



BAKER RIVER PROJECT RELICENSE

Overview Team Meeting

July 25, 2000

9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Cottontree Inn
2401 Riverside Drive
Mount Vernon, WA

AGENDA

Registration
Welcome & Introduction <i>(Connie Freeland – Licensing Program Manager: Baker River Project)</i>
Working Group Status <i>(Tony Fuchs – Team Leader: Wildlife & Terrestrial Resources Working Group)</i>
Formation of the Baker Solution Team <i>(Cary Feldmann – Manager: Environmental Strategies)</i>
Alternative Licensing Procedures Filing <i>(Connie Freeland – Licensing Program Manager: Baker River Project)</i> <i>(Kathy Anderson – Hydropower Coordinator, US Forest Service)</i>
Dissemination of Information <i>(Chris Drechsel – Team Leader: Recreational & Aesthetic Resources Working Group)</i>
Wrap-Up/Questions & Answers <i>(Connie Freeland – Licensing Program Manager: Baker River Project)</i>



June 26, 2000

Dear Interested Party:

In relation to the federal relicensing of the Baker River Hydroelectric Project, Puget Sound Energy (PSE) has scheduled two events in the month of July. We welcome your participation in one or both of these events.

Public Tour: On Saturday July 22nd, PSE will be conducting a free public tour of the Baker River Project. Included in the tour will be Lower Baker powerhouse, Upper Baker dam, several fish facilities and recreational sites. Please see the attached flyer for details.

Public Meeting: On Tuesday, July 25th, PSE will hold its quarterly public meeting. The overall purpose of the meeting is to report on the progress of our relicense process. The meeting will provide information from PSE and other relicensing participants on:

- Progress of the resource working groups
- The request to FERC to use the Alternative Licensing Procedures
- The Communications Protocol
- Formation of the Baker Solution Team

The meeting will be held at:

10:00 a.m.- 12:00 noon
Cottontree Inn
2401 Riverside Dr
Mount Vernon, WA
Registration and coffee begins at 9:30 a.m.

A map with driving directions to the meeting site is attached.

Mailing List: We are also in the process of updating our mailing list for the Baker Relicensing. If you have been receiving our mailings and would prefer to be removed from the list, please call our toll-free phone number or drop us a short email and we will remove your name.

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If you have any questions or require additional information, please call the message line for the Baker River Project Relicense at 1-888-CALL PSE, option 4, extension 81-3110, or send an email message to bakerlicense@puget.com. A member of the relicensing team will respond to your call or message.

We look forward to your participation.

Sincerely,

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Edward R. Schild, Director
Energy Production and Storage

Attachments

FREE PUBLIC TOUR BAKER RIVER HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT

FERC Project No. 2150

**Saturday July 22
10:00 a.m
(tour will last about 5-1/2 hours)**

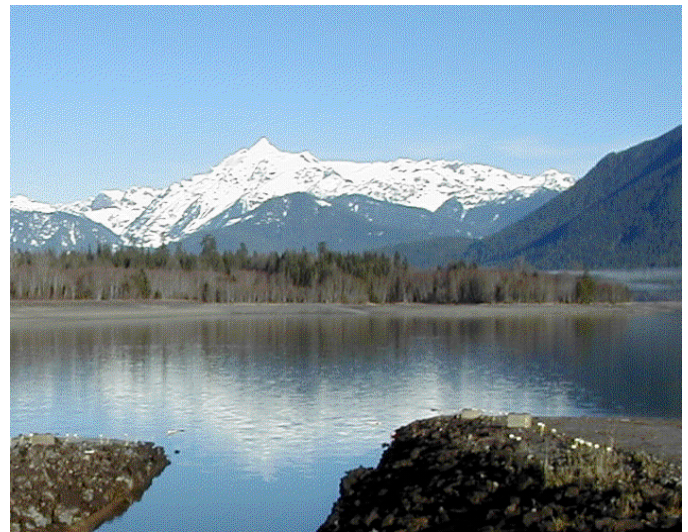
Puget Sound Energy is offering free tours of the Baker River Hydroelectric Project. Tour the Lower Baker powerhouse and travel by bus to the Upper Baker dam. With our biologists, see PSE's fish facilities including our "fish taxis" and spawning beaches. And learn more about the history of the project, flood control and PSE's relicensing plans.

