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Mr. Frank Cassidy, Chair  
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Dear Mr. Wright and Mr. Cassidy:

Idaho Irrigation Pumpers Association, Inc. (IIPA) wishes to participate in the discussion regarding the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) and how it will market power and distribute the benefits of the Federal Columbia River Power System (FCRPS) after 2006. We agree that a clear understanding of BPA's future role in energy development and transmission must be established. We would like to be included in the process of developing the draft and final proposals.

The issues of long term access, cost of electricity and transmission, reliability, distribution and a clear plan for the future are all important to our industry. It has been noted that many issues are at stake as this process goes forward. The issues are not limited to long-term access to cost-based power and BPA's future role in resource development or BPA's social and environmental obligations and responsibilities. The Northwest's economy, its ability to sustain growth and pursue future development, and the well-being of its citizens and communities are at stake as well.

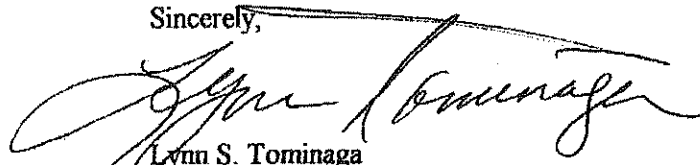
BPA's responsibilities have expanded considerably from its early days. We remind you that part of its earliest mission was the electrification of small farms. Agriculture continues to play a significant role in the Northwest economy as does BPA. Irrigators rely on a stable, adequate and reliable source of energy at an affordable cost. Many Idaho irrigators benefit from BPA's residential and small farm credit.

While BPA's responsibilities have expanded, one fact remains - all of the agency's current programs and responsibilities are funded from the sale of electricity and transmission at cost. After attending the hearing held in Boise on September 26, 2002, we are concerned that this fundamental issue may be overlooked by some of the parties involved in this process. It was disturbing to see comments calling for "a substantial decrease in power output," or "to meet all new regional energy needs and replacement resources...with cost effective conservation and renewables," or "BPA must remove the economic and operational incentives to violate salmon requirements. As part of this BPA must require a reduction in energy generation from federal dams, including the removal of the four dams on the Lower Snake River."

BPA's resources are finite. It must repay its bonds to the U.S. Treasury with interest. We urge BPA and Northwest Power Planning Council to continue to focus on what we see as BPA's primary role in the Northwest's economy which is providing power and transmission. We also urge them to continue their stated efforts to optimize the use of water and storage capabilities, emphasize reliability, provide power at cost and keep rates low. We are further concerned that, if BPA's social and environmental responsibilities and obligations continue to expand, the agency will be impacted financially and its ability to meet Treasury payments will be jeopardized.

IIPA is not endorsing any one proposal over another at this time. It is our understanding that all options are open at this time. IIPA again wants to emphasize that we want to be part of this discussion and process of developing draft and final proposals in the coming months.

Sincerely,



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