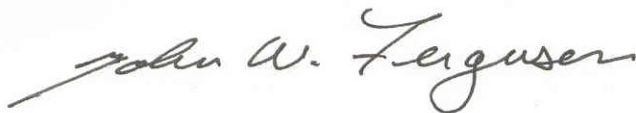
Dear Ms. McDermott,

You may recall that I periodically contact American Rivers on behalf of the Parties to the Wells, Rocky Reach, and Rock Island Habitat Conservation Plans (HCPs). This letter follows similar letters sent in 2006 through 2023 inquiring about your organization's interest in participating in a meeting with members of the HCP Coordinating, Hatchery, and Tributary Committees. As one of the Parties who were involved in negotiating the HCPs, but elected to not sign the HCPs, the Committees would like to again offer to provide you with a progress report on implementation, as well as give you an opportunity to ask questions of Committee members.

If held, the meeting would be limited to your representatives, as well as those from the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation and invited representatives of Grant County PUD. The meeting would likely be a half-day session, with the majority of available time used to address your questions and concerns; however, I would plan to work with you to shape an agenda and timeline beforehand.

Because the HCP Parties formally notified the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission of their intent to promote continuing dialogue with the non-signatories in this type of periodic meeting, I would appreciate it if you could provide a formal response to this letter by April 15, 2024. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (206) 437-7865 or jferguson@anchorqea.com.

Sincerely,



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