



## SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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February 14, 2005

Ms. Magalie R. Salas, Secretary  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street, NE  
Washington, D.C. 20426

RE: Recreation Access to Lake Shannon, Puget Sound Energy, Baker River Project No. 2150

Dear Ms. Salas:

We request your immediate assistance to direct Puget Sound Energy, the licensee for the Baker River Project, to take whatever actions are necessary to restore public recreational access to the boat launch and day use area on Lake Shannon, north of the Town of Concrete, Washington for the remainder of the term of its original license. Lake Shannon is a reservoir created by the Lower Baker Dam and is wholly within the P-2150 Project boundary.

For the past 30 years, Puget Sound Energy has cooperated with local property owners adjacent to Lake Shannon to provide access to the boat launch area on Lake Shannon. Recently, after conferring with Puget Sound Energy, the principal property owner closed the private road accessing the boat launch. If this access route is not restored, there will be no public access to Lake Shannon.

It is the position of this Board that Puget Sound Energy has a responsibility under the Federal Power Act and its license to make appropriate arrangements to continue to provide access to Lake Shannon, as has been the established practice. It is critical that this issue be resolved no later than April 30, 2005 — the start of fishing season, when hundreds of anglers expect to begin the season at Lake Shannon.

Your earliest response is appreciated.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Senator Maria Cantwell  
Mayor Lacy Lahr, Town of Concrete

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