

APPENDIX A: ICE HARBOR

Ice Harbor Dam¹

1.Special Project Operations.

1.1.Spill. Spill for fish passage will be provided during the outmigration season in accordance with spill specifications in Appendix E and as coordinated through TMT. Alternative spill patterns to control dissolved gas levels or change fish passage conditions will be coordinated through the FPOM.

1.2.Doble Tests. Two transformers, TW1 and TW2 and turbine units 1 and 2 will be taken out of service for Doble testing in 2010. The outage is tentatively scheduled for 23-27 August 2010. Since Ice Harbor Dam has multiple transformer banks and transmission lines, and redundant switching capability, the remaining turbine units will be available for operation during these tests. Turbine unit 1% efficiency operations and turbine priorities will continue to follow fish passage plan requirements during these tests.

1.3.Navigation. Short term adjustments in spill patterns, spill discharge rates and/or turbine operations may be required for navigational safety. This includes both commercial tows and fish barges.

1.4.Steady State Model Validation Testing. Western Electricity Coordinating Council requires steady state model validation testing on a periodic basis to ensure the generating equipment will meet real and reactive power ratings. All units will be tested on a 1-2 year cycle. Test will involve running the unit out of fish priority sequence and outside the 1% criteria. Testing can take place at any time except from 1 April to 31 August due to fish considerations. Tests will preferably be conducted just after unit annual maintenance, but may happen at other times. Tests will last for a standard of 30 minutes at maximum load with additional time to run the unit along the maximum real/reactive power curve to the minimum settings. Total test time is anticipated to be 90 minutes or less. Test durations will be minimized to the extent possible and will only be run for the purpose of completing the required model validation testing.

1.5.Model Validation (Governor Step response) Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC) requires a Governor response calibration to ensure the generating equipment responds as planned to system requirements and disturbances. Unit calibrations will be accomplished on all six units at Lower Granite. Calibration will involve running each unit in the manual GDACS mode and stepping the MW set point by 5 MW through the 1% range. To accomplish this, at least two other units will need to be operating in automatic to ensure a steady plant output while stepping through the operating range. This may result in operating units out of the sequence of the fish season priorities when calibrating units 4-6 if there is not sufficient water to

¹ The purpose of this section is to notify regional interests of planned activities that will or may affect fish passage. Further coordination may occur as needed.

operate four units. Each unit's calibration is expected to take approximately 1 day. Calibration will take place between March 29 and April 16.

1.6.Precise Level Surveys. Dam safety has scheduled the performance of Precise Level surveys at Ice Harbor Lock and Dam, in the February/March/April 2010 time frame. This requires the contracted surveyors to have a direct line of sight across the top of the embankment and roadway deck of the powerhouse, spillway, non-overflow sections, and Navigation lock and that the brass cap survey markers do not have anything set over the top of them.

1.7.Bridge Inspections. Bridges as appurtenance structures to the dam are inspected every two years based on the Federal DOT Bridge Inspection Program. Those Bridges include the spillway road way deck bridge, and the Navigation lock downstream Bridge. Bridge inspections require using a boat to inspect under the bridge in the spillway forebay or the use of a snooper truck from the road way deck. No underwater inspection of piers will be accomplished. Inspection of the spillway bridges will be attempted to be accomplished before the spill season.

2.Studies.

2.1 Evaluation of Adult Pacific Lamprey Passage Success at McNary and Lower Snake River Dams. This study will evaluate passage success for adult Pacific lamprey *Lampetra tridentata* at McNary Dam, Ice Harbor Dam, and the remaining lower Snake River dams and associated river segments using a combination of radio telemetry and half duplex passive integrated transponder (HD PIT) systems. Adult lamprey will be trapped in adult fishways at McNary Dam, held and then tagged at the juvenile smolt sampling facility prior to release. This study will require McNary, Ice Harbor and potentially other Snake River dams to provide power for electronics equipment in the fishways and tailrace areas, access for the installation, repair, and testing of electronic and trapping equipment and access for the downloading of data from radio and PIT tag detection equipment. Some project crane support may be needed to install antennas in and near fishways. Maintenance and installation of equipment will occur during the winter maintenance period when adult fishways are dewatered.