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Dated: January 14, 2005.

**Annette Vietti-Cook,**  
Secretary of the Commission.

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## PACIFIC NORTHWEST ELECTRIC POWER AND CONSERVATION PLANNING COUNCIL

### Northwest Power and Conservation Planning Council Subbasin Plan Draft Amendments

**AGENCY:** Pacific Northwest Electric Power and Conservation Planning Council (Northwest Power and Conservation Council; Council).

**ACTION:** Notice of availability and opportunity to comment on subbasin plan draft amendments to the Council's Columbia River Basin Fish and Wildlife Program (program).

**SUMMARY:** Following the mandate set out in the Pacific Northwest Electric Power Planning and Conservation Act of 1980 (16 U.S.C. 839 *et seq.*) (the Act), in November 1982 the Council adopted a regional program, the Columbia River Basin Fish and Wildlife Program. The Act requires the program be designed to protect, mitigate and enhance fish and wildlife of the Columbia River Basin affected by hydropower dams, while also assuring the region of an adequate, efficient, economical and reliable power supply.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In 2000, the Council began a comprehensive revision of the program. First, the Council amended the program by adopting a framework of vision, objectives and strategies at different geographic scales (basinwide, ecological province, subbasin), tied together with a consistent scientific foundation. The Council also adopted basinwide provisions and described how it proposed to add more specific objectives and measures to the program through integrated subbasin plans for the tributary subbasins of the Columbia and for specific mainstem reaches. The draft amendments now proposed for adoption will add subbasin plans to the general, basinwide provisions of the program as the next step in the comprehensive revision.

On August 12, 2002, the Council solicited recommendations for amendments to the program at the subbasin level from the region's state and federal fish and wildlife agencies, Indian tribes, and others, as required by the Act. At the same time, the Council worked with a broad range of interests in the region and developed a "Technical Guide for Subbasin Planners" to help ensure that plans had a consistent format and content. The Council also worked with the Bonneville Power Administration to secure funding support for planning groups, the first time that funding has

been made available to help develop fish and wildlife program amendment recommendations. Subbasin planners were asked to develop subbasin plans that incorporate a technical assessment, an inventory of past and present activities, and a management plan consisting of a vision, biological objectives and implementation strategies for the subbasin.

On May 28, 2004, the Council received 59 recommendations for subbasin plans in 58 subbasins from various planning entities. The Council made those recommendations available for public review and comment, including review by a team of independent scientists. The public comment period on the recommendations ended on August 12, 2004. The Council received an extensive set of comments. The Council staff and Council also reviewed the plans during the comment period for consistency with standards in the Act for program amendments and with the provisions in the 2000 Program.

After its review of the recommendations and the comments on recommendations, the Council divided the recommended subbasin plans into three groups for consideration as amendments to the Council's fish and wildlife program. From October to December 2004, the Council engaged in public review of the first set of draft subbasin plans, deciding in December 2004 to adopt plan for 23 subbasin plans into the program.

At same time, as its December 2004 meeting the Council decided to release a second set of 29 subbasin plan recommendations for public review as draft amendments to the program. The Council proposes to adopt the management plan portions of these subbasin plans as parts of the program. The underlying technical assessments and inventories will be placed in an appendix to the program. The Columbia subbasins for which draft subbasin plans are now proposed for adoption into the program are: Boise, Burnt, Clearwater, Columbia Estuary, Cowlitz, Deschutes Elochoman, Entiat, Grays, Imnaha, Kalama, Klickitat, Lewis, Little White Salmon, Lower Columbia, Lower Mid-Columbia, Lower Mid-Snake, Methow, Okanogan, Payette, Powder, Snake Hells Canyon, Upper Mid-Snake, Walla Walla, Washougal, Weiser, Wenatchee, Wind, Yakima.

### Public Comments and Hearings

The Council has scheduled public hearings in the following locations to accept oral and written comments on the 29 draft subbasin plan program amendments:

*First hearing:* Boise, Thursday, January 6 (Boise, Payette, Weiser, Powder, Burnt, Upper and Lower Mid-Snake).

*Second hearing:* Clarkston, Wednesday, January 12 (Clearwater, Innaha, Snake Hells Canyon, Walla Walla).

*Third hearing:* Vancouver, Tuesday, January 18 in conjunction with the Council meeting (Lower Columbia, Columbia Estuary).

*Fourth hearing:* Hood River, Monday, January 24 (Deschutes, Klickitat, Little White Salmon, Lower Mid-Columbia, Wind).

