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Dear Low,

As one of Seattle's citizens who worked hard to ensure the protection of the Cedar river watershed, I am asking you, now, imploing you to reconsider the plan to site a new line through the Cedar river. Perhaps you could add an additional circuit to existing towers. We are doing our utmost to conserve electricity here in Seattle and frankly need more positive proof, that a new line is absolutely mandatory.

Please exercise utmost creativity at solving this dilemma which could affect this regions drinking water for generations to come.
Thank you.

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From: Driessen, Laurens C - TNP-TPP-3
Sent: Wednesday, November 14, 2001 2:16 PM
To: Kuehn, Ginny -KC-7
Cc: Lynard, Gene P - KEC-4
Subject: FW: Raging-Cedar Powerline, Kangley - Echo Lake

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-----Original Message-----

From: Darrel Weiss [mailto:djweissl@mindspring.com]
Sent: Tuesday, November 13, 2001 9:49 AM
To: ldriessen@bpa.gov
Subject: Raging-Cedar Powerline

Dear Mr. Driessen:

I am extremely concerned about the impacts threatening the Cedar River Watershed as a result of access and construction of the proposed powerline. The risks and impacts are far too great, and are unacceptable.

Just because there are few or no private landholders in the Cedar River Watershed to raise a fuss about the proposed raging-cedar powerline construction does not mean this is not extremely valuable "property."

THIS LAND IS PRECIOUS AND CONSIDERABLY MORE FRAGILE THAN PRIVATELY-OWNED PROPERTIES ALREADY "RULED OUT" AS ALTERNATIVES FOR THIS POWERLINE.

It appears the selected BPA alternative for a new powerline is based strictly on cost. Cost cannot continue to be the number one priority for such decisions or future generations will find themselves with a wasted environment that was exploited at every opportunity in the name of economic gain.

WE SHOULD BE PROUD OF THIS LAND AND DO ALL WE CAN TO PROTECT IT, RATHER THAN FIND WAYS TO CAPITALIZE ON IT. Such is the trend, and it must not continue.

If our power rates need to increase because we have exceeded our capacity, then the costs must be borne by those who demand it. We cannot continue to skirt the issue of rising costs resulting from our lifestyle choices.

It is time to do the right thing -- to make the correct choice for siting this powerline (if it is, indeed, essential). I believe you know in your heart what the "correct choice of action" is. Please reconsider your alternatives and take action that does not exploit the Cedar River Watershed.

Thank you.

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Communications
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RE: New transmission lines to Seattle

Dear Sir/Madam:

I have recently become aware of the plan that you are developing to construct a second transmission line to the Seattle area. I am shocked to learn that you prefer a second transmission route that parallels the current transmission route. I have two major concerns with this possibility.

- The Cedar River Watershed supplies hundreds of thousands of men, women, and children in the Seattle area and the water must be safe and pure. Cutting a wide swath exposes our drinking water to the run-off of the silt and debris in this proposed area. We finally stopped logging in the area. This benefits our water supply by the action of rain and trees to keep our water safe.
- The proximity of the proposed second route so close to the current route exposes **both** routes to the very same climatic conditions that may knock out our power. It would seem logical to select an alternate route to avoid this potential devastating interruption of our power. In light of our fears of terrorist activities, it is also important to have a second route a considerable distance from the first route.

I look forward to your response to these concerns.

Sincerely,



Bonnie E. Miller

CC: Seattle City Council



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November 19, 2001

Gene Lynard (ITEC-4)
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Dear Mr. Lynard:

Re: Kangley – Echo Lake Transmission Line Project

Powerex is responsible for marketing BC Hydro surplus energy, scheduling power deliveries resulting from Columbia River coordinated operation, and marketing surplus Canadian Entitlement to the Columbia River Downstream Benefits. Powerex also buys and sells electricity across western North America. In these capacities, Powerex makes extensive use of the Bonneville Power transmission system and its interconnections with Canada. In support of its trading activities, Powerex maintains involvement in Northwest and Western Interconnection regional planning activities for transmission system reinforcement. We would like to take this opportunity to comment on the need for the Kangley – Echo Lake Transmission Line Project. The following comments are based on our own experience with transmission restrictions and regional planning forums.

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commitment.

The Kangley – Echo Lake Transmission Line Project is one of many transmission projects needed for regional and Western Interconnection energy security. Over the past few years, power transfers between the Northwest U.S. and Canada have frequently been restricted due to inadequate transmission in the Seattle area. In extreme conditions, we understand this can threaten security of supply to the Seattle area.

Transmission owners in the Seattle Area, including BPA, Puget Sound Energy, and Seattle City Light, have undertaken many upgrades of the 230 and 115 kV transmission in the area over the past few years to relieve transmission constraints in the area and between the PNW and B.C. These owners have reported that the opportunities for further upgrades of the 230 and 115 kV to address restrictions are limited and that reinforcement of the 500 kV transmission system is needed. Information presented in public regional planning meetings on alternatives considered by the affected entities has shown the Kangley – Echo Lake line to be a key reinforcement for the area.

Planning studies have identified that the Kangley – Echo Lake Transmission Line Project is required mainly to maintain adequate transmission for supply to the Seattle/Tacoma area and relieve transmission capacity restrictions for the return of the Canadian Entitlement, as compared to importing power from Canada. The Columbia River Treaty provides for return of the Canadian Entitlement to Canada on a firm basis.

BC Hydro has invested in upgrades to maintain and enhance the transfer capability between B.C. and the PNW. Also, Powerex has participated in the costs of right of way maintenance for lines in the Seattle area to help maintain transfer capabilities.

While Powerex cannot comment on the specific routing or other aspects of the proposed line, Powerex believes that there is an urgent need to upgrade transmission capacity in the area to support Seattle area load growth and provide for return of increasing Canadian Entitlement capacity in April 2003.

Sincerely,

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