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Ms. Kimberly Bose, Secretary  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
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Washington, DC 20426

**SUBJECT: Bowman Dam Hydroelectric Project (FERC NO. P-14791)  
Fifth 6-Month Progress Report**

Dear Secretary Bose:

Pursuant to Article 4 of the preliminary permit issued by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) for the Bowman Dam Hydroelectric Project, FERC Project No. 14791, Ochocho Irrigation District (District), as permittee, is providing its fifth progress report on the activities it has undertaken under this permit in pursuit of the development of a license application for the construction, operation, and maintenance of the project.

During the 6-month period preceding this report, the District performed the following tasks.

- Consulted with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife regarding the process and procedures for preparing and submitting an application for a waiver of the Oregon State requirement to provide fish passage when developing hydroelectric facilities where fish passage does not already exist.
- Consulted with U. S. Bureau of Reclamation regarding cultural resources at Bowman dam. A review of the facilities was conducted in 2011 and that there were no findings to report. Reclamation would be willing to share information with an archaeologist provided by the Project Team.



- Arranged for a joint meeting and site visit with state and federal agencies, Native American tribes, and interested public on April 2, 2019.
- Published a Public Notice and notified FERC of the joint meeting.
- Responded to question from National Park Service regarding the ability for remote participation in the April 2, 2019, meeting. Due to the meeting facilities and anticipated size of participation it was not feasible to provide remote participation.
- Held the April 2, 2019 joint meeting and site visit. One meeting held from 10:00 am to noon, site visit from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm, and evening meeting 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Attendance included representatives of U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, U.S. Bureau of Land Management, National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA Fisheries), National Park Service, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, Oregon Water Resources Department, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, City of Prineville, and interested public.
- Continued to research flow release energy dissipation equipment and designs in order to reduce total dissolved gases below Bowman Dam and the effects on aquatic life.
- Monitored total dissolved gases levels over a range of flow releases from Bowman Dam during spring runoff period.

During the 6-month period following this report, the District plan to perform the following tasks:

- Consult with Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, NOAA Fisheries, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service regarding fish passage at Bowman Dam and prepare an application for waiver of the requirement to provide fish passage.
- Consult with state and federal agencies, Native American tribes, SHPO, and interested parties regarding the need and scope of environmental studies needed to address project issues.
- Prepare and submit to the Commission a request for a two year extension of the Preliminary Permit to complete licensing studies and prepare an application for license.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please call me at (541) 447-6449 or by email at [bruceoid@crestviewcable.com](mailto:bruceoid@crestviewcable.com).

Sincerely,



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