

Attachment 1

PACIFIC NORTHWEST ELECTRIC POWER
AND CONSERVATION PLANNING COUNCIL:
CHARTER OF THE RIVER ASSESSMENT TASK FORCE

1. Official Designation: This advisory committee will be known as the Pacific Northwest Electric Power and Conservation Planning Council's River Assessment Task Force.

2. Background: On November 15, 1982, the Pacific Northwest Electric Power and Conservation Planning Council ("Council") adopted a Columbia River Basin Fish and Wildlife Program ("Program") as required by the Pacific Northwest Electric Power Planning and Conservation Act, P.L. 96-501, 16 U.S.C. 839 et seq. ("Act"). Section 1204(c)(1) of the Program calls on Bonneville to conduct an 18-month study (upon approval by the Council) of alternative means for classifying and designating certain streams and wildlife habitat to be protected from future hydroelectric development. Based on the results of that study, the Council (pursuant to Section 1204(c)(2) of the program) will designate stream reaches and wildlife habitat areas to be protected from future hydroelectric development. On April 27, 1983, the Council adopted a Northwest Conservation and Electric Power Plan ("Plan") as required by the Act. Action item 14.2 of the Plan's two-year action plan states that the Council will design a study to identify and rank potential hydropower sites in the region based on fish and wildlife concerns. Two-year action item 14.3 calls on the Council to continue

its efforts to refine the data base on existing and potential hydropower sites that are environmentally sound and cost-effective. Because the above hydropower-related measures from both the Plan and Program are closely related, the Task Force is to be formed to assist the Council in the development of a coordinated study which will provide the information necessary to complete the actions. The Act authorizes the Council to establish such an advisory task force at Section 4(c)(12). 16 U.S.C. 839b(b)(12). Under Section 4(a)(4) of the Act, the terms of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. Appendix I, §§1-14, apply "to the extent appropriate" to the Council's advisory committees. 16 U.S.C. 839b(a)(4).

3. Objectives and Scope of Activity: The River Assessment Task Force will recommend to the Council by July 1984 the design of a study which will cost less than \$960,000, be completed by July 1985, and will:

- (a) characterize relative importance of non-fish and wildlife environmental values on stream reaches and identify existing prohibitions on hydro development on those reaches (Power Plan 14.3),
- (b) rank hydro sites based on their impact on fish and wildlife values and identify where stream reaches should be protected from additional hydro development (1204(c)(1) and 14.2), and
- (c) identify how the results of this study will be used in the cumulative impact and goals studies or in conjunction with the results of those studies.

4. Official to Whom the Task Force Reports: The River Assessment Task Force will report to the Executive Director of the Council.

5. Authority of the Advisory Task Force: The River Assessment Task Force will serve in an advisory capacity only. Neither the Task Force nor its members are authorized to make statements or commitments on behalf of the Council. Task Force members will not be considered to be members of the Council staff.
6. Estimated Annual Operating Costs in Dollars and Man-Years: \$40,000; one quarter man-year.
7. Advisory Committee Management Officer: The Advisory Committee Management Officer ("Management Officer") for the River Assessment Task Force will be the Director of the Council's Division of Power Planning. The Management Officer will designate members of the Council's staff to attend meetings of the Task Force.
8. Chairman:
 - a. The Chairman of the River Assessment Task Force will be appointed by the Chairman of the Council, with the concurrence of the Council members, and will serve at the pleasure of the Council.
 - b. The Chairman may be called upon to report to the Executive Director of the Council on appropriate matters, including the Task Force's progress on the tasks described in Part 3 of this Charter.

- c. The duties of the Chairman will include presiding over River Assessment Task Force meetings, ensuring that detailed minutes of such meetings are prepared and submitted to the Executive Director of the Council in a timely manner, and maintaining communication between the Task Force and the Council's staff.
- d. The Chairman will certify detailed minutes of meetings of the River Assessment Task Force. The minutes should include a complete and accurate description of matters discussed, conclusions reached, action taken, persons invited to meet with the Task Force, and persons in attendance. The minutes also will include copies of any reports received, issued or approved by the Task Force. Minutes of meetings will be prepared and released within ten days of the meeting, unless an extension is granted by the Management Officer. The Management Officer will distribute copies of the minutes to members of the Task Force and to other interested persons.
- e. Small subgroups of the River Assessment Task Force may be established by the Chairman of the Task Force to undertake particular aspects of the Task Force's work. Methods for organizing the work and procedures of the Task Force must follow the scope of responsibilities assigned to the Task Force by the Council. The Task Force will receive assistance in its work by the Council's staff through the Management Officer. The work of the staff for the Task Force will include making arrangements for Task Force

meetings, solving logistical problems, providing clerical services, and preparing minutes of meetings.

9. Vice-Chairman: A Vice-Chairman of the River Assessment Task Force may be appointed by the Chairman of the Task Force, and will serve at the pleasure of the Council. The Vice-Chairman will perform the duties of the Chairman of the Task Force, in the absence of that Chairman, and such other duties as the Chairman of the Task Force may assign.
10. Rules: The advisory committee rules approved and adopted by the Council on March 17, 1982, as amended from time to time, will apply to the River Assessment Task Force.
11. Estimated Frequency of Task Force Meetings: The Chairman of the River Assessment Task Force, after consultation with the Management Officer or his designee, will call meetings as necessary. All meetings will be open to the public, unless closed pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c). Timely notice of meetings, including agendas, will be made. Interested persons may attend Task Force meetings and appear before or file statements with the Task Force, subject to such reasonable rules as the Council may prescribe.
12. Reimbursement of Expenses: The Council will reimburse public members of the River Assessment Task Force for travel, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, for the purpose of attending Task Force meetings as authorized by 5 U.S.C. Section 5703. The Executive Director shall determine who are public members.

13. Duration: The River Assessment Task Force will terminate on August 31, 1984, unless renewed in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. All members of the Task Force serve at the pleasure of the Council.

This Charter for the River Assessment Task Force was approved and adopted at a duly called meeting of the Pacific Northwest Electric Power and Conservation Planning Council held on May ____, 1984 at Helena, Montana.

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By: _____
Keith Colbo, Chairman

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