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August 12, 2021

Skamania Public Utility District No. 1  
ATTN: Melanie Sharp  
PO Box 500  
Carson, WA 98610

RE: Water Quality Certification Order No. **20386** for Corps Reference No. NWS-2018-1168,  
North Bonneville Substation and Feeder Upgrade Project, Skamania County, Washington

Dear Melanie Sharp:

On May 13, 2021, Skamania Public Utility District No. 1 submitted a request for a Section 401 Water Quality Certification (WQC) under the federal Clean Water Act for the North Bonneville Substation and Feeder Upgrade Project, near North Bonneville and Stevenson, Skamania County, Washington.

On behalf of the state of Washington, the Department of Ecology certifies that the work described in the Joint Aquatic Resource Permit Application (JARPA) and the public notice complies with applicable provisions of Sections 301, 302, 303, 306, and 307 of the Clean Water Act, as amended, and applicable state laws. This certification is subject to the conditions contained in the enclosed Order.

Please ensure that anyone doing work under this Order has read, is familiar with, and is able to follow all of the provisions within the attached Order.

If you have any questions about this decision, please contact Lori Kingsbury at (360) 407-6926. The enclosed Order may be appealed by following the procedures described within the Order.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Perry J Lund", is written over a blue circular stamp.

Perry J Lund, Section Manager  
Shorelands and Environmental Assistance Program  
Southwest Regional Office

Enclosure

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e-cc: Evan Carnes, Corps of Engineers, Seattle District  
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Loree' Randall, Ecology  
Lori Kingsbury, Ecology  
Miranda Adams, Ecology  
ECY RE FEDPERMITS – Aquatics No. 140387

<b>IN THE MATTER OF GRANTING A</b>	)	<b>ORDER No. 20386</b>
<b>WATER QUALITY</b>	)	<b>Corps Reference No. NWS-2018-1168</b>
<b>CERTIFICATION TO</b>	)	North Bonneville Substation and Feeder Upgrade
Skamania Public Utility District No. 1	)	Project within Wetlands, near North Bonneville
pursuant to 33 U.S.C. 1341 (FWPCA	)	and Stevenson, Skamania County, Washington
§ 401), RCW 90.48.120, RCW 90.48.260	)	
and Chapter 173-201A WAC	)	

Skamania Public Utility District No. 1  
Attn: Melanie Sharp  
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Carson, WA 986310

On May 13, 2021, the Skamania Public Utility District No. 1 submitted a request for a Section 401 Water Quality Certification (WQC) under the federal Clean Water Act for the North Bonneville Substation and Feeder Upgrade Project, near North Bonneville and Stevenson, Skamania County, Washington. Prior to submitting the WQC request, Skamania Public Utility District No. 1 submitted a pre-filing meeting request on April 12, 2021. The Department of Ecology issued a public notice for the proposed project on June 9, 2021.

The project proposes to rebuild the North Bonneville Substation and upgrade approximately 5.2 miles of distribution feeder lines to improve resiliency, accommodate load transfer, and provide increased demand for new loads. Where feasible, approximately 4.4 miles of overhead power lines will be upgraded and placed underground. The project will also install a back-up power generator, radio communication system, and decommission overhead distribution lines.

The project will temporarily impact 0.14 of an acre of roadside ditch wetlands. All wetlands that have been temporarily impacted will be fully restored.

The project site is located along State Route 14 within North Bonneville, Stevenson, and unincorporated Skamania County, Washington; Sections 11, 12, 14, 16, 17, 20, and 21; Township 2 North, Range 7 East; WRIA 28, Salmon-Washougal, and WRIA 29, Wind-White Salmon Watersheds.

With this Order, Ecology is granting the Skamania Public Utility District No. 1's request for a Section 401 Water Quality Certification for the North Bonneville Substation and Feeder Upgrade Project, provided that the activity is conducted in accordance with the Section 401 Water Quality Certification request and attachments Ecology determined valid on June 4, 2021.

Based on the information submitted, Ecology has determined that the discharge from the project will comply with state water quality requirements. Prior to undertaking any changes that materially alter the project, Skamania Public Utility District No. 1 must contact Ecology to determine whether a new Section 401 Water Quality Certification is required.

