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### Arrowrock Hydroelectric Project Construction Underway



File photo of Arrowrock Dam

One of the last major steps was completed recently in what has been a long process to build a 18 megawatt hydroelectric project at the Arrowrock Dam on the Boise River in Idaho. Clatskanie PUD and Five irrigation districts from Idaho and Oregon, including Boise-Kuna, Nampa & Meridian, New York, Wilder, and Big Bend are developing the project, with the PUD purchasing the average 81,000 MWh of electricity expected to be produced annually. On September 25, the Boise-Kuna Irrigation District issued and sold bonds in the amount of \$41million to finance the project. These same five 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. Clatskanie PUD Project Manager, Leo Quiachon, reports the project will be built in stages, with excavation and concrete construction of the powerhouse during the upcoming winter months and a target date of November 2009 for completion.

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 from 60 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.

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