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Subject: Proposed Cascade Wind Project and Interconnection Request

Dear Mr. Keller:

Relative to the open comment period regarding UPC's request for interconnection, I am hoping that this request will be reviewed in the context of the cumulative impacts of the proposed wind project. The proposed scope of the Cascade Wind Project would appear to be inappropriate in an area dominated by residential zoning and bordering the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area.

The adverse visual impact of 40 wind towers each approaching 400 feet in height would irreparably damage the viewshed in an area that has long been associated with natural scenic beauty. The proposed location of towers, some at the very boundary of the National Scenic Area, would certainly appear to violate both the spirit and intent of the founding legislation.

The potential negative impacts on local residents would have serious short and long term consequences. The obvious disruptions during the proposed construction period are self evident; however the long term potential health hazards associated with proximity to wind turbines are also of significant concern.

In discussing the Columbia Gorge area, both residents and visitors universally cite the natural beauty associated with this scenic area. Given the incompatible scope and location of this proposal, I would urge BPA's environmental review to include all cumulative impacts associated with the entire scope of UPC's proposed project.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Michael Stephenson