

Hydro Decommissioning: Status of Condit and Results from Powerdale Dam

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ABSTRACT:

Progress has been made to remove the Condit Hydroelectric Project in the fall of 2011. All regulatory permissions have been acquired with the exception of a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Surrender Order (currently under consideration of rehearing) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Clean Water Act Section 404 permit and Rivers and Harbors Act Section 10 permit. Over the past year, PacifiCorp has gained a Clean Water Act Section 401 certificate from the Washington Department of Ecology, reached settlement with Klickitat and Skamania counties, entered into agreements with the City of White Salmon regarding the construction of a new waterline, and contracted decommissioning services. Currently, PacifiCorp is consulting with specified parties on various planning documents per the Surrender Order. Documents will be submitted to the Commission for final approval prior to starting work in the summer of 2011.

In 2010, PacifiCorp decommissioned the Powerdale Hydroelectric Project located on the Hood River in Oregon. Project activities included removal of the 25 foot high dam and other appurtenant facilities all while providing upstream and downstream fish passage.

This presentation will summarize the status of Condit decommissioning efforts and provide a photo narrative of the Powerdale decommissioning.