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Kendra Phillips
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Dear Ms. Phillips:

I would like to recommend to the Power Council members that they fully fund an innovative proposal put forth by the Watershed Professionals Network. The Project ID number is 34018. It involves final testing for Balaton Power, Inc.'s Pisces unit.

I am writing on behalf of Food Producers of Idaho, representing several organizations, commodity groups and individual farmers and ranchers in Idaho. A list of our membership is enclosed for your review.

The need for more effective, less costly screening methods to keep fish from being entrained in diversions or dam intakes is obvious – there are more than 55,000 unscreened diversions in Oregon. Kittitas Valley in Washington, a relatively small but critical area, has between 700 and 1,000. Idaho has unscreened diversions. More importantly, we have diversions that have hold screens that will need to be replaced. Current screens are costly, dangerous to fish and labor intensive. Maintaining them and keeping them cleared of debris require expensive man-hours.

Not so the Pisces unit. It uses directed flows and a varying intake height to keep fish from diversions. The fish are not touched, and debris simply passes the unit. Preliminary testing, paid for by Balaton in partnership with the Yakima tribe, has shown the concept to be workable and effective. The Pisces can be fitted to any size diversion and any flow rate, and can be adjusted for species and ages of fish.

It is true that the ISRP did not rank this proposal; however, the deadline for submission came prior to the startlingly successful test results. The proposal rates another look, and I urge the Members to give it approval.

Sincerely,

Drew Eggers, President

Encl: Food Producers of Idaho membership list

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