



Northwest Power Services, Inc.

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January 6, 2006

Ms. Magalie R. Salas, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20426

Re: Chester Diversion Hydroelectric Project, FERC Project # 11879

Dear Ms. Salas,

This letter is to submit additional information in response to your January 6, 2006 phone call by Ms. Emily Carter. This information contains a copy of the Water Quality Certification issued by the State of Idaho Department of Environmental Quality on May 24, 2005.

If you have any questions or need additional information, feel free to contact me at 208.745.0834 or e-mail at bsmith@nwpwrservices.com.

Sincerely,

NORTHWEST POWER SERVICES, INC.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Brent L. Smith'.

Brent L. Smith
President



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**WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION for FERC NO. 11879
For Chester Diversion Henry's Fork Snake River
May 24, 2005**

ISSUED TO: Symbiotics, LLC
PO Box 535
Rigby, Idaho 83442
Attn: Brent L. Smith

Description of Certified Project:

This project consists of the FERC License application and outlines plans to construct a new concrete intake structure, rubber dam, low profile powerhouse and the relocation of the Cross Cut Canal headworks at the Chester Diversion Site in Fremont County, Idaho. The new intake structure will include a log way trash chute to prevent debris entry and damage to the turbine areas.

Certification:

This water quality certification is issued under the authority of Section 401 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and its Amendments (Clean Water Act) and IDAPA 58.01.02. This certification is in response to the Symbiotics, LLC.'s request for certification dated May 24, 2004. DEQ has reviewed the application submitted to FERC for the license and hereby certifies pursuant to section 401 of the clean water act that, provided the facility operates as described in the application, there is a reasonable assurance the proposed project will comply with applicable requirements of section 301, 302, 303,306 and 307 of the Clean Water Act and the Idaho Water Quality Standards.

This § 401-certification decision may be appealed pursuant to the Idaho Environmental Protection and Health Act, Idaho Code § 39-107(5) and the Idaho Administrative Procedure Act. Such an appeal is a prerequisite to any district court action and must be initiated by filing a petition for a contested case in accordance with the Rules of Administrative Procedure before the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Board (IDAPA 58.01.23) within thirty-five (35) days of the date of DEQ's decision regarding the 401 certification.

CERTIFICATION APPROVED

[Signature] Date: 5/24/05
Regional Administrator

c: Rob Brochu, AGOE
Toni Hardesty, Director
Doug Conde, Deputy Attorney General

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