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In reply refer to:

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Dear Mr. Lohn:

On June 27, 2001, we received a letter from you on behalf of the Northwest Power Planning Council (Council) with their recommendations for Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) funding of projects within the "Action Plan" solicitation. Using information derived from our internal technical and policy review, the Independent Science Review Panel's (ISRP) technical review and the recommendations of the Council, we have decided which of the "Action Plan" proposals to fund to help mitigate for the Power System Emergency Operations this past winter and spring. We also anticipate receiving proposal review input from the National Marine Fisheries Service later this week.

In this letter we have identified the proposal number, project title and estimated budget recommendation for all proposals we are proceeding to implement under this solicitation. The following table covers briefly how we addressed the Council's recommendations.

<b>Project ID</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Subbasin</b>	<b>ESU's Affected by Proposal</b>	<b>Request</b>	<b>BPA Funding</b>
26006	Trout Creek 2001 Streamflow Enhancement	Oregon Water Trust	Deschutes	Middle Columbia River Steelhead	\$133,500	Yes
26007	John Day Basin Streamflow Enhancement Project, Summer 2001	Oregon Water Trust	John Day	Middle Columbia River Steelhead	\$73,340	Yes
26028	Supplement Flows in Buck Hollow Creek	Wasco County Soil and Water Conservation District	Deschutes	Middle Columbia River Steelhead	\$22,826	Yes
26011	Improve Stream Flow and Passage for Simcoe Creek Steelhead	Yakama Nation	Yakima	Middle Columbia River Steelhead	\$767,143	Yes

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23019	Trout Creek Culvert Replacement	USFS	Deschutes	Middle Columbia River Steelhead	\$128,000	Yes Cost Share with USFS
23020	Badger Creek Culvert Replacement and Road Closure Projects	USFS	Deschutes	Middle Columbia River Steelhead	\$87,000	Yes Cost Share with USFS
23024	Hancock Springs Passage and Habitat Restoration Improvements	YN	Methow	Upper Columbia River Spring Chinook & Steelhead	\$49,941	Yes
26001	Restore Passage Lower Lemhi / Salmon Rivers	State of Idaho Office of Species Conservation	Salmon	Snake River Spring/Summer Chinook & Steelhead Bull Trout	\$380,000	Yes
26014	Design, Fabricate, And Install New Huntsville Mill Fish Screen	WDFW	Walla Walla		\$255,292	Defer to Columbia Plateau
26030	Touchet River Flow Acquisition	Washington Water Trust	Walla Walla	Middle Columbia River Steelhead Bull Trout	\$115,524	Yes
26002	Acquire Lostine River water rights	Nez Perce Tribe	Grande Ronde	Snake River Spring/Summer Chinook & Steelhead Bull Trout	\$150,000	Yes
26015	Methow Basin Screening	WDFW	Methow	Upper Columbia River Steelhead & Spring Chinook Bull Trout	\$250,000	Yes
26027	Lake Roosevelt/Colville Tribes Emergency Fish Restoration	Confederated Tribes of the Colville Indian Reservation	Lake Roosevelt	Unlisted Resident Fish	\$262,240	Yes
23013	Locate, Mark, and Removal of Lost "Ghost" Fishing Nets in Selected Columbia River Reservoirs: A Feasibility Study	CRITFC	Columbia Gorge	7-ESU's affected	\$86,109	Yes
23028	Increase Naches River In-stream Flows By Purchasing Wapatox Water Right	YN	Yakima	Middle Columbia River Steelhead Bull Trout	\$4,000,000	Yes Pending Resolution of Policy Concerns
23044	Naches River Water Treatment Plant Intake Screening Project.	COY	Yakima		\$1,657,500	No In Lieu

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26020	Holliday Ranch Easement	Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife	John Day		\$5,026,800	Defer to Columbia Plateau
26038	Acquire Anadromous Fish Habitat in the Union Gap Reach and Wenas Basin, Yakima River Basin, Washington	Reclamation	Yakima		\$3,000,000	Defer to Columbia Plateau
26033	Okanogan Watershed Land and Water Rights Acquisition	Colville Confederated Tribes	Okanogan		\$3,437,000	Defer to Columbia Cascade
26025	LP Ranch Acquisition	Umatilla County Soil and Water Conservation District	Umatilla		\$1,468,042	Defer to Columbia Plateau
26026	Transfer Lemhi Water Users (L-6 to Salmon River (S-14))	State of Idaho Office of Species Conservation	Salmon	Snake River Spring/Summer Chinook & Steelhead Bull Trout	\$2,860,000	Yes Pending ISRP Review
<b>Subtotal to Fund</b>						<b>\$9,365,623</b>

Project No. 26014, "Design, Fabricate, and Install New Huntsville Mill Fish Screen," was deferred for consideration in the Columbia Plateau Province since it did not appear to meet the time constraints for implementation within the next year. We also deferred four land acquisition proposals (Nos. 26020, 26038, 26033, and 26025) to the ongoing Council's Provincial Reviews because the criteria established for this solicitation did not include land acquisitions. Furthermore, these types of global watershed actions would be better defined within the context of their respective subbasins and best prioritized through upcoming subbasin assessments and revised subbasin plans. Project No. 23044, "Naches Water Treatment Plant Intake Screening," was considered to be an "In Lieu" funding issue for us. We intend to explore a cost-sharing arrangement with the U.S. Forest Service, through development of appropriate criteria for such partnering, for implementation of two culvert replacement projects (Nos. 23019, 23020) in the Deschutes River Subbasin.

We plan to proceed with the following proposals for outplanting of spring/summer chinook and steelhead, and monitoring and evaluation of this action pending further ISRP review in addition to the above proposals recommended to us by the Council. It is our expectation that the ISRP will be quickly responding to additional information that was provided to them by the project sponsor.

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26013	Adult Spring/Summer Chinook and Steelhead Outplanting	Nez Perce Tribe	Mountain Snake	Snake River Spring/Summer Chinook	\$195,267	Yes Pending ISRP Review
26019	M&E of Spring /Summer Chinook and Steelhead Outplanting	S.P. Cramer & Associates	Mountain Snake	Snake River Spring/Summer Chinook	\$75,200	Yes Pending ISRP Review
<b>Subtotal to Fund</b>					<b>\$ 270,467</b>	
<b>TOTAL TO FUND</b>					<b>\$9,636,090</b>	

We intend to assign projects to our project Managers/COTR's and to immediately begin implementation of these projects. We also understand the Council has allowed an opportunity for further review ("fix-it loop") of those projects that did not receive a favorable technical review by the ISRP and will follow up with additional recommendations for project funding at subsequent Council meeting(s). However, we may not have the time needed to develop contracts to initiate many of the additional project recommendations that may come to us from the Council later this summer. While we appreciate very much the Council's recommendations on all of the project proposals, we feel we need to expeditiously implement this first tier of project proposals for this emergency solicitation.

Sincerely,



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cc:

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Mr. John Palensky, National Marine Fisheries Service  
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