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Mr. Steve Wright Administrator Bonneville Power Administration P.O. Box 3621 Portland, OR 97208-3621

Dear Steve:

Under a provision in the 1980 Northwest Power Act, the Council is required to report annually to Congress about our accomplishments including a description of the effectiveness of the fish and wildlife program (Section 4.(h)(12)(A)). While the Council is responsible for developing the fish and wildlife program, Bonneville implements it. In order to fulfill our obligation, we are asking Bonneville to provide the Council with basic information and summaries that will allow us to evaluate the effectiveness of the program and in turn convey that information to Congress.

The purpose of the fish and wildlife program is to protect, mitigate, and enhance fish and wildlife affected by hydropower dams in the Columbia River Basin. Please provide us with all information that you collect that demonstrates the progress we have made in achieving this objective, and therefore the effectiveness of the Program. We are interested in how you have implemented the Program and how that implementation has benefited fish and wildlife affected by hydropower dams. Because of the nature of this information, it would be most useful to us if you could provide summaries of the information as well as the underlying data.

Because this is an annual report required by Congress on October 1 after a 90-day comment period, it is important that we receive this information no later than May 1, 2008. If you have any questions please contact John Harrison in our Portland office.

Sincerely,

W. Bill Booth Council Chair

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