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Bonneville Power Administration and  
Northwest Power Planning Council

Re: Dam Breaching – Power Allocation  
Public Hearing September 16, 2002  
Pasco - Kennewick, Washington

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Please consider the proposal submitted by Benton and Franklin Public Utilities as a means to settle the current negotiations regarding distribution of power and rates. The public utility districts in Eastern Washington have operated very efficiently with utmost consideration for consumers for many years.

When companies, public or private, are operating effectively and within their typical budget constraints, while improving service for as many years as these utility districts have, they should be commended, not penalized.


Please, think of the future of humanity. Please, think of the food that is produced in Eastern Washington. Please, think what life would be like without adequate water and power when you are making these very far-reaching decisions about removing the dams.

Is the decision to place fish ahead of humanity justified? Should it be the other way around? Will fish take care of humans after a decision to remove dams? If it is so very important to remove dams to save fish, then we need to look at the entire state, including the Ballard Locks. Is it the locks, or the seals killing the fish?

Washington has a small, but very vocal group, who want to make fish more important than people. Perhaps these same people helped the Boeing Corporation reach their decision to move their corporate headquarters out of Washington State.

As for alternative power sources, the public utilities are already addressing this issue. Thank you for the opportunity to present a citizens viewpoint, and we look forward to your favorable consideration in allowing our public utilities to continue doing what they do best – taking care of the people.

Sincerely,



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