

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE COLUMBIA RIVER PEOPLE'S UTILITY DISTRICT**

**In the Matter of Supporting the
Northwest Dams and Hydrosystem**)

**RESOLUTION
NO. 07-05**

The above entitle matter came on regularly before the Board of Directors at its Regular Meeting of April 17, 2007; and

It appearing to the Board that the rivers and hydrosystem provide multiple benefits to the Northwest's economy: including energy production, irrigation, flood control, trade, fishing, and habitat for fish and wildlife; and

It further appearing to the Board that the dams and hydrosystem provide the Northwest's families and businesses with a critical source of clean, renewable, and reliable energy; and

It further appearing to the Board that the electricity generated by the dams and hydropower system is affordable, and supplies over two-thirds of our region's current energy needs - and is essential to support future growth in the region; and

It further appearing to the Board that because the energy produced by the dams and hydropower system is instantaneously available, it is needed to support other renewable energy sources when the wind does not blow and the sun does not shine; and

It further appearing to the Board that any losses in hydrosystem capacity and energy will necessarily result in the development of more fossil-fueled generation, accelerating global warming and climate change concerns; and

It further appearing to the Board that several Northwest salmon and steelhead species are listed under the Endangered Species Act and require that a comprehensive approach be taken to protect them, which includes addressing harvest, habitat, and hatcheries in addition to hydro; and

It further appearing to the Board that Northwest utility customers and dam operators have made significant investments in improvements to the dams and in hydrosystem operations to benefit fish and wildlife that have greatly increased salmon survival over the past few decades; and

It further appearing to the Board that salmon runs vary widely from year-to-year (between 2001 and 2004 some of the highest salmon runs in history occurred) and are heavily affected by ocean conditions; and

It further appearing to the Board that the Northwest's interests including state and federal agencies and Indian tribes, are engaged in collaborative discussions to develop a new Biological Opinion under the ESA to protect listed salmon and steelhead stocks; now, therefore

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED AND PROCLAIMED that Columbia River PUD supports the clean, renewable hydrosystem in the Northwest and opposes further changes in dams or operations that are not science-based or cost-effective.





ADOPTED this Seventeenth day of April, 2007.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
COLUMBIA RIVER PEOPLE'S
UTILITY DISTRICT

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