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March 10, 2000

National Marine Fisheries Service
c/o Bonneville Power Administration-PL
707 W. Main Street, Suite 500
Spokane, WA 99201

Re: Lower Snake River Dams

Gentlemen,

This letter is being written on behalf of Key Technology, Inc., an Oregon corporation, its employees and their families, and the countless families throughout the Pacific Northwest who face irreparable economic harm in the event the Lower Snake River Dams are removed.

We adamantly oppose the removal of the Lower Snake River Dams! These dams provide vital links in our Columbia River water transportation system and are critical for irrigation, flood control, recreation and hydroelectric power generation.

We also fully support all reasonable and responsible efforts to identify and implement methods to return fish populations to a healthy condition. However, breaching the Lower Snake River Dams is neither a reasonable nor a responsible alternative to accomplish this objective. Its efficacy is scientifically controversial and it does not consider the well-being of the human constituents in the Pacific Northwest.

We believe the solution to preserving the region's fish populations requires a holistic approach to addressing the needs of ALL stakeholders in the region. Breaching the Lower Snake River Dams is both narrow-visioned and ill-advised.

We strongly encourage your active support in opposing the removal of the Lower Snake River Dams.

Sincerely yours,

Key Technology, Inc.

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