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May 24, 2019

Mr. Brett Dumas, Director, Environmental Affairs
Idaho Power Company
P.O. Box 70
Boise, ID 83702

Subject: FINAL Clean Water Act §401 Certification for Hells Canyon Complex

Dear Mr. Dumas:

On June 14, 2018, Idaho Power Company submitted for review a complete application for §401 certification of the Hells Canyon Complex hydroelectric project (FERC Project No. 1971). DEQ prepared a draft §401 certification for this project and provided 60 days for public comment.

The draft certification was revised due to public comments received. DEQ is issuing the revised and final certification on this day, the 24th of May, 2019. Enclosed with this letter is a copy of the final §401 certification. The final §401 Water Quality Certification may be appealed by submitting a petition to initiate a contested case, pursuant to Idaho Code §39-107(5) and the "Rules of Administrative Procedure before the Board of Environmental Quality" (IDAPA 58.01.23), within 35 days of the date of this final certification.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at Mary.Anne.Nelson@deq.idaho.gov or 208-373-0291.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mary Anne Nelson".

Mary Anne Nelson, PhD
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