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1 TO THE HONORABLE WILLIAM J. CLINTON, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED
2 STATES, AND TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE
3 OF REPRESENTATIVES, AND TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
4 THE UNITED STATES, IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED:

5 We, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of
6 the State of Washington, in legislative session assembled, respectfully
7 represent and petition as follows:

8 WHEREAS, The Bonneville Power Administration was initially created
9 to provide low-cost power to rural areas, a tradition that it maintains
10 today; and

11 WHEREAS, The Bonneville Power Administration currently markets
12 power generated by twenty-nine federal dams; and

13 WHEREAS, The Pacific Northwest enjoys low electricity rates, thanks
14 largely to the Bonneville Power Administration and the power generated
15 by the federal dams; and

16 WHEREAS, Those rates would be seriously jeopardized by the sale of
17 the Bonneville Power Administration and the sale of the federal dams or
18 the right to market the power generated by those dams; and

19 WHEREAS, The sale of the Bonneville Power Administration and the
20 sale of the federal dams or the right to market the power generated by
21 those dams would threaten the long-standing relationship the Bonneville

1 Power Administration has established with the Northwest's public
2 utility districts and rural electric associations; and

3 WHEREAS, The Bonneville Power Administration currently contributes
4 a portion of its revenue to salmon restoration, and there is no
5 guarantee those funds would be available if the Bonneville Power
6 Administration is sold;

7 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the
8 President and Congress agree not to sell the Bonneville Power
9 Administration or the federal dams or the right to market the power
10 generated by those dams, and to allow the Bonneville Power
11 Administration to continue fulfilling its mission of providing low-cost
12 power to the Pacific Northwest.

13 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
14 transmitted to the Honorable William J. Clinton, President of the
15 United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker
16 of the House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the
17 State of Washington.

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