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Commenter: Travis Dryden

Submitted: July 2, 2024

Subject: BPA and Day-Ahead Energy Markets

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I appreciate your attention to this matter, and look forward to a response from BPA.

Regards,

Travis Dryden

From: Ron Stradio ☐o

Sent: Friday, July 5, 2024 1:46 PM

To: Communications <Communications@bpa.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] BPA and Day-Ahead Energy Markets

Dear Bonneville Power Administrator John Hairston,

The dams on the lower Snake are antiquated and are money losers for the BPA. Western electric utilities are uniting to ease the climate crisis and reduce prices for their customers.

Organized markets are a key part of this effort—sharing resources across the West can speed decarbonization by offsetting coal and natural gas generation with carbon-free energy generated thousands of miles away. We need to support BPA for maintenance of existing infrastructure including power lines easing pressure on critically endangered

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Remember the none declared value of an intact native fishery in calculating costs. I appreciate your attention to this matter, and look forward to a response from BPA.

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Ron Stradiotto

From: Alexander Douglas

Sent: Tuesday, July 2, 2024 3:04 PM

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From: Katie Camarata

Sent: Tuesday, July 2, 2024 2:54 PM

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From: Nicole Cordingley

Sent: Monday, July 8, 2024 11:12 AM

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Nicole Cordingley

From: SARAH YANCEY

Sent: Sunday, July 7, 2024 2:50 PM

To: Communications <Communications@bpa.gov>

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From: Grace Andresen

Sent: Tuesday, July 9, 2024 12:49 AM

To: Communications <Communications@bpa.gov>

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Grace Andresen

From: Roger Martin

Sent: Wednesday, July 24, 2024 12:24 PM

To: Communications <Communications@bpa.gov>

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