

Merwin Hydroelectric Project
FERC Project No. 935

Final LICENSE APPLICATION
Exhibit E – Environmental Report

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EXHIBIT E

ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

In compliance with the Code of Federal Regulations (18 CFR, Parts 4 and 16), PacifiCorp is applying to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to relicense the Merwin Hydroelectric Project (FERC Project No. 935) on the North Fork Lewis River, in the State of Washington. The current license for the Merwin Project, which PacifiCorp owns and operates, was issued on October 6, 1983 and expires on May 1, 2006. Merwin is one of 3 PacifiCorp hydro projects located on the North Fork of the Lewis River. The other 2 projects are Yale (FERC Project No. 2071) and Swift No. 1 (FERC Project No. 2111). A fourth project, Swift No. 2 (FERC Project No. 2213), is owned by the Cowlitz County Public Utility District No. 1 (Cowlitz PUD) and maintained and operated by PacifiCorp under contract.

The FERC's regulations give the Applicants for original, new or subsequent hydropower licenses the option of using an alternative licensing procedure for conducting the pre-filing consultation process. In 1999, consistent with FERC Order No. 596, PacifiCorp and Cowlitz PUD applied for and received FERC approval to use an alternative, collaborative approach to relicensing the 4 Lewis River hydroelectric projects. Consistent with FERC's regulations, PacifiCorp and Cowlitz PUD have prepared a joint Preliminary Draft Environmental Assessment (PDEA) that is submitted with the license application in lieu of Exhibit E. The PDEA for the 4 Lewis River Hydroelectric Projects is submitted as Volume 2 of this license application.

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