APPLICABILITY OF POLICIES TO NONFEDERAL DAMS WHICH ARE LICENSED OR EXEMPTED FOR HYDROPOWER BY THE FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION (FERC)

POLICY STATEMENT:

Application of policies to non-federal hydropower dams, licensed or exempted by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), shall be consistent with the provisions of RCW 43.21A.068.

Specifically, the DSO will not review and approve construction plans and specifications, charge plan review fees, or conduct construction or periodic inspections of these projects.

The DSO will continue to be the state repository for pertinent plans, reports, and other documents related to FERC or hydropower dams.

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Special Note: These policies and procedures are used to guide and ensure consistency among water resources program staff in the administration of laws and regulations. These policies and procedures are not formal administrative regulations that have been adopted through a rule-making process. In some cases, the policies may not reflect subsequent changes in statutory law or judicial findings, but they are indicative of the department's practices and interpretations of laws and regulations at the time they are adopted. If you have any questions regarding a policy or procedure, please contact the department.