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## OFFICE OF ENERGY PROJECTS

Project No. 2705-037—Washington  
Newhalem Creek Project  
Seattle City Light

July 26, 2024

VIA FERC Service

Mr. Mike Haynes  
Seattle City Light  
700 Fifth Avenue, Suite 3200, P.O. Box 3  
Seattle, WA 98124

Subject: Request for Additional Time

Dear Mr. Haynes:

This letter acknowledges your filing on June 28, 2024, in which you request additional time<sup>1</sup> to respond to comments filed with the Commission on the Environmental Assessment (EA) issued on March 29, 2024. The EA was prepared by Commission staff in which we assess the environmental effects associated with the proposed surrender and decommissioning of the Newhalem Creek Project No. 2705.<sup>2</sup> The project is located on Newhalem Creek in Whatcom County, Washington.

The public comment period for the EA was extended from April 29, 2024, to May 13, 2024.<sup>3</sup> While the Commission's regulations provide an applicant 30 days to file a response, you request a total of 60 days, or until July 12, 2024, to file a response to the comments the Commission has received. You indicate additional time is needed because you are actively working towards a resolution with consulting parties where there are areas of disagreement. To allow time for these continued negotiations and to reflect any

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<sup>1</sup> We granted your first request for additional time on June 11, 2024, in which we extended the due date to July 12, 2024.

<sup>2</sup> Seattle City Light, 78 FERC ¶ 62,097 (1997).

<sup>3</sup> See Notice of Comment Period Extension, issued April 24, 2024.

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resolutions among the parties, you request additional time until October 11, 2024 to submit comments on the EA.

Your request for an extension of time is justified given your efforts to resolve outstanding issues with the consulting parties. This letter grants you until **October 11, 2024**, to file your comments and to update Commission staff with your efforts in this regard.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file the requested information using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, you may submit a paper copy. Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Acting Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Acting Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852. The first page of any filing should include the docket number P-2705-037.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Diana Shannon at (202) 502-6136 or [Diana.shannon@ferc.gov](mailto:Diana.shannon@ferc.gov).

Sincerely,

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