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I am an interested party in the Columbia River Treaty. As General Manager of Northern Wasco County People's Utility District (PUD) I represent 9,836 electric customers who are a part of the 6.4 million Pacific Northwest customers who depend upon power produced by the Federal Columbia River Power System. The outcome of a new "modern" Treaty is of great value or consequence to the customers of the PUD and all citizens in the Pacific Northwest.

For the past 36 months the Columbia River Power Group (which is a forum for electric utilities, associations and other entities that depend upon power produced by Columbia River generating plants) has been engaged in the process, but have not been included in the Sovereign Review Team created to assist the U.S. Entity in the analysis and development of a recommendation to the United States Department. We feel quite strongly that the draft recommendation recently released by the U.S. Entity does not adequately reflect considerations about the power and economic interests the Columbia River Power Group has articulated in the review process.

The draft of the regional recommendation concerning the future of the Columbia River Treaty of Canada states one of its goals is "preserving reliable and economic hydropower benefits" but it is woefully inadequate in specifying the amount of inequity in the current and forecast power benefits between the United States and Canada. The United States, i.e. the Pacific Northwest, is on the short end of the stick to the tune of

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between \$250 million to \$350 million annually. It is unacceptable or fair that the customers and citizens of the Pacific Northwest pay all the bills, billions of dollars over the years, who do not have a voice in the outcome.

The Columbia River Power Group urges that the U.S. Entity's recommendation should clearly state any payment made to Canada for downstream power benefits should not exceed one-half of the actual, incremental power benefits achieved through coordinated United States/Canada operations as compared to non-coordinated operation.

We appreciate your consideration of my comments. We look forward to a final recommendation which represents all of our region's interest in the Columbia River Treaty.

Yours very truly,

NORTHERN WASCO COUNTY PUD

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dwight Langer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D".

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