

Re: Cascade Creek Hydroelectric Project (FERC no. 12495)

Request NO ACTION

As a recreational user of the area in this proposal - Cascade Creek, Swan Lake, the Point Aggasiz area, a resident of Petersburg, and a commercial fisherwoman who has fished in Thomas Bay I wish to to enter my comment against allowing this project. There is no understanding in this report of the complexity of recreational activities in the Petersburg area. To say our needs are met by Glacier Bay shows that the comments of the residents of Petersburg have not been taken into consideration.

This project should not go forward on Swan Lake. There are other high mountain lakes in the vicinity that would be better suited to hydro electric projects to meet the need of Southeast Residents and would also meet the needs of a Southeast intertie.

The studies done last summer in this area regarding this project were not adequate. Inventories to establish a baseline have not happened. Many of the people who came to do studies were not able to access the area due to fog and the limited time they had available.

Questionnaires that were sent out were very confusing. The first mailing was to commercial guide use. After phone calls requesting something for recreational users a second mailing finally did arrive, which I did comment on listing many specific reservations to the project.

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**Ryan Hansen**

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**From:** John Murgas [johnmurgas@aptalaska.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 14, 2011 12:42 AM  
**To:** Ryan Hansen  
**Subject:** Cascade Creek Project 12495

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Mr. Hansen: I tried to use the FERC e-mail system to make a comment but had trouble doing so. So attached is my comment.

Concerning Project # 12495-002 by Cascade Creek LLC, or any other related project, in January, 2011, I received a telephone call from an individual representing Cascade Creek LLC (sorry, I did not write down his name and do not remember it) stating property I own in Petersburg, AK would be impacted by the proposed project. The individual said I would soon be contacted via mail by Cascade Creek LLC with further information. So far I have received no communications from them. Researching information on your web site for this project, it appears the proposed transmission line would cross my property. That property is used for an industrial park. Its primary use is for a commercial boat yard for the commercial fishing fleet of Petersburg. A transmission line going across it would have significant impacts on that property and its uses. Without any further information from Cascade Creek LLC, I object to this project moving forward and request any permits be postponed until Cascade Creek LLC provides information on how the proposed project would impact my property.

Sincerely,

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Re: **Qualified Hydro 25, LLC / Kittitas Reclamation District  
Easton Diversion Dam Hydroelectric Project (Easton Dam Project)  
Project No. 13850-000**

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Dear Mr. Hansen:

This office represents the Kittitas Reclamation District (KRD). KRD is an irrigation district organized under Washington State law for the purposes of delivering irrigation water to approximately 59,000 acres of irrigated farm land in Kittitas County, Washington. All of the KRD's irrigation water is delivered into its canal system through the Easton Diversion Dam referenced above. The KRD is opposed to granting a preliminary permit application to Qualified Hydro 25, LLC. The KRD operates the Easton Dam in conjunction with the United States Bureau of Reclamation and, neither the KRD nor the United States Bureau of Reclamation's permission has been obtained by Qualified Hydro 25, LLC to utilize any portion of the Easton Diversion Dam for power generation purposes. It is a virtual certainty that the KRD will not be willing to enter into any form of an agreement with Qualified Hydro 25, LLC or any other applicant for the purposes of looking at the feasibility of and/or constructing and/or operating a hydro power project on the Easton Diversion Dam.

Accordingly, the KRD requests that the permit application that Qualified Hydro 25, LLC has filed for the hydro project on the diversion dam be denied.

Very truly yours,



Jeff Slothower

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cc: Kittitas Reclamation District

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