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C/o Bonneville Power Administration-PL  
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Greetings,

Port Blakely Tree Farms is strongly opposed to the removal of the Lower Snake River Dams, which are vital links in our Columbia River water transportation system and critical for irrigation, flood control, recreation and hydroelectric power generation.

The Northwest Power Planning Council estimates that even with the power currently generated by the Snake River Dams, the region is at an ever-increasing risk of a power blackout in the next few years -- and no additional generation capacity will be coming on line in the foreseeable future.

Washington's highway and rail system cannot handle the freight currently carried by barges on the Snake River system. Barging is not only a cost-efficient transportation mode -- it keeps our two-lane highway system in southwestern Washington safer and less congested.

Washington needs agriculture diversity. Irrigation has opened up thousands of acres for fruit and vegetable crops. That continued diversity is important.

The Lower Snake River Dams play a definable role in the region's business, farm interests, power, and shipping and we at Port Blakely are adamantly opposed to breaching the dams.

Sincerely,

PORT BLAKELY TREE FARMS, LP

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