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Dear Federal Official: As a member and ratepayer of Inland Power and Light, I am concerned about the practice of spilling water over federal dams in July and August. This practice, referred to as "summer spill", is costly to the region's ratepayers, and does not produce sufficient biological benefits to warrant its continuation. I understand that federal agencies are proposing to initiate a three-year program of spill reductions and mitigation actions. I support this proposal which will save the regions ratepayers millions of dollars per year while still protecting salmon and steelhead. While a greater reduction in summer spill is warranted, this proposal is a step in the right direction. It is important that actions taken to protect salmon and steelhead be cost-effective and focused on producing real results. The proposed reduction in summer spill and stepping up other measures to protect fish is both economically and biologically sound. The regions ratepayers and citizens demand no less. Sincerely, Concerned Inland Power & Light Co. Member

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We cannot afford to keep wasting money in this fashion, which apparently saves few if any fish, we must be cost effective and stop doing things that feel or look good but which in fact accomplish little.

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IDAHO ENERGY AUTHORITY April 7, 2004 Steven Wright Bob Lohn Administrator NOAA Fisheries Bonneville Power Administration Office of Regional Director PO Box 3621 7600 Sandpoint Way NE Portland, Oregon 97208-3621 Seattle, Washington 98115-0070 Brigadier General William T. Grisoli Commander and Division Engineer U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Northwestern Division PO Box 2870 Portland, Oregon 97208-2870 Re: Summer Spill Proposal – Comments of the Idaho Energy Authority Dear Messrs. I am writing to you to convey the endorsement of the Idaho Energy Authority of the Preliminary Proposal for Federal Columbia River Power System Summer Juvenile Bypass Spill Operations that was published for public comment on March 30, 2004. The Idaho Energy Authority is a non profit member corporation consisting of 21 municipal and cooperatively owned electric utilities located in the States of Idaho, Utah, Washington and Wyoming. Almost all of our members are full requirements customers of the Bonneville Power Administration. As BPA customers we are vitally interested in the agency's economic health. As member-owned and as municipal utilities we are also vitally interested in sound stewardship of the environment. We believe the Summer Spill Proposal is a solid step in the right direction from both an economic and environmental perspective and urge its adoption. While the Summer Spill Proposal is a reasonable step in the right direction it is important that any offsets implemented as a result are also reasonable both in terms of cost effectiveness and their proven ability to provide an adequate offset. We are concerned about the overall economic effects of historically high power supply costs. Therefore we urge you to continue to look for creative ways to make the Federal Columbia River System more efficient for the benefit of entire region. Sincerely yours, Mark O. Gendron, President Idaho Energy Authority Cc: Senator Larry Craig Senator Mike Crapo Representative Mike Simpson Representative Butch Otter Judi Danielson, Idaho Member, NWPPC Jim Kempton, Idaho Member, NWPPC

BPA Public Involvement

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Dear BPA and the Corps of Engineers, I work in an industry that depends on economical power from federal hydroelectric projects in the Northwest. Recent BPA power rate increases have had tremendous impacts, and have put the future of my job in doubt. It is vital that we reverse the upward trend on power costs. I support your common-sense proposal for a more efficient summer spill program. Protecting people as well as salmon is important, and I urge you to proceed. Thank you for the opportunity to comment, Pete Gegenhuber

BPA Public Involvement

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Attention: Bonneville Power Administration Corps of Engineers NOAA Fisheries Subject: Support for proposal regarding modifications to the Summer Spill Program It is my position, as President of the Wells, Nevada Chamber of Commerce that the proposal is positive. It will save about \$40 million per year. The projected savings from 2004 and 2005 will shave approximately 5% from the proposed rate increase. In an era of struggling businesses, such savings have a significant impact, not only on the business itself, but also on the employees. For ESA listed Snake River Fall Chinook, the spill adjustment impacts less than 20 returning adults. Increases in the Pike minnow predator reduction program will mitigate for half of the ESA listed fish that could be lost from spill reductions. The net impact is less than 10 ESA fish. The runs for non-ESA listed Fall Chinook currently exceed 384,000 fish. Approximately 123,000 of these are harvested in the river. The impact for proposed spill adjustments is 12,600 but the mitigation measures will produce 88,662 returning adults. For these reasons, and more, the proposal is a good one. Pax Kelly Wells Chamber of Commerce

