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RE: Council's documents 2006-07

I have read the "Proposal for a Columbia Basin Data Center" and conclude that the proposal is premature and lacks the specificity to be useful at this time.

Given the information and proposals cited in "Draft" 2006-04, (which I will respond to under separate cover) we are 3-5 years from the development of a unified comprehensive "Basin Data Center". According to your own published documents, As an example: there is no plan or procedure to collect "base-line" data; what should be collected; how it should be recorded and reported; establishing a network etc, etc. I have suggested, in writing to the council, several times, how this can be done cost -effectively using local resources.

Proposal 2006-07 suggests the establishment of a separate entity. I strongly resist this idea. Why do you insist on this approach when there are existing resources: physical plants, human (brain and physical power), hardware, software, etc are available at our universities such as Oregon State University. Why not contract with them to become a partner in developing a "Data Center" over time.

All these issues and those found in 2006-04 need to be addressed, and more, before you move to create a central data center.

IN SUMMARY: I do not think it is a good (prudent) idea to consider seriously pursuing proposal 2006-07 at this time.

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Sincerely,

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