



June 26, 2015

Phil Rockefeller, Chair
Northwest Power and Conservation Council
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Via e-mail, comments@nwcouncil.org

RE: Comments on the Draft Cost Savings Methodology

Dear Chair Rockefeller:

Thank you for this opportunity to provide comments on the Council's Draft Cost Savings Methodology.

As you know, PNGC Power is an electric generation and transmission (G&T) cooperative owned by 14 Northwest electric distribution cooperative utilities with service territories in seven western states. In addition to serving the wholesale power and transmission needs of our member utilities, PNGC represents our members in various policy and legal forums.

We support the Council's proposed methodology to identify cost savings within the Fish and Wildlife Program. This makes it more likely that the Council, working with the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), will be able to recommend higher priority objectives in the Program to better benefit fish and wildlife and BPA's customers' investments. In the comments on the Council's Draft Fish and Wild Program Amendments, PNGC Power and other BPA customers strongly supported efforts such as these to look for program savings and to identify and focus on priorities.

We thank the Council for recognizing the importance of the measures needed to implement the Federal Columbia River Power System Biological Opinion and the accompanying Accords. These are critically important to the region. We also thank the Council for the productive partnership with BPA while producing this draft.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the Draft Cost Savings Methodology.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Dan James'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'Dan' being more prominent than the last name 'James'.

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