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TO: Sonia Bumpus, EFSEC Director
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RE: Draft Transmission Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Director Bumpus:

We are in receipt of your requests to review the Draft Transmission Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement. We appreciate the range of discussion opportunities offered - government-to-government consultation, or a meeting between expert staff to discuss this Draft Programmatic EIS in greater detail, and a general or in-person meeting during EFSEC's attendance at the mid-year Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI) conference May 11-15, 2025. If we need assistance we will contact Sean.Greene@efsec.wa.gov, patty.betts@efsec.wa.gov, or lisa.mclean@efsec.wa.gov.

While the document is in the early stages of review, given the size and detail included in the DPEIS and our limited capacity to examine the document in detail at this time, we will avail ourselves of one or more of the opportunities you have offered to assist us in responding.

In the cultural resources sections we did note one overarching concern. The DPEIS falls short in recognizing places of traditional religious and cultural significance to tribes, specifically as property types in Table 3.15-5, and therefore provides little understanding for us on how to interpret the identification of potential impacts from various actions in Tables 3.15-13 through 3.15-24.

We value your efforts to provide a programmatic framework. We look forward to continued discussions and consultation.

Sincerely,

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Chairman, Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation