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RE: Carmen-Smith Hydroelectric Project, FERC P-2242
Section 401 Water Quality Certification Modification (“Amended Certification”)

On May 19, 2019, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“FERC” or the “Commission”) issued a license for the continued operation of the Carmen-Smith Hydroelectric Project, FERC Project No. 2242 (the “Project”) that authorized construction of a turbine bypass valve at Smith Dam. On June 18, 2021, the Eugene Water and Electric Board (“EWEB”) filed with the Commission an application for a non-capacity license amendment in accordance with Section 4.2 of the Commission’s regulations. The application proposes to construct and operate a load bank instead of the turbine bypass valve to protect public health and the environment against spill events from Smith Dam.

On March 8, 2023, EWEB filed with the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality a request to modify its existing Section 401 water quality certification to address impacts on water quality caused by the proposed change to the Project described in the June 18, 2021, non-capacity license amendment.

Upon evaluation of potential impacts to water quality caused by the proposed change to the Project and in consideration of comments of all affected state agencies, DEQ has determined that the Project, as modified, will comply with applicable water quality standards and other appropriate requirements of state law provided EWEB complies with the conditions set forth in the enclosed modified certification.

If you have any questions, please contact Chris Stine at chris.stine@deq.oregon.gov, by phone at (541) 686-7810, or at the address on this letterhead.

Sincerely,

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