

Definitions
(Northwest Power Act)

1. "Renewable Resource" means a resource which utilizes solar, wind, hydro, geothermal, biomass, or similar sources of energy and which either is used for electric power generation or will reduce the electric power requirements of a consumer, including by direct application.

2. Sale of Power, Section 5.

"5.(b)(1) Whenever requested, the Administrator shall offer to sell to each requesting public body and cooperative entitled to preference and priority under the Bonneville Project Act of 1937 and to each requesting investor-owned utility electric power to meet the firm power load of such public body, cooperative or investor-owned utility in the Region to the extent that such firm power load exceeds –

"5.(b)(1)(A) the capability of such entity's firm peaking and energy resources used in the year prior to the enactment of this Act to serve its firm load in the region, and

"5.(b)(1)(B) such other resources as such entity determines, pursuant to contracts under this Act, will be used to serve its firm load in the region."

3. Public Purposes (attached)

An Act

To assist the electrical consumers of the Pacific Northwest through use of the Federal Columbia River Power System to achieve cost-effective energy conservation, to encourage the development of renewable energy resources, to establish a representative regional power planning process, to assure the region of an efficient and adequate power supply, and for other purposes.

Dec. 5, 1980
(S. 885)

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

Pacific
Northwest
Electric Power
Planning and
Conservation
Act.
16 USC 839 note.

SHORT TITLE AND TABLE OF CONTENTS

Section 1. This Act, together with the following table of contents, may be cited as the "Pacific Northwest Electric Power Planning and Conservation Act".

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PURPOSES

Section 2. The purposes of this Act, together with the provisions of other laws applicable to the Federal Columbia River Power System, are all intended to be construed in a consistent manner. Such purposes are also intended to be construed in a manner consistent with applicable environmental laws. Such purposes are:

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2.(1) to encourage, through the unique opportunity provided by the Federal Columbia River Power System—

2.(1)(A) conservation and efficiency in the use of electric power, and

2.(1)(B) the development of renewable resources within the Pacific Northwest.

2.(2) to assure the Pacific Northwest of an adequate, efficient, economical, and reliable power supply;

2.(3) to provide for the participation and consultation of the Pacific Northwest States, local governments, consumers, customers, users of the Columbia River System (including Federal and State fish and wildlife agencies and appropriate Indian tribes), and the public at large within the region in—

2.(3)(A) the development of regional plans and programs related to energy conservation, renewable resources, other resources, and protecting, mitigating, and enhancing fish and wildlife resources.

- 2.(3)(B)** facilitating the orderly planning of the region's power system, and
- 2.(3)(C)** providing environmental quality;
- 2.(4)** to provide that the customers of the Bonneville Power Administration and their consumers continue to pay all costs necessary to produce, transmit, and conserve resources to meet the region's electric power requirements, including the amortization on a current basis of the Federal investment in the Federal Columbia River Power System;
- 2.(5)** to insure, subject to the provisions of this Act—
 - 2.(5)(A)** that the authorities and responsibilities of State and local governments, electric utility systems, water management agencies, and other non-Federal entities for the regulation, planning, conservation, supply, distribution, and use of electric power shall be construed to be maintained, and
 - 2.(5)(B)** that Congress intends that this Act not be construed to limit or restrict the ability of customers to take actions in accordance with other applicable provisions of Federal or State law, including, but not limited to, actions to plan, develop, and operate resources and to achieve conservation, without regard to this Act; and
- 2.(6)** to protect, mitigate and enhance the fish and wildlife, including related spawning grounds and habitat, of the Columbia River and its tributaries, particularly anadromous fish which are of significant importance to the social and economic well-being of the Pacific Northwest and the Nation and which are dependent on suitable environmental conditions substantially obtainable from the management and operation of the Federal Columbia River Power System and other power generating facilities on the Columbia River and its tributaries.