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Boneville Power Administration Corps of Engineers NOAA Fisheries Subject: Support for proposal regarding modifications to the Summer Spill Program It is my position, as a director of Wells Rural Electric Company that the proposal is positive. It will save about \$40 million per year. The savings from 2004 and 2005 will be enough to reduce power rates in 2005 by close to 5% from what they would be without the proposal. For ESA listed Snake River Fall Chinook, the spill adjustment impacts less than 20 returning adults. Increases in the Pikeminnow predator reduction program will mitigate for half of the ESA listed fish that could be lost from spill reductions. The net impact is less than 10 ESA fish. The runs for non-ESA listed Fall Chinook currently exceed 384,000 fish. Approximately 123,000 of these are harvested in the river. The impact for proposed spill adjustments is 12,600 but the mitigation measures will produce 88,662 returning adults. For these reasons, and more, the proposal is a good one.
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Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative is an electric cooperative representing 21,000 members and we are a full requirements customer of BPA. It is our position that the three year summer spill proposal will save about \$40 million per year, and the savings from 2004 and 2005 should be sufficient to reduce power rates in FY 2005 by close to 5% from what they would be without the proposal. For the small impact on the fish and considering the hard times the economy is going through we strongly recommend limiting the summer spills.

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I am all in favor of the proposed summer spill reduction. I believe that the Corps and the NOAA Fisheries are headed in the right direction with this proposal. This proposal will save SO MUCH money!! The savings from this and next year should also reduce the power rates. We (all power users) have paid so much in hard money and increased power rates for the fish! And it seems to have been working. The fish runs are increasing. So, while I am in favor of helping the fish, there is a point where we are spending too much to do too little. The summer spill reduction will help power, increase available water for irrigation and save money. It will not appreciably harm the fish. Again, I am in favor of the summer spill reduction. Thank you. Nanette Walkley

BPA Public Involvement

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Stop Summer Spill! The proposal is a step in the right direction. The Federal agencies should eliminate summer spill. The benefits are small. The cost is ridiculous. There are for more effective and responsible ways to improve salmon runs than spilling a valuable resource over the dams. I am in support of your proposal to reduce summer spill.

BPA Public Involvement

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Dear BPA and the Corps of Engineers, I work in an industry that depends on economical power from federal hydroelectric projects in the Northwest. Recent BPA power rate increases have had tremendous impacts, and have put the future of my job in doubt. It is vital that we reverse the upward trend on power costs. I support your common-sense proposal for a more efficient summer spill program. Protecting people as well as salmon is important, and I urge you to proceed. Thank you for the opportunity to comment,

Conservation & Renewables

- Maintain an economic focus, but within reason. Keep conservation programs conservative and avoid special new technology, but rely on input from the utilities not the special interest group located in the Northwest.

Cost Management & Transparency

- Do an economic feasibility analysis of BPA to review its original mission statement of providing power to preference customers in the Pacific Northwest. Look at what is really needed to operate the system, eliminate where possible, cut special programs that benefit no one and run the business like a business, not a political-business organization.

Simplicity

- BPA need to be BPA and quit being all things to all groups. We spend too much time satisfying the tribes, fish and wildlife groups, but do not spend equal time with those agencies that pay the bills for all of this fluff.

Other

- Maintain your account executive in the field. Give your account executive more authority, to communicate to Portland as to what they are hearing in the field from the preference utilities. Utilities need to have a stronger voice and influence when dealing directly with Portland.
- Fish And Wildlife programs need to be cost effective and reduced. When you have an endangered species then use common sense and quit fishing for that species. Preference utilities have contributed more than there fair share of money on fish restoration.
- Keep rates, transmission, power supply, conservation programs, fish and wildlife restoration programs simple for all customers to understand.

Feedback on BPA's Strategic Direction
April, 2004

Utility Name: Midstate Electric Cooperative Inc.

Tiered Rates / Allocation

- Tiered Rates should only be used for the exception not the rule. We need to simplify the rate process, tier rates would only make it more confusing. If the allocations approach failed to work out, then use tiered rates for new utilities, new growth, or utilities that did not sign longer term contracts.
- Allocation can only work in the Pacific Northwest if BPA has the spine or leadership to come up with one product and provide this one product to all of the preference customers. This would not be easy, as BPA needs to have a simple allocation method that provides no special deals for any customer class (slice, non-slice, pre-subscription etc.). Basically, one simple allocation method so all (including elected officials) can understand the approach.

