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From: Eden, Melinda
Sent: Tuesday, December 06, 2005 3:08 PM
To: Council Members
Cc: F&W Plus; F&W State Staff
Subject: FW: FPC funding

More correspondence on the Fish Passage Center . . . Another piece received today is being faxed to all of you.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Bob Geddes
Sent: Tuesday, December 06, 2005 8:48 AM
To: Eden, Melinda
Subject: FPC funding

Dear Ms. Eden,

Just a short note to let you know that our public utility district supports the efforts of the new congressional legislation to move BPA funds away from the Fish Passage Center. We agree with the intent of the legislation to be able to get an independent analysis on these important issues.

As a utility that has just completed a lengthy relicensing process for our own hydroelectric project, Box Canyon on the Pend Oreille River, we can fully understand the need for independent work to be done. It can become quite a struggle to overcome issues when the agencies and the tribes band together in an advocacy role.

Our largest industrial customer, Ponderay Newsprint Company, has been hit hard by the large increases in fish costs that are added to the BPA costs and we cannot allow for duplication of work or useless work to add to these skyrocketing costs.

We will appreciate your efforts to carry out the intent of this important congressional legislation.

Thank you.

Bob Geddes
General Manager
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