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Arrowrock Hydroelectric Project License Extension and Amendment Issued by FERC



File photo of Arrowrock Dam

On August 1, 2008 the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) granted a license amendment for the Arrowrock Project and extended the deadline to commence construction on the project. This was great news for Clatskanie People's Utility District (PUD) and five Irrigation Districts, including Boise-Kuna, Nampa & Meridian, New York, and Wilder of Idaho and Big Bend of Oregon, involved in the development of the 15 megawatt hydroelectric project at Arrowrock Dam on the Boise River in Idaho. The proposed \$41 million project will be financed by the Irrigation Districts, with the PUD purchasing the average 81,000 MWh of electricity expected to be produced annually. The Irrigation Districts also

own and operate the 101 megawatt Lucky Peak hydroelectric power plant located downstream of Arrowrock Dam, with the output sold to Seattle City Light.

Located 22 miles upstream from Boise, the 353 feet high Arrowrock Dam was built in 1915 and is owned by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. Water is currently released from the dam through a series of outlets which presents a perfect opportunity to install two 7.5 megawatt turbines on the two existing dam outlets. Once complete, this clean, renewable energy project should produce enough electricity to power 5,400 average Clatskanie PUD customer homes. According to Greg Booth, General Manager, the Arrowrock project fits the District's goal of securing long-term, low-cost electric supplies and comes at a time to help with load growth the District is presently experiencing.

This project has been in the works for quite some time. In 1989, FERC initially awarded the Irrigation Districts a license to build a 60 megawatt project at Arrowrock dam. That license was extended through 2005. Clatskanie PUD became involved in the project at 2004, which at that time, the project was scaled down to 15 MW of generating capacity. The PUD and Irrigation Districts enlisted the help of Congress in December 2006 by enacting a Law, allowing for an additional three years for the commencement of construction if requested by the Irrigation Districts and Clatskanie PUD. With hard work from all parties involved, including help from Idaho and Oregon Congressional delegation, the Arrowrock Project got the green light to proceed.

With the license amendment and extension in hand, the PUD and Irrigation Districts are now working on the issuance of bonds with November as the target date to begin construction. For further information, please contact Greg Booth, General Manager at (503) 728-2163.