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Chairman Bradbury:

In a letter dated July 12, 2013, NRIC requested “that any person involved in, signatory to or representative of such signatory to a Columbia Basin Fish Accords Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Federal Columbia River Power System ‘Action Agencies’, be barred from participating in pending amendments to the Council’s 2009 Fish & Wildlife Program and 2010 Sixth Power Plan of which the Program is an integral part.”

NRIC provided documentation that the Council has conspired with Bonneville Power Administration to rig the results of pending amendments to its 2009 Fish and Wildlife Program and 2010 Sixth Power Plan.¹ Thank you for at least acknowledging receipt while denying that request; other Council members ignored it.

The purpose of this letter is to request the Council at the very least make full public disclosure that the fix is in vis-à-vis pending amendments to the Program and Plan. Specifically, that the Council has collaborated with Bonneville Power Administration to: 1] limit the Program’s pivotal main stem measures and associated changes in the Federal Columbia Power System to whatever Bonneville Power Administration will allow; 2] use federal funds to buy state and tribal government opposition to fulfilling the salmon restoration mandate of the Northwest Power Act of 1980.

This disclosure should explain in sufficient detail so that informed members of the public could opt to forego wasting time and energy participating in a costly charade. E.g., explain why BiOp main stem measures—even if they were to somehow pass legal muster under the Endangered Species Act—cannot conceivably fulfill the salmon restoration intent of the Northwest Power Act; identify who collaborated in negotiating and who received how much money in Accords bribes, and specifically what those bribes purchased vis-à-vis pending amendments to the Program and Plan.

The requested disclosure statement should be prominently displayed in all Council announcements regarding and during deliberations on pending amendments to the Program and Plan and, of course, be prominently displayed in the introductions to draft proposed amendments.

Sincerely,

Ed Chaney

cc: Oregon Governor Kitzhaber, Washington Governor Inslee, Montana Governor Bullock, Idaho Governor Otter.

¹ Notably by adopting the main stem measures of the illegal Biological Opinion as the “baseline” for its salmon restoration-prevention program, and by conspiring with Bonneville in using a billion dollars in federal funds to suborn state and tribal governments to support these BiOp measures and oppose the salmon restoration mandate of the act for which the Council was created more than 30 years ago to fulfill. It is perversely to his credit that Idaho Council member Booth recently publicly stated, in effect, that he could not vote for anything that was not in the BiOp.