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General Manager's Message

H.R. 3144: Legislative Solution for Dams is Common Sense for Northwest

There's good news for the Northwest and the federal hydrosystem that powers it:

Key members of our Congressional delegation have stepped up to declare the value of affordable, renewable hydropower to our economy and way of life. They are asserting their rightful authority over the eight federal dams that serve families and businesses in Montana, Idaho, Washington and Oregon.

In June, Reps. Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-WA), Jaime Herrera Beutler (R-WA), Dan Newhouse (R-WA), Kurt Schrader (D-OR), and Greg Walden (R-OR) introduced a bipartisan proposal, H.R. 3144, that would maintain current salmon protection measures and federal hydrosystem operations in the 2014 Biological Opinion (BiOp) until a Court-ordered review of alternatives is complete.

Meanwhile, their bill would protect the region's ratepayers from an expected ruling by the same Court, the U.S. District Court in Oregon, later this year, that would amount to a grand experiment with our hydrosystem. The Court has already opened the door to potentially spilling tremendous amounts of additional water over the dams, around the clock, instead of generating energy. Left unremedied, these decisions would raise power costs, put the stability and reliability of the grid at risk.

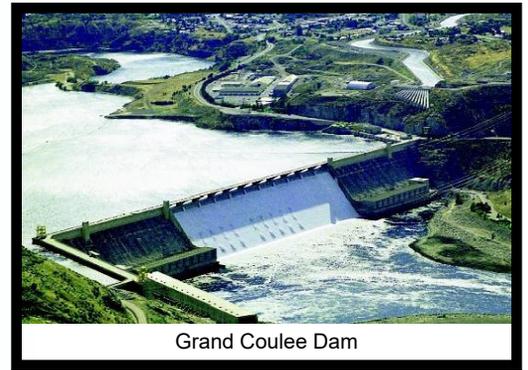
Our representatives have a common-sense solution to the Court's overreach. Their bill re-sequences events that the Court itself has ordered: First, a full NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act) review of the hydrosystem by September 2022. Then, adoption of a new salmon plan or BiOp based on the public NEPA process and the science it yields, instead of a costly spill experiment that may not help and could possibly harm fish.

Our elected officials are showing vital leadership with a proposal supported on both sides of the aisle. Their bill protects salmon with measures vetted by the Obama Administration's top scientists, and at the same time, protects the hydrosystem that powers our economy and supplies the biggest part of our energy mix. Please join me in thanking them.

Sincerely,

Joe M. Morgan

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General Manager



Grand Coulee Dam

Customer Service Corner

MEWCo's Customer Service Representatives can now easily email receipts to customers who use our Pay-By-Phone payment option and have provided us with their email addresses. Types of payment accepted are VISA / MasterCard debit or credit card. Our Customer Service Center Telephone Hours are Monday through Friday, 7:30 am to 4:30 pm (closed on weekends and holidays).



Please note: Our after-hours answering service is unable to accept telephone payments. It does not have access to our billing system.

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Project Share

Recently, a customer who had moved out of MEWCo's service district brought in his refund check and signed it over to Project Share. The customer explained he knew a family that benefited from the help Project Share provided them. Ever since he saw this first-hand aid provided, he committed himself to make regular donations to the fund. We were very touched by his story and thoughtfulness.

Project Share is a local fund that was created from donations from customers and utility companies. The program was established to provide emergency energy bill assistance to people who are not otherwise eligible for energy bill aid. It also helps those people who have exhausted all other available energy assistance sources, including government assistance.



Project Share assists with funds based upon income and family size. Assistance is provided only once every-other heating season when funding is available. For more information about Project Share please call (509) 456-7110. Donations may be included with your monthly statement payment, made payable to MEWCo, or online at givetoprojectshare.org.



Sign for the Times

Modern Electric Water Company has a new reader board sign located at 904 North Pines Road. The LED sign matches and compliments MEWCo's existing color scheme and overall building lines for its headquarters. The new sign was designed, manufactured and installed by Baldwin Sign Company.

MEWCo encourages Spokane Valley community groups to contact us to promote their special events via our new reader board. Please submit your request in writing and allow a lead time of one week to prepare your message. Reader board message requests may be hand delivered, mailed in, or sent by email to trichey@mewco.com.

MEWCo Calendar

September 4th Labor Day
(Headquarters Closed)

Sept 22nd - 24th Valleyfest



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