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RE: Case No. GNR-E-10-04

Dear Commissioners:

The Bear River Narrows Hydroelectric Project is proposed by the Twin Lakes Canal Company as a central component of its plan to upgrade its irrigation water delivery system. This plan has two primary objectives: 1. To improve water conservation by replacing open canals with closed pipelines, and 2. Provide for storage and release of water in the event of emergency drought conditions. The power generated by the dam would provide a clean, renewable resource without being held hostage by oil-rich countries or polluting, coal fired plants. The sale of hydroelectric power will provide revenue for these system upgrades.

We are a small Canal Company and we have spent millions of dollars on our hydro application. We are relying on this development of hydro to help with the development of our irrigation system. We have anticipated the continuation of these rates, so that it will be a benefit to our farmers in our irrigation company. We write to request hydro eligibility up to 10,000 Kilowatts at standard rates be continued.

Thank you for your consideration,



Clair Bosen
Twin Lakes Canal Company, President



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RE: Case No. GNR-E-10-04 Joint Petition to Reduce the Available Avoided Cost from 10,000 Kilowatts to 1,000 Kilowatts

Dear Commissioners:

This letter is written to request that the current methodology for avoided costs and the current eligibility up to 10,000 Kilowatts be continued for QF hydro in the State of Idaho. The rates available for small hydropower have been in place since 1981-1982 and have resulted in a moderate amount of small hydro being developed in the State of Idaho. The hydros are distributed primarily throughout southern Idaho associated with irrigation facilities. This distributed generation has resulted in clean renewable resource being developed utilizing irrigation water and providing an economic return to the agricultural base of southern Idaho. While many of the small hydro plants have been developed, there are more that could be developed. I have already made a considerable investment in a project near Leadore, ID on the assumption that there would be a market through the avoided costs rates set forth by the Idaho Public Utilities Commission. I know of several others in the process of being developed based on the same assumption. These plans generally range from 500 kilowatts up to 3 or 4 megawatts. In addition, many of the small hydropower plants that were built in the early to mid 80's will have contracts expiring in another 5 to 10 years. It is important to have a continued market for our power. While we recognize the problems associated with wind, we do not believe that they should be placed at the feet of small hydro. We believe that small hydro should be allowed to continue. Therefore, we respectfully request of the commission the following:

1. That the maximum eligible rates for small hydro be continued at 10,000 kilowatts.
2. The avoided cost model of the natural gas-fired plant is a non-renewable energy resource. We strongly believe that ownership of any environmental attributes or Renewable Energy Credits "REC's" be associated with power sales by small hydro be owned by the developer of the project. We request PUC concurrence.

Thank you for taking this information into account when considering this case.

Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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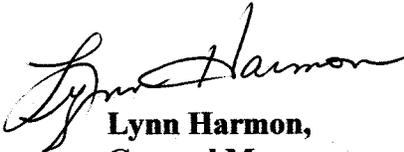
**Re: Case No. GNR-E-10-04 Joint Petition to Address Avoided Cost Issues and
Joint Motion to Adjust and Publish Cost Rate Eligibility Cap**

Dear Commissioner:

I am writing this letter in opposition to the Petition as it relates to small hydropower in the State of Idaho. We currently own and operate 3 hydro plants within our irrigation project and have since 1983. We feel that the current methodology for avoided cost and the eligibility up to 10,000 Kilowatts needs to be continued for QF hydro in the state of Idaho. We plan to develop at least one additional hydro plant and are pursuing a license for this project in anticipation of having a market through the avoided cost rates set forth by the Idaho Public Utilities Commission. Small Hydro has none of the issues related to intermittency of wind and therefore, should not be included with wind considerations. We believe that small hydro should be allowed to continue under the existing avoided cost methodology.

Please take this into account when considering this case.

Sincerely,


Lynn Harmon,
General Manager