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August 26, 1993

Lois Cashell, Secretary  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
825 North Capitol Street, NE  
Washington, DC 20426

Re: Condit Hydroelectric Project - FERC No. 2342 -005

Dear Secretary Cashell:

Enclosed for filing with the Commission in the above proceeding are the original and 9 copies of a letter from the AMERICAN WHITEWATER AFFILIATION regarding the upcoming EIS process for this project.

I hereby certify that I have this 26th day of August, 1993, served the foregoing document upon each person designated on the attached official service list compiled by the Secretary in this proceeding.

Please date stamp and return one copy for our records, in the enclosed envelope.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Bowers  
Conservation Program Director

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August 25, 1993

Dean L. Shumway, Director  
Division of Project Review  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
810 First Street, NE  
Washington, DC 20426

RE: Condit Hydroelectric Project, FERC No. 2342 -005

Dear Mr. Shumway:

This letter is in reference to earlier American Whitewater Affiliation (AWA) correspondence and requests for additional studies regarding the whitewater recreation possibilities below the Condit Project on the White Salmon River.

In our November 25, 1992 letter, while AWA withdrew our request for additional studies, we also stated

"As this intervention proceeds, one of the questions considered will be the balancing of power generation against the benefits of restoring the White Salmon to its historic free-flowing condition. As this issue develops, the importance of this lower bypass to whitewater boating, fishery, and other interests, will need to be re-addressed.

...If, in the future, dam removal proves to be a valid issue, then the Commission may need to look again at this bypass, as well as the potential resources beneath the impoundment."

Since the time of that letter, the Commission determined that preparation of an Environmental Impact Study (EIS) is needed for the Condit Project. Furthermore, Scoping Document 1 identifies dam removal as an alternative for detailed analysis.

In light of the fact that the Commission has identified dam removal as a reasonable alternative to be analyzed in the EIS, AWA requests that the EIS include a detailed analysis of the whitewater boating opportunities in the lower White Salmon River that would be re-established under a dam removal alternative, as

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well as the economic value associated with those expanded whitewater boating opportunities.

As we noted in our November 15, 1992 letter, the White Salmon River is a highly used whitewater resource, and the option of restoring a free-flowing river and expanding the whitewater resource under the dam removal alternative could provide significant recreation and economic benefits to the region.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Feel free to contact me if AWA can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard J. Bowers". The signature is fluid and somewhat stylized, with a large loop at the end of the last name.

Richard J. Bowers  
Conservation Director

cc: service list