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January 22, 1992

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The Honorable Lois D Casheil
Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
825 North Capitol Street NE
Washington DC 20426

Re: Application for Preliminary Permit - Sunset Falls, Skykomish River
Competing Application FERC #11216

Dear Ms Casheil:

Sunset Falls is located on the South Fork of the Skykomish River, a Washington State Scenic River designated by the Washington State Legislature. State scenic river designation, as codified under RCW 79.72, prohibits dams or impoundments on affected river reaches. In addition, RCW 79.72.050(1) states in part:

"All state government agencies and local governments are hereby directed to pursue policies with regard to their respective activities of rivers which have been included in the system, in accordance with the management policies and the rules and regulations adopted by the department for such rivers. Local agencies are directed to pursue such policies with respect to all lands in the river area owned or leased by such local agencies. . ."

The RCW 79.72 conditions will prevent Tacoma Public Utilities from implementing a hydroelectric project stemming from a preliminary permit which has been requested from the FERC. Accordingly, Parks requests that the Application for Preliminary Permit be denied.

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Please call me in Olympia at (206) 753-2017 if you need additional information or I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,



William A. Bush, Chief
Research and Long Range Planning

cc: Tacoma Public Utilities
National Park Service
Interagency Committee
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