January 14, 2013

Lana Pollack, Chair
United States Section
International Joint Commission
2000 L Street NW, Suite 615
Washington, DC  20440

RE: Osoyoos Lake

Dear Chair Pollack:

On behalf of the state of Washington, I am pleased to accept all conditions as set forth in the International Joint Commission’s January 3, 2013, final draft Supplementary Order of Approval for continued operation of Zosel Dam, the Control Structure near the outlet of Osoyoos Lake.

I thank the Commission, the Board of Control, and staff for the excellent cooperation and assistance given during the last seven years in conducting studies and the public consultation process to determine if an Order of renewal was necessary and prudent.

The work accomplished by the Commission, and reflected in the Supplementary Order, will enable Washington State and our partner, British Columbia, to operate and maintain the Osoyoos Lake Control Works project to the mutual benefit of homeowners, agriculture, tourism, fisheries and all concerned.

Sincerely,

Christine O. Gregoire
Governor

cc: Joseph Comuzzi, Chair, Canadian Section, International Joint Commission
The Honorable Christy Clark, Premier of British Columbia
The Honorable Jay Inslee, Governor-Elect of Washington
Cindi Barton, US Section Chair, International Osoyoos Board of Control
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Ted Sturdevant, Director, Washington Department of Ecology