Mr. Gary H. Kalich, Manager
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Dear Mr. Kalich:

Cowlitz Falls Hydroelectric Project,
FERC #2833, Lewis County

This letter is written in response to your request for a Water Quality Certification for the above-referenced project.

Certification is hereby granted as required by Section 401 of the Federal Clean Water Act, as amended, provided the following conditions are met:

1. The applicant shall obtain (application form enclosed) and comply with a short-term modification of the water quality standards, Chapter 173-201 WAC, for all instream construction associated with this total project.

2. The request for a short-term modification shall include a plan of operation, which identifies a sequence of construction events, together with provisions for mitigating water quality impacts, and a copy of the Hydraulics Project Approval secured from the Washington Departments of Fisheries and Game.

3. All construction contracts for this project shall contain specific provisions for water pollution control as approved or specified by the applicant. The contracts shall also provide specific payment provisions for unanticipated water pollution control measures.

4. All construction contract documents shall contain specific reference to the Washington State Water Quality Standards, Chapter 173-201 WAC, as one of the water quality performance standards the contractor must meet.

5. Prior to completion of the final project design, the applicant shall conduct an evaluation of alternatives which will mitigate or preclude slug discharges of sediment when opening spillway gate(s) and provide compliance with water quality standards during operation of this facility.
6. This evaluation shall be coordinated with all relevant resource agencies and submitted to Washington Department of Ecology (WDOE), Southwest Regional Office (SWRO), for approval prior to final design of the project.

If you have any questions, please call Michael Morhous at (206) 753-0130 in Olympia.

Sincerely,

Dennis L. Lundblad, Supervisor
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Enclosure

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