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Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
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Washington, DC 20426

Reference: **MOTION TO INTERVENE for Public Utility District No. 1 of Snohomish County application for a preliminary permit for Spieden Channel Tidal Hydroelectric Project (FERC Project Number P-12689-000)**

Dear Secretary Salas:

The Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe reserved the right to take fish at usual and accustomed grounds and stations” in Section 5 of the Treaty of Point Elliott of 1855. That right, so crucial to the Tribe’s livelihood, survival, and culture may be affected by the Spieden Channel Tidal Hydroelectric Project. The Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe is also by federal court order a co-manager of the fish and wildlife resources of the Skagit River Basin along with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Swinomish Indian Tribal Community and Upper Skagit Indian Tribe.

Spieden Channel is a major migration route for all five species of Pacific salmon that return to the Skagit River. The Spieden Channel Tidal Hydroelectric Project may alter migration or cause direct mortality on migrating salmon that are vital to the Sauk-Suiattle Tribe. Spieden Channel may also be used as a rearing area for salmon, steelhead, forage fish and shellfish. The project may reduce the productivity of rearing habitat or cause direct mortality of fish and shellfish rearing within the project area.

The Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe respectfully request that its motion to intervene in project P-12689 be granted.

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Sincerely,

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Cc: FERC service list

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