

DEED RECORD 27

SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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United States to Spokane, Portland & Seattle Rail. Co.

Office Chief of Engineers. Feb. 14, 1939 6500 (Bonneville Dam) 1298/4.

Know all Men by these presents: That Whereas, on and prior to the 8th day of June, 1934, the Spokane, Portland and Seattle Railway Company, a corporation, was the owner and in the possession of a railroad right of way, track, station buildings, sign als, slopes, embankments and other appurtenances and facilities, and was operating thereon a railroad along the north bank of the Columbia River at and near North Bonneville, Washington; and

Whereas, in the construction of the Bonneville Project by the United States of America it became necessary to raise the grade of said railroad track and reconstruct portions of said track and acquire additional rights of way for said purposes; and

Whereas, on the 8th day of June, 1934, the United States of America, represented by C. F. Williams, Major, Corps of Engineers, contracted with the said Spokane, Portland and Seattle Railway Company to acquire the necessary right of way and to assume the cost of relocating and readjusting the said railroad track, said contract being designated "Contract No. W-698, Eng. 591"; and

Whereas, the necessary right of way has been acquired and the work of relocating and readjusting the railroad tracks has been completed and said Railway Company has entered into possession of said reconstructed railroad and accepted the same; and

Whereas, the acquiring of right of way and the reconstruction of ^{the} said railroad was made necessary by reason of the Government constructing ^{the} said Bonneville Project, which said lands for right of way were acquired in the improvement of rivers and harbors under the direction of the Secretary of War; and

Whereas, by Section 2 of the Act of Congress approved June 20, 1938, entitled "An Act authorizing the construction, repair, and preservation of certain public works on rivers and harbors, and for other purposes", it is provided: "That in any case in which it may be necessary or advisable in the execution of an authorized work of river and harbor improvement to exchange land or other property of the Government for private lands or property required for such project, the Secretary of War may, upon the recommendation of the Chief of Engineers, authorize such exchange upon terms and conditions deemed appropriate by him, and any conveyance of Government land or interests therein necessary to effect such exchange may be executed by the Secretary of War;

° ° ° This section shall apply to any exchanges heretofore deemed advisable in connection with the construction of the Bonneville Dam in the Columbia River", and

Whereas, the parcels of land hereinafter described and upon which the said right of way, reconstructed railroad and other facilities mentioned in said contract of June 8, 1934, are now located, comprise a tract acquired by the United States of America by warranty deed dated July 21, 1934, and recorded in Book "X" of Deeds, page 591, Records of Skamania County, Washington, wherein George C. Grenia, et al, were the grantors; a tract acquired by the United States of America from John Kraetch, et al, by condemnation proceedings in the United States District Court for the Western District of Washington, Southern Division, in connection with the construction of a dam, ship lock, and works for the utilization of surplus power in the Columbia River at Bonneville, Oregon, as more fully appears in the