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## Gentlemen:

First of all, thank you for the work you have put in to developing the Amended Proposal for Federal Columbia River Power System Summer Juvenile Bypass Spill Operations. We are appreciative of your effort and motives.

However, we feel strongly that the proposal does not go far enough. It still contains too much waste and does not provide enough rate relief for the people and businesses of the Northwest. While overall we are disappointed, we view this as a step in the right direction and it signals a need for a complete review of all our spending decisions regarding salmon recovery.

We remind you the original report filed cooperatively by your agencies earlier this year utilized sound science to determine that Summer Spill could be curtailed in July and August, netting electric customers' savings of \$75 million with no harm to endangered fish. We must continue to work toward that result.

Messrs. Lohn, Grisoli, Wright June 14, 2004

Thank you again for hearing our thoughts on this important regional issue. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

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