DSI Service

- It is time for the DSI customers to either pay for the power at the going rate or close down. No special deals.

IOU Service

- It is time to have a better understanding with the IOU's. Currently, the IOU's are getting more value out of the FBS than what the preference customers are getting. Just look at some of the retail rates of preference customers compared to the IOU's. Maybe it is time to eliminate some of the programs that benefit the IOU's more than the preference customers. We need to review the historically background on the residential exchange that was started in the 80's and determine if the calculations used are in the spirit of the Northwest Regional Act.

RTO

- What I see is more overhead cost if an RTO's is formed. If we must have an RTO by FERC requirements, we must maintain a very lean organization with only nine utility people running the organizations. Otherwise we will have another oversight group like the Northwest Regional Power council that cost the preference utilities more money, and will not provide the needed service.
- If an RTO is formed, it must have the ability to construct new transmission line where and when needed and the authority to determine new transmission routes.

Summer Spill

- We need to eliminate the summer spill to reduce the power cost of operations. What is the value of summer spill to my members living in LaPine, Oregon? This is a program that cost BPA more money, which then cost the cooperative more money.

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I am a retired commercial salmon fishery biologist from the State of Alaska. I spent my career working for the balanced use and continuation of the salmon resource. It makes so much sense to me to try other mitigation efforts, rather than spill, to achieve salmon recovery. It seems, so far, that this effort has been basically to throw millions of dollars at the problem in the hope that something might work. This has resulted in a dollar cost invested per individual salmon that makes no sense biologically or ethically and is rapidly exceeding the ability of electric rate payers to sustain. Please take a look at the alternatives of expanded predator control and reduction in harvest as necessary before continuing to raise the cost of essential services. Thank you.

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We urge BPA to move forward in reducing summer spills. It is clear that there are several other valid options that would require less spending and achieve better results. Both the pikeminnow reduction efforts coupled with water management in the Hanford Reach area would assist with taking care of both fish and power for the people. Opportunities to reduce public power rates should not be withheld.

BPA Public Involvement

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Dear BPA and the Corps of Engineers, I've live here in the great northwest for 44 years. It saddens me to see that with all the inexpensive hydropower we create here that it has become so costly. I have a hard time understanding that in fact the cost of producing this power has risen so much that is has taken the industry out of the region and eliminated so many jobs. With all the power increases family wage jobs here are falling off by the hundreds and the power prices keep climbing. It is imperative that we reverse the upward trend on power costs and I support your proposal for a more efficient summer spill program. Lets protect the salmon as well as the people. Sincerely, Mark E. Waslohn

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The spill reduction plan is a step in the right direction. Such enormous cost savings, with very insignificant impact on fish simply must be done. Total fail to consider the costs, and the environmental damage of NOT using the renewable hydropower resource, will seriously undermine the credibility or realistic salmon recovery efforts.

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Central Lincoln PUD hopes that BPA and the Federal Agencies will proceed to implement their jointly developed proposal to modify the summer spill program. Given the large effort made to study and design this modification and mitigation program , and the high savings potential it presents, it is now time to expeditiously put the proposal into operation without allowing additional delays.

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Dear Federal Official: As a rate paying member of Inland Power and Light, I am concerned about the practice of spilling water over federal dams in July and August, referred to as "summer spill". This is the time of year when there is the greatest demand for water for irrigation of farm land, lawns, and electrical needs for air conditioning. This is a costly practice to the region's ratepayers and I do not believe there is enough proof of benefit to warrant continuing this practice. I understand that federal agencies are proposing to initiate a three-year program of spill reductions and mitigation actions. I support this proposal which will save the region's ratepayers millions of dollars per year while still protecting salmon and steelhead. Close review of this process should prove that continued reduction of summer spill is feasible. It is important that actions taken to protect salmon and steelhead be cost-effective and focused on producing real results. The spill system needs to be reviewed from each users view. Our waters are used by land owners, cities, recreationalists, and nature. To concentrate on only one user is not economically or biologically sound. I encourage the federal agencies to initiate this three-year program of spill reductions and to take measures to reflect the interests and needs of all users of water resources. Sincerely, Lois Bremner Inland Power and Light Company member