*Fifth hearing:* Wenatchee, Wednesday, January 26 (Entiat, Methow, Okanagon, Wenatchee, Yakima).

*Sixth hearing:* Kalispell, Wednesday, January 27 (any subbasin).

See specific locations and schedules at [www.subbasins.org](http://www.subbasins.org). Check this link regularly, as we will post any updated information there. Public comment period for the above plans closes on January 31, 2005.

The Council will consider all comments received on the draft program amendments as it decides whether to adopt them as amendments to the program. The Council tentatively has scheduled the decision on program adoption of these 29 subbasin plans at its February 2005 meeting in Portland. For precise times and locations, please contact the Council's central office or consult the Council's web site.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** If you would like a copy of the Subbasin Plan Draft Amendments on a compact disc or in printed form, please contact the Council's central office. The Council's address is 851 SW Sixth Avenue, Suite 1100, Portland, Oregon 97204 and its telephone numbers are 503-222-5161; 800-452-5161. The Council's FAX number is 503-820-2370. The Subbasin Plan Draft Amendments are also found on the Council's Web site: [www.nwcouncil.org](http://www.nwcouncil.org).

If you are submitting comments on the draft amendments, please note prominently which subbasin plan you are commenting on and address them to Mr. Mark Walker, Director of Public Affairs. Comments may be submitted by mail, by facsimile transmission (FAX), or by electronic mail at: [comments@nwcouncil.org](mailto:comments@nwcouncil.org). All comments must be received by 5 p.m. on January 31, 2005.

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

### Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Upon Written Request, Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549

*Extension:* Complaint & Question Forms; SEC File No. 270-485; OMB Control No. 3235-0547.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") is soliciting comments on the collection of information summarized below. The Commission plans to submit this existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for extension and approval.

Each year, the SEC receives more than 250,000 contacts from investors who have complaints or questions on a wide range of investment-related issues. These contacts generally fall into the following three categories:

(a) Complaints against SEC-regulated individuals or entities;

(b) Questions concerning the federal securities laws, companies or firms that the SEC regulates, or other investment-related questions; and

(c) Tips concerning potential violations of the federal securities laws.

Investors who submit complaints, ask questions, or provide tips do so voluntarily. To make it easier for investors to contact the agency electronically, the SEC created a series of investor complaint and question web forms. The titles of the forms are: Enforcement Complaint Form; Investor Complaint Form; Financial Privacy Notice Complaint Form; and Questions and Feedback Form. Investors can access these forms through the SEC Center for Complaints and Enforcement Tips at <http://www.sec.gov/complaint.shtml>.

Although the SEC's complaint and question forms provide a structured format for incoming investor correspondence, the SEC does not require that investors use any particular form or format when contacting the agency. To the contrary, investors may submit complaints, questions, and tips through a variety of other means, including telephone, letter, facsimile, or e-mail. Approximately 20,000 investors each year voluntarily choose to use the complaint and question forms, and approximately 98% of those investors submit the forms electronically through

the Internet (as opposed to printing and mailing or faxing the forms).

Investors who choose not to use the complaint and question forms receive the same level of service as those who do. The dual purpose of the forms is to make it easier for the public to contact the agency with complaints, questions, tips, or other feedback and to streamline the workflow of the SEC staff who handle those contacts.

The SEC has used—and will continue to use—the information that investors supply on the complaint and question forms to review and process the contact (which may, in turn, involve responding to questions, processing complaints, or, as appropriate, initiating enforcement investigations), to maintain a record of contacts, to track the volume of investor complaints, and to analyze trends.

The complaint forms ask investors to provide information concerning, among other things, their names, how they can be reached, the names of the individuals or entities involved, the nature of their complaint or tip, what documents they can provide, and what, if any, legal actions they have taken. The question form asks investors to provide their names, e-mail addresses, and questions.

Investor use of the SEC's complaint and question forms is strictly voluntary. Moreover, the SEC does not require investors to submit complaints, questions, tips, or other feedback. Absent the forms, investors would still have several ways to contact the agency, including telephone, facsimile, letters, and e-mail. Nevertheless, the SEC created its complaint and question forms to make it easier for investors to contact the agency with complaints, questions, or tips. The forms further streamline the workflow of SEC staff who record, process, and respond to investor contacts.

The staff of the SEC estimates that the total reporting burden for using the complaint and question forms is 5,000 hours. The calculation of this estimate depends on the number of investors who use the forms each year and the estimated time it takes to complete the forms: 20,000 respondents × 15 minutes = 5,000 burden hours.

Written comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including