The tour starts in Concrete, with rest stops and free lunch provided. Space is limited and reservations need to be made by July 10. Children must be over 12 and accompanied by an adult. For more information and to sign up, please call Puget Sound Energy at 1-888-CALL PSE, choose option #4, extension 81-3110, or email us at bakerlicense@puget.com.

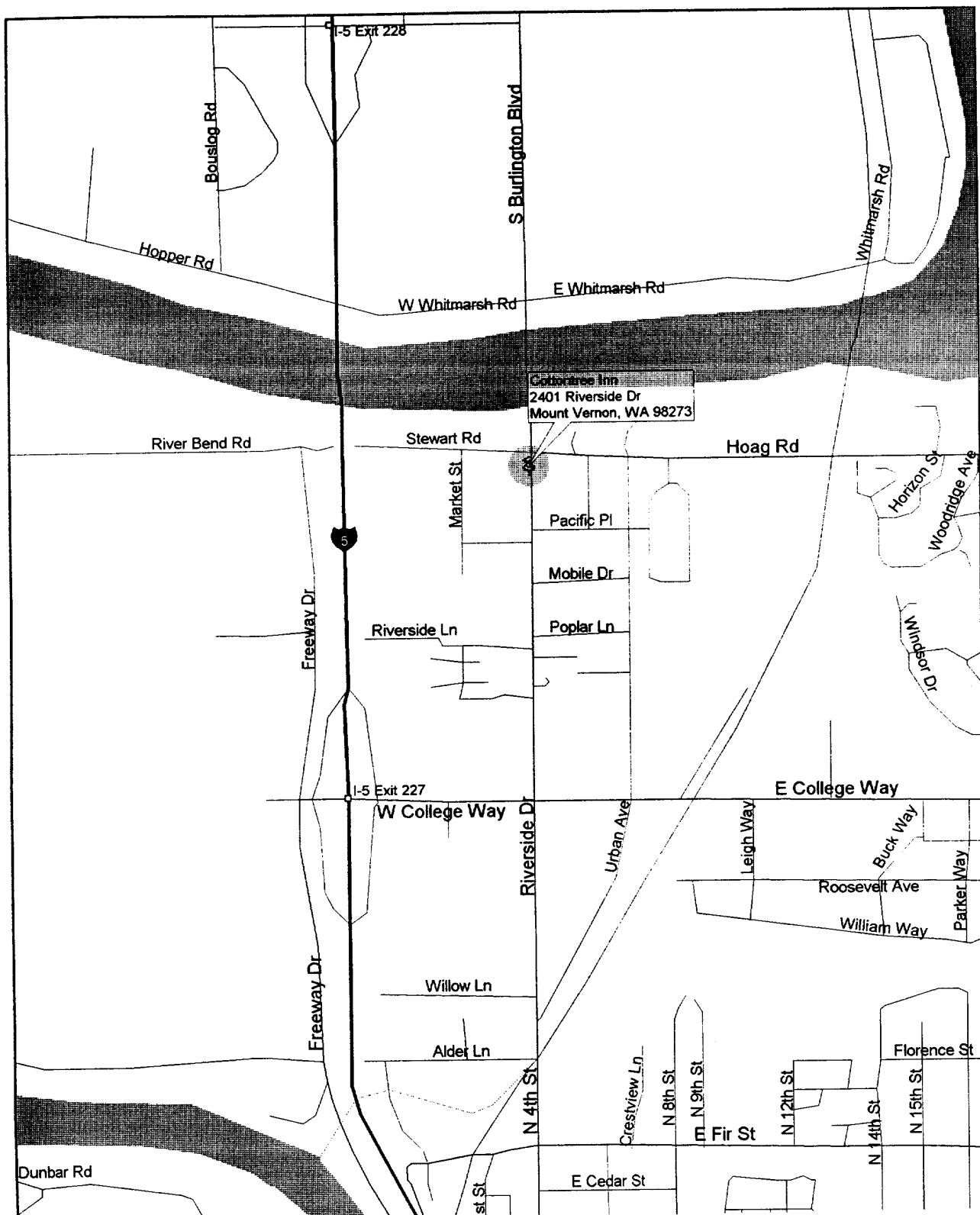
If you can't make the tour but would like an update on the relicensing effort, join us for our next community meeting in Mount Vernon at 10:00 a.m. on July 25, 2000 at the Cottontree Inn, 2401 Riverside Drive (sign-in starts at 9:30 a.m.).