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Latricia Stevens

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Dear BPA and the Corps of Engineers, My husband works in an industry that depends on economical power from federal hydroelectric projects in the Northwest. Recent BPA power rate increases have had tremendous impacts, thousands have lost their jobs, and have put the future of my husbands job in doubt, he will be the next to be laid off! It is vital that we reverse the upward trend on power costs. I support your common-sense proposal for a more efficient summer spill program. Protecting people as well as salmon is important, and I urge you to proceed. Thank you for the opportunity to comment, Latricia Stevens

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Dear BPA and the Corps of Engineers, I work in an industry that depends on economical power from federal hydroelectric projects in the Northwest. Recent BPA power rate increases have had tremendous impacts, and have put the future of my job in doubt. It is vital that we reverse the upward trend on power costs. I support your common-sense proposal for a more efficient summer spill program. Protecting people as well as salmon is important, and I urge you to proceed. Thank you for the opportunity to comment, Ken Vander Haak

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I feel that the summer spill program that the BPA has be doing over the last several years in one of the nations largest waste of rate and tax payers money. STOP the Spill and use the money generated to improve fish passage and fish habitate. The 40% rate increase over the last years has caused my farm to go from a tax paying business to a government supported business. The cost of the spill to fish benifit ratio is way to high. Thanks Kent Madison

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KEN CANON
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

April 7, 2004

Brigadier General William T. Grisoli
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RE: Federal Agencies Proposal to Reduce Summer Spill

Dear General Grisoli:

Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities (ICNU) is a regional industrial trade association focused on electric power issues. ICNU members represent the industrial backbone of the Northwest economy. A membership list is attached.

ICNU members are supportive of salmon recovery efforts that are both biologically effective and cost effective. However, we are very concerned about the levels of revenues lost due to the current summer spill program. Therefore, we support as a good first step your proposal to modify summer spill as proposed by BPA, NOAA Fisheries and the Army Corp of Engineers.

While it is often stated that the annual cost of summer spill is approximately \$77 million per year, my members quantify the cost as approximately 1.2 mills/kWh. For a moderate sized pulp and paper facility, that equates to \$500,000 per year. For this amount, such a facility helps to save one-sixth of an ESA-listed Snake River salmon and 130 nonlisted and abundant Hanford Reach salmon. For the same amount, a pulp and paper company can pay eight employees family wage jobs for a year. And, while we are spending \$77 million to recover these fish, they are still being harvested at a rate close to 50% - including the ESA listed fish. This does not make sense.

Brigadier General William T. Grisoli

April 7, 2004

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Obviously, we are concerned about the cost and biological effectiveness of this program. We believe that measures such as the two listed in your proposal plus enhancements to avian predation and other measures can provide the same biological benefits for much lower costs. We are equally concerned about the level of BPA's rates and are working with BPA on all of its costs. BPA's current and projected rate levels are harming the Northwest economy and are contributing to continued high levels of unemployment. Ensuring that all elements of BPA's annual \$600 million fish and wildlife costs are appropriate is part of that overall cost effort.

Again, ICNU supports your proposal and looks forward to working with your agency and others to find other opportunities to enhance salmon recovery in a more cost effective manner.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ken Canon". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the left of a vertical line.

Ken Canon

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I applaud the decision that was recently announced regarding reducing or eliminating the spill of water over the Columbia River dams in July and August. The proposed offsets are a more cost effective approach to salmon recovery. The initial offsets go far in meeting the criteria of the biological opinion. Additional offsets must also be chosen based on a cost effective outcome as well as biological benefits. Further examination of the effects of oceanic conditions and enhanced predator control programs are just a couple of suggestions that could enhance restoration efforts without further damaging local communities struggling with a lack luster economy to which high wholesale electric rates have greatly contributed. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to comment on this proposal.

