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Dear Administrator Wright,

The Bonneville Power Administration has a tremendous opportunity to lead the Northwest by crafting an energy plan that will protect business, workers, consumers and the environment. I therefore urge you to adopt the "Clean Energy Proposal" approach to BPA service. As a PUD customer, I already buy green power via their "Planet Power" program to help in reducing our reliance on fossil fuel. I want to see a greater reliance on clean energy. Given the current situation in the Middle East, developing alternatives to fossil fuel can only increase our national security.

The Clean Energy Proposal would create more certainty around prices and energy supply while protecting the environment and public health. Thousands of megawatts of renewable energy are waiting to be developed in our region, which would provide insurance against fluctuations in fossil fuel prices, create thousands of new jobs, and help enrich rural economies that need economic development.

At the same time, the proposal's conservation measures would save more than three times the capacity of the Columbia generating station.

The Clean Energy Proposal also would provide enormous, and much needed, environmental benefits. It would make our air and water cleaner by reducing fossil fuel emissions; protect our public lands by reducing oil and gas consumption (and therefore the need to dig and drill in wild places); benefit endangered species in these wild places by keeping their habitat intact; and protect human health and slow global warming by reducing our consumption of fossil fuels.

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 the momentous opportunity that BPA has to stimulate economic growth, provide the most certain long-term rate relief to consumers and protect the environment.

Sincerely,

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