14 June 2006

Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20426

RE: Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Baker River Hydroelectric Project (P-2150-033)

Dear Madame Secretary;

I am the author of www.skagitriverhistory.com – a website dedicated to the truth about the flood history of the Skagit River supported by documentation and analysis. I went to the Baker River Hydroelectric Project and took pictures to photographically document the scale of flood control pool elevation requested by Skagit County and other local governments interested in adequate flood control to save American taxpayers from over a billion dollars in recovery costs and environmental rehabilitation if current flood control measures fail.

I sincerely hope the attached PowerPoint is part of the difficult dialogue in the relicensing process. As renowned American documentary photographer Dorothea Lange said once, “Photography takes an instant out of time, altering life by holding it still.”

Very sincerely yours;

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Full Pool: 442.35’
Flood Control: 428.55’ with drawdown to 423.66’
Minimum Generating Pool: 373.75’

County requested flood control pool (442.35’-428.55’) – 29,426 acre ft.
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Lake Shannon: 384.19’ elev.

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Flood Control Requested Level: 428.55
(2.75 foot difference)
Upper Baker Dam/Baker Lake (NAVD 88)

Full Pool: 727.77’
Skagit County Proposed Flood Control: 704.92’
Minimum Generating Pool: 677.77’

County requested flood control pool (727.77’-704.92’) – 29,426 acre ft.
Submission Contents

Letter on PSE relicensing showing pictures of reservoir levels and flood control elevations.
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