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May 30, 2018

Ms. Cynthia Huwe
Permit Coordinator
Washington Department of Ecology
1230 W. Alder Street
Union Gap, WA 98903-0009

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Dept of Ecology
Central Regional Office

RE: Peshastin POTW Application for Renewal, NPDES No. WA0052175

EMAIL REC'D 5/31/18

Dear Ms. Huwe:

Enclosed please find completed EPA application form 2A and supporting documentation for Chelan PUD's Peshastin wastewater facility permit renewal.

Recent discussions with Ecology have revealed some uncertainty regarding the date of compliance with the Wenatchee River Multi-Parameter Dissolved Oxygen and pH TMDL (TMDL). Chelan PUD participated in two meetings at Ecology's Union Gap office where the compliance date, among other items, was discussed. The meeting on December 6, 2016 was attended by Ron Slabaugh and Marcie Clement (Chelan PUD) and David Bowen, Sanjay Barik and Dan Ferguson (Ecology). The February 15, 2017 meeting was attended by Ron Slabaugh and Marcie Clement (Chelan PUD) and Sanjay Barik and Mark Peterschmidt (Ecology). During both meetings Mr. Barik declared that the compliance date for the TMDL would be March 1, 2020. The compliance date would typically be effective 10 years following approval of the TMDL, or August 2019. Mr. Barik stated implementing compliance in August would provide little if any water quality benefit because the periphyton growth would already be established on the river bottom. He stated that he had received agreement from EPA for a March 1, 2020 compliance date.

Chelan PUD is currently on track to achieve the March 2020 compliance date. We received Ecology funding for our wastewater treatment plant upgrade earlier this year. We are scheduled to bid the project in June and begin construction in August. Construction will last 18 months, finishing in February 2020. We respectfully request Ecology establish a March 2020 date for compliance with the TMDL.

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding this application submittal please contact me.

Sincerely,

Ron Slabaugh, P.E.
Water & Wastewater Manager