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Before Booneville Dam was built, the Columbia River salmon & steelhead runs were among the world's best. The population of Washington State was about 1 million & the world about 2 billion. Now, there are 21 dams in the Columbia Basin in the U.S., several in Canada, there are 6 million people in Washington State & 6 billion on this small planet! Overpopulation is not your responsibility but it exacerbates the problem of diminishing fisheries.

The 4 dams on the lower Snake River need to be removed to restore salmon runs on the Snake. We need to save the endangered fishery runs within the BPA service area, even if it means reduced power generated. (Extinction of a species is forever!)

Until the U.S. has a sustainable population policy, we will have population growth & BPA will have load growth. Therefore, you need to maintain a vigorous conservation & renewables (wind turbines, solar panels, geothermal & biomass) program. To reduce global warming, we need to reduce carbon emissions.

BPA should offer no subsidies! All customers should fully cover their costs. Newly formed public utilities should get the power load the former IOU loses. If, in time, BPA does need new resources, they should be renewables.

Power from the existing Federal system should be sold & divided among BPA's regional customers as firm load. The customers should meet any extra power needs on their own, in the market or with secondary power. If BPA does acquire more power, it should be sold at a tiered rate to encourage conservation. BPA should offer firm power (lowest rate), non-firm, & secondary (at market). Any power utilities purchase from BPA that isn't firm should be at a higher rate.

Sincerely,

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