

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION**

**AGATE PASSAGE TIDAL ENERGY
PROJECT**

PROJECT NO.P-12691-000

**STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES'
MOTION TO INTERVENE**

Pursuant to 18 C.F.R. §§ 385.212, .214 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC or Commission rules), the State of Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR), hereby moves to intervene in the above-captioned proceeding. The grounds for this motion are:

I.

The names and addresses of the legal counsel for DNR and the DNR's main staff contact are below. Copies of all orders, notices, pleadings and correspondence related to this proceeding should be directed to:

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II.

DNR is an agency of the state of Washington created to manage the public trust lands and aquatic lands, including tidelands, shorelands, lakes and rivers, and beds of navigable salt and fresh waters. Pursuant to statutory authority granted under state law, DNR possesses the right and the duty to manage said public lands for the benefit of the common schools, colleges, counties, and other institutions of the state of Washington. Furthermore, DNR has a responsibility to ensure adherence with several recent agreements that establish specific requirements for protection of threatened and endangered species under the federal Endangered Species Act, and compliance with provisions of the federal Clean Water Act. These agreements include the Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP), approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service in 1997, and the Forests and Fish Agreement passed by the Washington State Legislature and signed by Governor Gary Locke in 1999. Pursuant to DNR's constitutional, statutory, and contractual duties, DNR brings this motion to intervene on behalf of the specific trust beneficiaries for whom DNR manages state-owned lands and the citizens of the state of Washington.

III.

The Public Utility District No. 1 of Snohomish County, Washington (“Snohomish County PUD”), filed a notice of application pursuant to the Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. §§ 791(a)-825(r), for a project known as the Agate Passage Tidal Energy Project. Snohomish County PUD filed in Docket No. P-12691-000, an application for a Preliminary Permit for a proposed tidal energy project that would consist of: (1) Tidal In Stream Energy Conversion (TISEC) devices consisting of, (2) rotating propeller blades 3 meters in diameter, (3) integrated generators with a capacity of 50 kW, (4) anchoring systems, (5) mooring lines, and (6) interconnection transmission lines. The proposed project is estimated to have an annual generation of 146.2 gigawatt-hours per-year, which would be distributed by the Snohomish County PUD.

IV.

The project would be located in a section of Agate Passage in Puget Sound, between the north end of Bainbridge Island and the Kitsap Peninsula in Kitsap County, Washington. A substantial portion of the project would occupy Washington State aquatic land over which DNR has jurisdictional management responsibilities under Washington statutes.

V.

The proposed project may adversely affect state trust lands, aquatic lands, lands included in the HCP, and the state's natural resources, under the jurisdiction of DNR. For the above reasons, DNR has a significant interest, which may be directly affected by the outcome of this proceeding, and existing parties do not

adequately represent this interest. DNR's participation in this proceeding is in the public interest.

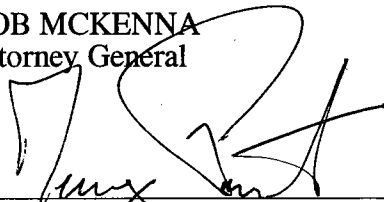
VI.

THEREFORE, in order that the Commission has before it all of the material facts relating to this project, DNR requests that it be allowed to intervene as a party to this proceeding. As a party in the above-entitled proceedings, DNR requests the right to have notice of and appear at any and all hearings or proceedings, to produce evidence and cross examine witnesses, to be heard through counsel in written and oral argument, to be served with copies of all pleadings, applications, and notices, and for any other such participation and relief as may be appropriate.

DATED this 14th day of August, 2006.

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I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct.

DATED this 15th day of August, 2006, at Olympia, Washington.



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