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April 7, 2004 Mr. Stephen J. Wright Mr. Robert Lohn Brigadier General William T. Grisoli Administrator NOAA Fisheries Commander and Division Engineer Bonneville Power Administration Office of Regional Director U.S. Army Corps of Engineers P.O. Box 36217600 Sand Point Way NE Northwestern Division Portland, Or, 97208-3621 Seattle, Wa. 98115-0070 P.O. Box 2870 Portland Or. 97208-2870 Dear Administrators Wright and Lohn and Brigadier General Grisoli: I am writing as General Manager of Columbia River People's Utility District (PUD), a consumer-owned utility serving 17,000 customers in Columbia and Multnomah Counties, to urge you to proceed with viable performance-based alternatives to the current summer spill program imposed on federal agencies operating hydroelectric facilities on Northwest Rivers. Summer spill is a costly program for all Oregonians. It increases electric rates while providing little scientifically validated benefit to protected salmon stocks. As you know, your agencies, responsible for salmon recovery measures, have completed an analysis of the benefits of summer spill and have concluded that the current summer spill program provides minimal mitigation benefits to ESA-listed and non-listed fall Chinook salmon. In fact, a memorandum authored by each of your agencies, dated August 16, 2003 states that summer spill appears to be excessively costly relative to the biological benefit provided. For example, in 2003 the Northwest Power and Conservation Council estimated that only 24 threatened adult fish were helped by summer spill at a cost of \$77 million, all on the backs of ratepayers. With Columbia County suffering from some of the highest unemployment rates in the state of Oregon, it is incumbent upon us to do everything we can to help BPA increase revenues and reduce costs. Our local communities cannot sustain these costly and ineffective measures. There are alternatives to summer spill being proposed that would cost less than \$2 million to implement, have a positive net result for fish, and would provide over \$35 million in savings to the region annually. We urge you to adopt the recommendations necessary to implement the less costly, performance based, alternative mitigation efforts being proposed. Sincerely, Kevin P. Owens, P.E. General Manager

This comment includes an attachment!

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Brigadier General William T. Grisoli
Commander and Division Engineer
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Sincerely,

Kevin P. Owens, P.E.
General Manager

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Dear Federal Official: As a member and ratepayer of Inland Power and Light, I am concerned about the practice of spilling water over federal dams in July and August. This practice, referred to as "summer spill", is costly to the region's ratepayers, and does not produce sufficient biological benefits to warrant its continuation. I understand that federal agencies are proposing to initiate a three-year program of spill reductions and mitigation actions. I support this proposal which will save the regions ratepayers millions of dollars per year while still protecting salmon and steelhead. While a greater reduction in summer spill is warranted, this proposal is a step in the right direction. It is important that actions taken to protect salmon and steelhead be cost-effective and focused on producing real results. The proposed reduction in summer spill and stepping up other measures to protect fish is both economically and biologically sound. The regions ratepayers and citizens demand no less. Sincerely, Concerned Inland Power & Light Co. Member Judith L. Lee

BPA Public Involvement

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HREC serves approximately 3,400 retail electric accounts in portions of the Hood River Valley -- approximately 60 miles east of Portland. HREC is a full requirements customer of BPA. As a result of the increasing cost of BPA wholesale power, HREC increased retail rates by 7% effective April 1, 2004. This is in addition to a 30% increase implemented in 2001. Hood River Valley residents are demanding that their electric energy dollars are spent wisely and on cost effective and efficient programs! Based on the best available information, It is my judgement that summer spill is NOT a particularly effective or cost efficient program! The three year summer spill proposal will save about \$40 million per year, and the savings from 2004 and 2005 should be sufficient to wholesale reduce power rates in FY 2005 by close to 5% from what they would be without the proposal. For ESA listed Snake River Fall Chinook, the spill adjustment only impacts a range of 2 to 20 returning adults. Increases in the Pikeminnow predator reduction program will mitigate for half of the ESA listed fish anticipated to be lost from spill reductions, for a net impact of 1- 10 ESA fish. This is in the context of a run of Wild Snake River Fall Chinook returning adults that is reported as 2,420. For non ESA listed Fall Chinook the impact for spill adjustments is 12,600, but the mitigation measures will produce 88,662 returning adults. These runs exceed 384,000 fish and they are harvested in river at over 32%, about 123,000 fish. I see the BPA, USACE and NOAA Fisheries proposal to reduce summer spill as a step in the right direction! I support the proposal wholeheartedly! In addition, I am aware that water is spilled at Bonneville Dam each year to aid Spring Creek Hatchery smolts. This too is a wasteful and unwarranted operation. While the financial impact of Spring Creek Hatchery spill (\$750,000 for 2004) is small relative to summer spill, it seems unjustifiable. The Spring Creek facility produces non-listed Tule (low quality) chinook salmon of little or no commercial value when they return to the hatchery. In addition, I believe there are other means to pass the young smolts. Please stop this wasteful program!

