

December 31, 2002

Mr. Frank L. Cassidy, Jr.
Chairman
Northwest Power Planning Council
851 SW Sixth Avenue, Suite 1100
Portland, OR 97204-1348

Ref: Draft Mainstem Amendments

Dear Mr. Cassidy:

This letter is to support the proposed amendments to the Columbia River Basin Fish & Wildlife Program.

We commend the Council for the work on these amendments and encourage you to implement them. Our very livelihood and the survival of our business in the region, along with that of those in agribusiness who supply our raw inputs, depend on cost-effective energy. The Northwest used to provide a competitive advantage with low-cost power; that is no longer the case. It is imperative that BPA find ways of cost-control and the implementation of your plan will assist in that endeavor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mike Henderson" followed by a stylized flourish.

Mike Henderson
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