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Usually the fourth Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. at the PUD offices, 2345 River Road. The public is always welcome.

Our Mission

To provide reliable, competitively-priced energy and related services that benefit our customers, in the tradition of public power.

Our Core Values and Beliefs

Local citizens championed and fought to create our People's Utility District. They believed—and we believe—in the public's right to own and control its electric utility.

Today, our values are a legacy from our public power heritage, as well as guideposts for a changing future.

We believe in:

- ▶ Public ownership and local control.
- ▶ Integrity.
- ▶ Keeping power rates as low as possible.
- ▶ Providing quality essential services.
- ▶ Quality customer service.
- ▶ Community involvement.

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Manager's Report



Dear Customers – Our Friends and Our Neighbors,

We are nearing a critical decision point on the latest salmon plan for the Federal Columbia River Power System. The 2010 Supplemental Biological Opinion is designed to provide strong protection for salmon and steelhead affected by our hydro system. In a hearing held on May 9th, U.S. District Court Judge James Redden again heard arguments during what we hope will be the final hearing in this case.

Judge Redden should approve this plan and allow salmon managers to begin implementing it. After more than a decade of litigation, the region has a salmon plan that is more comprehensive than any before it.

The plan is the product of an unprecedented collaboration of federal agencies, the states of Montana, Washington and Idaho and the sovereign tribes of the Colville, Shoshone-Bannock, Warm Springs, Umatilla and Yakima. It is based upon the best available science and has been reviewed and approved by an independent panel of scientists. Two presidential administrations have also approved it, including current National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration director, Dr. Jane Lubchenco—a well-known and respected marine ecologist and environmental scientist.

The plan is supported by a ten-year funding agreement of over \$1 billion dollars. It incorporates adaptive management of the hydro system that allows new scientific information to be applied as it becomes available.

Why is this plan important to our community? The dams at issue in this salmon plan provide our community with over 90 percent of our clean, renewable hydroelectric power. The bulk of the salmon plan litigated in Judge Redden's court will be paid for by people like you—consumer-owned utility customers who buy power generated by the Federal Columbia River Power System. Continued litigation only increases the cost of this plan to consumer-owned utility customers and delays implementation of the plan's measures that will benefit salmon.

Until next time, have a great day.

Dwight Langer
General Manager