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Dear Administrator Wright,

Please take the time to read the following request carefully!

I was asked by the NRDC to send a letter in support of the BPA "Clean Energy Proposal" without being provided information on what it actually says. It is difficult to support it under such circumstances. I suspect many people have simply sent along their support without knowing what the plan entails. The following are my thoughts on NW power policy in general.

I believe the Bonneville Power Administration has a tremendous opportunity to lead the Northwest by crafting an energy plan that will benefit business, workers, consumers and the environment. I urge you to enable the BPA to produce as much clean power via hydroelectric, wind and solar as is sustainable and fiscally responsible.

I believe this can be done while still maintaining a healthy supply of NW salmon since hatchery salmon are every bit the same, and much more affordable than "wild" salmon.

The BPA can provide clean energy that will create more certainty around prices and energy supply while protecting the environment and public health. Thousands of megawatts of renewable energy are available in our region, which would provide insurance against fluctuations in fossil fuel prices, support our northwest economy, and help enrich rural economies that need economic development. At the same time, it is important that conservation measures be promoted in an honest, practical manner.

Clean hydroelectric, wind and solar power provide enormous environmental benefits. They allow our air and therefore water to remain cleaner by reducing fossil fuel emissions.

The condition of endangered species in the northwest must continuously be reevaluated to determine the impact of each particular species on the overall environment and the total cost (opportunity and economic) required to assist species at risk. Only then can it be responsibly determined if their habitat needs special protection.

It is imperative that no effort or resources be wasted on emotional or spiritual environmentalism. There are too many wise, important and well proven environmental issues that deserve solutions. In the end we need to maximize the overall benefit to humans.

We must take a longer-term look at our energy future. Bonneville Power is ideally suited to lead the region in conservation and renewables investment. Again, I urge you to take advantage of any opportunity that BPA has to honestly stimulate economic growth and provide the most certain long-term rate relief to consumers which includes maintaining a healthy environment.

Sincerely,

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