The Lower Baker Dam



View of Mount Shuksan (elevation 9,127 feet)
from the Baker River Project



Cottontree Inn – I-5 Northbound or I-5 Southbound: Take Exit 227, eastbound. Turn Left on Riverside Dr. Cottontree Inn is on the lefthand side, corner of Riverside Dr and Stewart Rd.



July 31, 2000

Dear Interested Party:

RE: Baker River Project Relicense

On July 25, 2000, Puget Sound Energy (PSE) held its third public Overview Team meeting in conjunction with the federal relicensing of the Baker River Hydroelectric Project. This meeting, held in Mount Vernon, provided information on the following topics related to the relicensing process:

- Status report on the resource Working Groups
- Formation of the Baker Solution Team
- Status report on the elements of the Alternative Licensing Procedures filing
- Various means of dissemination of information during the relicensing process

This letter highlights several areas noted during the Overview Team meeting. A copy of the meeting agenda and slide presentation from the meeting can be found on our relicensing website (<http://bakerriverproject.com>).

Working Groups:

The six resource working groups have been meeting since May. The purposes of these groups are to conduct resource specific interest inventories, gather and analyze information and study data, develop options for solutions, and make recommendations to the Baker Solution Team. The members of the groups are currently refining the interests of each participant regarding the specific resource area and sharing information.

Baker Solution Team:

The goal of the Baker Solution Team will be to develop and agree upon a balanced set of proposals for the relicense. In September, each stakeholder in the relicensing process will be asked to identify a representative for their organization or group of interests, who will sit on the Solution Team. The Solution Team will hold its first meeting on October 25.

Training:

PSE is providing two one-day sessions of *RESOLVE* training, presented by Agreement Dynamics, for Working Group and Solution Team members. This training seminar emphasizes the collaborative process as a means to solve problems and negotiate results that meet the interests of everyone in the process. This training will be available on Friday October 13 and Saturday October 21. More information on registration will be coming.

Communications Protocol:

As part of the status report on the Alternative Licensing Procedures filing, participants were presented with a draft Communications Protocol, prepared by the Process Working Group. The Working Group is requesting that Interested Parties in the relicensing process review and make comments on the document by August 25, 2000. Included with this letter is a copy of the Protocol, with a cover sheet noting how to forward comments to PSE. After reviewing comments and revising the Protocol, the Working Group will present it to the Baker Solution Team.

Process Document:

The Process Working Group is starting work on the Process Document, which will describe how PSE and the stakeholders in the relicensing will prepare and submit a final license application, environmental document and any agreement documents. This document will be part of the request to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to use the Alternative Licensing Procedures. Interested Parties will receive a copy of a draft of the Process Document for review and comment in September.

Website and Compact Disk Demonstration:

The meeting provided a demonstration of PSE's relicensing website and our first compact disk, "Salmon on the Baker River." This document provides a history of fisheries management at PSE's Baker River Project.

If you have questions or require additional information pertaining to the Baker relicense, please use our message line (1-888-CALL PSE, option 4, extension 81-3110) or email address (bakerlicense@puget.com) and a member of the relicensing team will respond to your call or message.

Sincerely,

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Connie Freeland
Baker Licensing Program Manager

Attachment