

U.S. Entity Coordinators, Columbia River Treaty:

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Bonneville Power Administration

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Gentlemen,

Bulleted below are Salmon River Electric Cooperatives comments relating to the June 27, 2013 "Columbia River Treaty Review Working Draft of a Regional Recommendation." SREC supports the more detailed comments filed on our behalf by the Northwest Requirements Utilities, Columbia River PowerGroup, and Idaho Consumer Owned Utilities Association.

- The current treaty should not be renewed in its current form.
- The treaty should address power supply and flood control.
- Ecosystem functions should not be addressed in the treaty as these issues are addressed in other laws and regulations such as the FCRPS Biological Opinion.

The treaty should reestablish the equitable distribution of power benefits.

SREC appreciates the complexity of the issue at hand. We feel strongly that a poorly structured treaty could have a devastating impact on our electric cooperative. Struggling businesses will not be able to pay the higher power costs resulting from a poorly structured treaty and jobs will continue to be lost in our already struggling economy.

Thank you for considering these comments.

Sincerely,

Ken Dizes  
General Manager  
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