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WILLAMETTE VALLEY SYSTEM OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE

FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

CHAPTER 5 PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE IDENTIFICATION AND IMPLEMENTATION

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DEIS CHAPTER 5 HAS BEEN MOVED TO APPENDIX A, ALTERNATIVES DEVELOPMENT, IN THE FEIS

Summary of changes from the DEIS:

- **40 CFR 1502.14(e)** requires a Preferred Alternative be identified in the DEIS if one exists, and identification in the FEIS. DEIS Chapter 5 detailed development of the Preferred Alternative. The DEIS Preferred Alternative is also the FEIS Preferred Alternative as described in FEIS Chapter 2, Section 2.10, Alternatives Considered in Detail and the Preferred Alternative.
- DEIS Chapter 5 has been moved to Appendix A, Alternatives Development, Attachment 1, for reference. This chapter content is not necessary in the FEIS because each resource analyzed in FEIS Chapter 3, Affected Environment and Environmental Consequences, addresses anticipated effects under the Preferred Alternative—Alternative 5. Further, where applicable, data and cost estimates in DEIS Chapter 5 have been updated throughout the FEIS and in Appendix M, Costs. Public comments regarding Chapter 5 content have been addressed in responses to comments (Appendix V) and throughout the EIS.
- Moving DEIS Chapter 5 to Appendix A is supported by 40 CFR 1500.2(b), “Environmental impact statements shall be concise, clear, and to the point, and shall be supported by evidence that agencies made the necessary environmental analysis.” Agencies should “reduce paperwork and the accumulation of extraneous background data.” Per 40 CFR 1500.1(c), “NEPA’s purpose is not to generate paperwork—even excellent paperwork—but to foster excellent action.”
- Information in DEIS Chapter 5 is important background information that explains development of the Preferred Alternative provided for DEIS public comment and for the decisionmaker. This supporting evidence of an appropriate NEPA analysis is now appropriately located in Appendix A.