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Please don't reduce the summer spills. Our fish are more important to our economy, our communities and our state than the marginal increased profits that could be made by decreasing the spills. I just had a son last year and look forward to teaching him how to salmon fish on the Columbia River. With your proposal, the seasons which are already severely limited may be so restricted that he may never get to experience the joys of salmon fishing that I have. Thank you for your consideration of this request. Joe Traylor

BPA Public Involvement

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BPA and the Corps of Engineers: I work in the aluminum industry and depend on economical power from federal hydroelectric projects in the Northwest. Recent BPA power rate increases have had tremendous negative impacts, and have put the future of my job in uncertainty. It is imperative that we reverse the upward trend on power costs. I support your common-sense proposal for a more efficient summer spill program. Protecting people as well as salmon is important, and I urge you to proceed. Thank you for the opportunity to comment,

BPA Public Involvement

From: julsund@jcpenny.com
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I am strongly in favor of reducing the summer spill. As I see it the economic factors both in the short and long run clearly point to the need to use the water for the benefit of the whole area and it's citizens. There are currently numerous programs that will continue to help the salmon but the need for less expensive energy will be helping people meet basic needs such as winter heating through reduced power rates. Thank you.

BPA Public Involvement

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Reducing the wastfull summer spill program makes common sense. The biological benefit to the salom is almost unmeasurable while the people of the region despretly need the rate relief. There are much better ways to support the salmon than the summer spill. **ELIMINATE SUMMER SPILL!**

BPA Public Involvement

From: jhecksel@ci.monmouth.or.us
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The proposal to reduce summer spill and provide alternative offsets is a good proposal. While it is important to restore endangered fish stocks, it is also important to have programs that provide cost-effective salmon recovery. I am concerned about the extraordinary costs to Monmouth's consumers associated with summer spill. Last summer, summer spill cost BPA ratepayers in the region some \$77 million; in Oregon it came to \$15 million. The March 30 proposal, while not eliminating this costly practice, does appear to reduce the impact on our consumers by about \$35 million by reducing spill in August. I support the implementation of proposed alternative measures to protect fish such as the enhanced Pikeminnow predator control program and Hanford Reach stranding protection flows. Any additional offsets should be selected based on their cost-effectiveness and achievement of biological benefits. It is important to turn Oregon's economy around. As a municipal official, I recognize the critical need to restore the confidence of citizens in Oregon and the Northwest that the various levels their government are setting priorities and spending their money wisely and cost-effectively. A \$77 million spill program at \$3 million per salmon does not appear to me to meet that test. I urge you to implement your March 30th Preliminary Proposal as a more cost-effective and reasonable program to protect salmon and provide more affordable power.

BPA Public Involvement

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Dear BPA and the Corps of Engineers, I work in an industry that depends on economical power from federal hydroelectric projects in the Northwest. Recent BPA power rate increases have had tremendous impacts, and have put the future of my job in doubt. It is vital that we reverse the upward trend on power costs. I support your common-sense proposal for a more efficient summer spill program. Protecting people as well as salmon is important, and I urge you to proceed. Thank you for the opportunity to comment, James Manthey General Supervisor Alcoa Intalco Works

BPA Public Involvement

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Your proposal of reducing spill and providing offsets is a good first step in the right direction to providing cost effective salmon recovery. Any additional offsets that you consider must be based on cost-effectiveness and biological benefits. You should consider reducing non-tribal commercial fishing, and consider having the tribes voluntarily reduce their commercial fishing. I think increasing hatchery production in geographical areas of concern should be accomplished All future efforts in salmon recovery must be based on sound science and economic cost/benefit analysis. Your present Summer Spill Proposal is a good first step in this direction. I applaude your efforts

BPA Public Involvement

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(This may be a duplicate- I received an error message on my first attempt) April 7, 2004 Ladies and Gentlemen: I would like to comment on the 2004 Summer Spill Proposal. The operation of the hydro system is a balance between competing interests. Not the least of the interests is the preservation of and rebuilding of natural salmon runs in the Columbia/ Snake river system. As the General Manager of Clallam County Public Utility District in Washington, I applaud the 2004 Summer Spill Proposal as a step toward cost effective salmon recovery. The 26,000 electric and 4,000 water customers of the PUD rely on the judgment of the PUD and its business partners to weigh the balance of many competing interests on diverse issues. I am pleased that Bonneville Power Administration and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers have prepared this proposal to help the region cope with the very important use of summer water on the Columbia/ Snake system. In my reading of the proposal I was pleased to see that the two proposed offsets selected appear to be excellent choices for both listed and non-listed species, reaching for a balance among interests while attempting a cost effective recovery. As we implement the proposal and learn over the ensuing years, perhaps additional offsets can be added to the mix for improved recovery without loss of balance. Please enter my positive comments into the record of this important proposal. Thank You for this opportunity to comment, Dennis W. Bickford, P.E. General Manager Clallam County PUD

