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Dear Mr. Richardson:

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It has come to the attention of Idaho Steelhead and Salmon Unlimited that Idaho Power Company has applied for a permit to rework the generating capacity of Swan Falls Dam.

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Idaho Steelhead and Salmon Unlimited was formed in 1985 to restore, protect and preserve Idaho's anadromous fish resources. ISSU represents over 2000 regular members and approximately 5000 associate members in twenty-nine states and is extremely concerned about the future of Idaho's salmon and steelhead.

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Anadromous salmon and steelhead once migrated freely in and out of the Snake River all the way upstream to Shoshone Falls. Today that migration is either being or has been totally blocked by hydro-electric dams on the Columbia and Snake Rivers. ISSU does not oppose Idaho Power's application to increase the generating capacity of Swan Falls Dam. However, we do feel that any retrofitting or modification to any hydro-power facility in potential anadromous areas should be designed to incorporate both a juvenile fish bypass system and upstream adult passage capacity.

Although anadromous fish do not migrate in the Snake River above Hells Canyon Dam any longer, ISSU does not believe this will be the long term scenario. ISSU believes fish passage around the Hells Canyon complex can and should occur in the very near future. When this does occur, it would be a big plus and of significant economic benefit to Idaho Power Company to have already designed a fish passage facility for the Swan Falls Dam.

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Therefore, ISSU urges the Public Utilities Commission to review Idaho Power's request and grant it -- contingent on a design to pass anadromous fish around the project.

Thank you for accepting our views and comments on this very important issue.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mitch Sanchotena", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mitch Sanchotena
Executive Coordinator