## **SYSTEM OPERATIONAL REQUEST: #2017-1**

## WALLA WALLA DISTRICT

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SUBJECT: Recommendation for Dworshak Operations (November-December 2017)

## **SPECIFICATIONS**

Target end of December elevation of 1520'. Limit outflows up to powerhouse maximum with no spill.

We recognize that this has the slight potential to impact June refill. However, with current forecasts, the probability of impacting June refill is extremely low.

## **JUSTIFICATION**

Due to extended outage of Unit 3 and planned Unit 1 outage in January, we are concerned that reservoir volume may be such that spill in excess of 110% TDG may be necessary for flood risk management. In order to minimize the risk of this, we are recommending precautionary measures be taken in advance. Current predictions for La Niña water year increases the likelihood that 2018 will be above average.