Issuance of this Section 401 Water Quality Certification for this proposal does not authorize the Skamania Public Utility District No. 1 to exceed applicable state water quality standards (Chapter 173-201A WAC), ground water quality standards (Chapter 173-200 WAC) or sediment quality standards (Chapter 173-204 WAC). Furthermore, nothing in this Section 401 Water Quality Certification absolves the Applicant from liability for contamination and any subsequent cleanup of surface waters, ground waters, or sediments resulting from project construction or operations.

**Special Condition:**

- Any work that causes distressed or dying fish or discharges of oil, fuel, or other chemicals into state waters or onto land with a potential for entry into state waters is prohibited<sup>1</sup>. If such work, conditions, or discharges occur, immediately notify<sup>2</sup> Ecology's Regional Spill Response Office at 360-407-6300 and the Washington State Department of Fish & Wildlife with the nature and details of the problem, any actions taken to correct the problem, and any proposed changes in operation to prevent further problems. You will also need to notify the Washington Emergency Management Division<sup>3</sup> at 1-800-258-5990, for actual spills to water only. This condition is necessary to prevent oil and hazardous materials spills from causing environmental damage and to ensure compliance with water quality requirements. The sooner a spill is reported, the quicker it can be addressed, resulting in less harm.

In view of the foregoing and in accordance with 33 U.S.C. §1341, RCW 90.48.120, RCW 90.48.260 Chapter 173-200 WAC and Chapter 173-201A WAC, this WQC is granted to Skamania Public Utility District No. 1, North Bonneville Substation and Feeder Upgrade Project.

The Corps of Engineers is authorizing this project under NWP 57, Electric Utility Line and Telecommunications Activities. Ecology Order No. 20386 will remain valid for the duration of the associated Corps authorization.

**YOUR RIGHT TO APPEAL**

You have a right to appeal this Order to the Pollution Control Hearing Board (PCHB) within 30 days of the date of receipt of this Order. The appeal process is governed by Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC. "Date of receipt" is defined in RCW 43.21B.001(2).

To appeal you must do both of the following within 30 days of the date of receipt of this Order:

- File your appeal and a copy of this Order with the PCHB (see addresses below). Filing means actual receipt by the PCHB during regular business hours.
- Serve a copy of your appeal and this Order on Ecology in paper form by mail or in person. (See addresses below.) E-mail is not accepted.

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<sup>1</sup> RCW 90.48

<sup>2</sup> WAC 173-303-145

<sup>3</sup> RCW 90.56.280

You must also comply with other applicable requirements in Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC.

#### ADDRESS AND LOCATION INFORMATION

Street Addresses	Mailing Addresses
<b>Department of Ecology</b> Attn: Appeals Processing Desk 300 Desmond Drive SE Lacey, WA 98503  <b>Pollution Control Hearings Board</b> 1111 Israel Road SW, Suite 301 Tumwater, WA 98501	<b>Department of Ecology</b> Attn: Appeals Processing Desk PO Box 47608 Olympia, WA 98504-7608  <b>Pollution Control Hearings Board</b> PO Box 40903 Olympia, WA 98504-0903

#### CONTACT INFORMATION

Please direct all questions about this Order to:

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#### MORE INFORMATION

- **Pollution Control Hearings Board Website**  
<http://www.eluho.wa.gov/Board/PCHB>
- **Chapter 43.21B RCW - Environmental and Land Use Hearings Office – Pollution Control Hearings Board**  
<http://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=43.21B>
- **Chapter 371-08 WAC – Practice And Procedure**  
<http://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=371-08>
- **Chapter 34.05 RCW – Administrative Procedure Act**  
<http://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=34.05>
- **Chapter 90.48 RCW – Water Pollution Control**  
<http://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=90.48>

- **Chapter 173.204 WAC – Sediment Management Standards**  
<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=173-204>
- **Chapter 173-200 WAC – Water Quality Standards for Ground Waters of the State of Washington**  
<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=173-200>
- **Chapter 173-201A WAC – Water Quality Standards for Surface Waters of the State of Washington**  
<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=173-201A>

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Date