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Sent: Wednesday, September 25, 2002 7:00 PM  
To: comment@bpa.gov  
Subject: implement the Public Interest Proposal.

This is a letter urging BPA to implement the Public Interest Proposal outlined by several community groups and citizens. The following are points of interest for this proposal:

Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Resources

1. Increases in energy demand must be met with cost-effective energy efficiency and new, renewable resources such as solar, wind, geothermal and biomass resources.
2. BPA customers (the utilities) must meet conservation goals set by the Northwest Power Planning Council. We estimate this target as approximately 175 average megawatts per year.
3. BPA will provide quality control to ensure that the program is run efficiently and ultimately be the backstop in case a utility does not meet its conservation goal.
4. BPA will directly fund state and county community action agencies to weatherize all remaining unweatherized low-income homes by 2026.

Wild Salmon and Steelhead

1. BPA must meet its legal obligations for salmon recovery.
2. Any new contracts between the utilities and Bonneville must remove the economic and operational incentives to violate salmon restoration requirements.
3. The Northwest energy portfolio should be diversified with an increase in renewable resources in order to decrease the pressure on the Columbia and Snake Rivers to produce electricity.
4. Salmon restoration aspects of the new allocation agreement must be enforceable.
5. Tribes must have an equal voice with the federal government in decisions regarding salmon recovery and management

Thank you for your time.

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