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Dear Northwest Power and Conservation Council:

As a resident and taxpayer in the Pacific Northwest, I applaud your plan to meet more than half of regional load growth with energy efficiency and the work you've done to identify 6,000 megawatts of new wind energy over the next 20 years. Bravo!

However, the inclusion of 400 megawatts of new coal-fired generation hardly seems prudent or necessary given our abundant supply of clean, affordable alternatives such as wind, solar and biomass. When will the external costs of burning fossil fuels be included in our calculations?

I am also concerned about the lack of attention to the Council's failure to live up to its responsibility to treat fish equitably. We need real protections for fish and wildlife to protect our economic and cultural heritage, and we must stop pitting fish survival against power needs. As one of the only bodies charged with planning, it is your solemn and unique duty to set the example of responsibility for the region, especially when your state and federal counterparts will not.

The Council needs to endorse consumer-protecting adequacy standards, which would ensure coordinated acquisition of resources and offer a solution to our transmission problems.

Again, thank you for the hard work that the Council has done on this draft plan. I am confident that with a few changes it will put us on the right path to a clean, affordable energy future.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Gala

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