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Bonneville Power Administration  
Public Affairs Office- DKC-7  
PO Box 14428  
Portland, OR 97293-4428

**Re: Environmental review of UPC's proposed Cascade Wind Interconnection Project.**

Dear Bonneville Power Administration:

As a resident Sevenmile Hill area I have reviewed and would like to comment on the above-referenced proposal. I am opposed to this connection because I firmly believe that siting the Cascade Wind Project in the location proposed on Seven Mile Hill has too great a cost on the environment for the gains realized in renewable energy generation.

As I understand it the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires that the Bonneville Power Administration must take a "hard look" at the direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts of the proposed Cascade Wind Interconnection Project.

BPA should ensure that its environmental review includes avian and bat impacts and aesthetic impacts from wind energy development generally and along the Columbia River specifically. Additionally, consideration should be given to potential and cumulative impacts with regards to the Columbia River migratory bird corridor.

I am also concerned that the UPC project would negatively impact the existing White Oak habitat of the Sevenmile Hill and surrounding areas. As I understand it at least nine of the turbines are proposed to be sited within the oak forest. Additionally, the UPC project would involve approximately 14 miles total of road construction. A combination of new roads and upgrades. Obviously some portion of that construction will occur within the oak woodland, and it would seem certain that construction would destroy portions of that woodland.

Furthermore I believe the law requires that the consideration of the environmental consequences of the UPC project should be done in the context of the substantial cumulative impacts analysis of existing, proposed, and potential wind development throughout the Columbia River corridor.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Keith Wesolowski