BPA Public Involvement

From: boyer2219@aol.com
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Dear BPA and the Corps of Engineers, I work in an industry that depends on economical power from federal hydroelectric projects in the Northwest. Recent BPA power rate increases have had tremendous impacts, and have put the future of my job in doubt. In addition as a private citizen I am concerned about ever increasing power rates and the impact it has not only on my family but others, some less fortunate than us. It is vital that we reverse the upward trend on power costs. I support your common-sense proposal for a more efficient summer spill program. Protecting people as well as salmon is important, and I urge you to proceed in reducing and eventually eliminating the spill. Thank you for the opportunity to comment, David S. Boyer and Family

BPA Public Involvement

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April 7, 2004 Mr. Stephen J. Wright BPA Mr. Bob Lohn NOAA Fisheries Brigadier General William T. Grisoli US Army Corp of Engineers Dear Sirs: Re: Comments on the Summer Spill Proposal Public Utility District No. 1 of Lewis County has been concerned for some time with the amount of monies being expended by BPA and the region on fish and wildlife programs. We have repeatedly heard from experts in the industry that fish and wildlife programs should use good science, be cost effective, and requires accountability from the responsible parties. The District believes the summer spill proposal is a good step toward meeting the above noted criteria for fish and wildlife programs. The proposal will go a long way toward balancing the needs of fish and hydroelectric power production and will not have detrimental impacts on fish. Fisheries experts have already outlined more cost effective measures to improve the number of fish returning to spawn each fall. The District supports the agencies' efforts to improve the fish and wildlife programs and supports the implementation of the summer spill proposal. Sincerely, Dave Muller Manager

BPA Public Involvement

From: daren.krag@alcoa.com
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Dear BPA and the Corps of Engineers: The International Association of Machinists LL2379 represents approximately 500 members in whose jobs depend on the supply of economical power from federal hydroelectric projects in the Northwest. Recent BPA power rate increases have had tremendous impacts on our members, on their families, and on our communities. It is vital that we reverse the upward trend on power costs, and we support your common-sense proposal for a more efficient summer spill program. Protecting salmon at lower cost is the right direction, and we urge you to proceed. Thank you for the opportunity to comment, Daren Krag Negotiations/HPWO/ Benefits Representative IAMAW District 160 LL2379 Alcoa Intalco Works

BPA Public Involvement

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Yes, adopt the revised spill program. These comments are being submitted by the NW Food Processors Assn., which represents the Northwest's second largest manufacturing employment sector. Food processing adds \$6.28 billion to the region's economy annually and directly employs 61,000 people in the three state region. Summer spill directly impacts our industry as it affects power rates, the availability of water for irrigation purposes, and potentially the use of the river for shipping purposes. The spill program that is being proposed is a step in the right direction. In our opinion, it still does not embrace the best and most current science, which would indicate that spill should be curtailed even further than what is proposed. By adopting the proposed plan, ratepayers in the region will save from \$35-45 million dollars annually, with no negative impact on listed stocks. Failing to adopt this program will seriously damage the economic fabric of the Northwest with absolutely no benefit to the environment. We urge you, on behalf of our members, our employees and the communities who depend on food processors to pay for their schools, fire and police protection, roads and public services, to adopt the proposed summer spill program. Respectfully submitted by, Craig Smith Northwest Food Processors Assn.

BPA Public Involvement

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I strongly support a reduction in summer spill as a sensible reduction of BPA costs. I don't believe any offset is necessary, but if there must be an offset, then it should come in the area of reduced harvest, including tribal. Intentionally killing an endangered species is so stupid. I oppose increasing native predator control or adding avian predation control. Except I would support controlling non-native predators such as Walleye, Bass, & Crappie. I do not support increased fish hatcheries as they are expensive & of questionable value to the native stock. Thanks CraigCorder

BPA Public Involvement

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Wasco Electric Co-op in The Dalles, Oregon supports the reduction in summer spill and offsets set forth in the Summer Spill Proposal prepared by the Bonneville Power Administration and the US Army Corps of Engineers. Summer spill is considered to be the most costly, least effective mitigation program undertaken by the federal government. We urge NOAA-Fisheries to support the efforts in this proposal and we urge all 3 federal agencies to put the proposed summer spill operation and mitigation actions into place for Summer 2004.

BPA Public Involvement

From: carl.ratcliff@alcoa.com
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Dear BPA and the Corps of Engineers, The International Association of Machinists & Aerospace Workers represents approximately 400 members at Alcoa Intalco Works in Ferndale, Washington. There are also about 80 salaried workers at our plant. All of their jobs depend on the supply of economical power from federal hydroelectric projects in the Northwest. Recent BPA power rate increases have had tremendous impacts on our members, on their families, and on our communities. We have lost almost two thirds of our employees because these rate increases have forced our Company to curtail its production and therefore its workforce. It is vital that we reverse the upward trend on power costs, and we support your common-sense proposal for a more efficient summer spill program. Protecting salmon at lower cost is the right direction, and we urge you to proceed. Thank you for the opportunity to comment, Carl Ratcliff Trustee for Local Lodge 2379 International Association of Machinists & Aerospace Workers Ferndale, Washington

BPA Public Involvement

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Dear BPA and the Corps of Engineers, I work in an industry that depends on economical power from federal hydroelectric projects in the Northwest. Recent BPA power rate increases have had tremendous impacts, and have put the future of my job in doubt. It is vital that we reverse the upward trend on power costs. I support your common-sense proposal for a more efficient summer spill program. Protecting people as well as salmon is important, and I urge you to proceed. Thank you for the opportunity to comment, Bruce Stadt

BPA Public Involvement

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I do not support the cost saving proposal to hold back water during the summer months. I appreciate the need for efficiency and the opportunity that exists to generate some extra money. That's good business when it doesn't come at the expense of something more valuable in the long term. A modest increase in my electricity bill is something I'm willing to bear if that increase is an honest reflection of higher costs.

BPA Public Involvement

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The current Summer Spill Proposal was discussed at our regular meeting of the elected Commissioners of PUD #1 of Skamania County, Washington, yesterday, April 5th. The Commissioners asked me to convey their support for the Proposal, and their plea for common sense in balancing fish recovery with costs. They view this Proposal as a good first step, and hope to see further reductions in Summer Spill, accompanied by other more costs effective mitigation efforts, in the future. Thank you, Bob Wittenberg
Manager for the District

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Dear Federal Official: As a member and ratepayer of Inland Power and Light, I am concerned about the practice of spilling water over federal dams in July and August. This practice, referred to as "summer spill", is costly to the region's ratepayers, and does not produce sufficient biological benefits to warrant its continuation. I understand that federal agencies are proposing to initiate a three-year program of spill reductions and mitigation actions. I support this proposal which will save the regions ratepayers millions of dollars per year while still protecting salmon and steelhead. While a greater reduction in summer spill is warranted, this proposal is a step in the right direction. It is important that actions taken to protect salmon and steelhead be cost-effective and focused on producing real results. The proposed reduction in summer spill and stepping up other measures to protect fish is both economically and biologically sound. The regions ratepayers and citizens demand no less. Sincerely, Beverly Briggs Concerned Inland Power & Light Co. Member

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Dear Federal Official: As a member and ratepayer of Inland Power and Light, I am concerned about the practice of spilling water over federal dams in July and August. This practice, referred to as "summer spill", is costly to the region's ratepayers, and does not produce sufficient biological benefits to warrant its continuation. I ALSO FIND THIS TO BE A PROBLEM DUE TO THE DROUGHT THAT SEEMS TO BE UPON US. THIS WATER CAN BE BETTER USED IN OTHERWAYS THAN THE "SUMMER SPILL". I understand that federal agencies are proposing to initiate a three-year program of spill reductions and mitigation actions. I support this proposal which will save the regions ratepayers millions of dollars per year while still protecting salmon and steelhead. While a greater reduction in summer spill is warranted, this proposal is a step in the right direction. It is important that actions taken to protect salmon and steelhead be cost-effective and focused on producing real results. The proposed reduction in summer spill and stepping up other measures to protect fish is both economically and biologically sound. The regions ratepayers and citizens demand no less. Sincerely, Barbara L. Clawson Concerned Inland Power & Light Co. Member