

Number 2. As stated in Ecology's response to your letter, Reclamation will conduct additional benefit-cost ratio analyses of individual components of the plan that seek Federal funding. Synergistic benefits that may be derived from the interactions between the plan components will be considered an additive to the benefits of the individual components.

Number 3. Table 2.18 from the *Yakima River Basin Water Storage Feasibility Study Final EIS* has been discussed in the YRBWEP Workgroup meetings. Figure 2.11 from the Final EIS showing target flows on the Columbia River and water availability above target flows was included in a PowerPoint presentation given during the Workgroup meeting on July 29, 2009, on direct pumping from the Columbia River. At the November 23, 2009 Workgroup meeting, a PowerPoint slide on Wymer Dam and Reservoir configurations showed taking water out of the Columbia River and again, water availability was discussed and reference was made to Table 2.18. Reclamation agrees that water availability on the Columbia River is important in the analysis of the Basin Study and that we should verify the information and assumptions used.

Number 4. As discussed with the Workgroup at the last meeting on December 17, 2009, and as stated on page six of the *Preliminary Integrated Water Resource Management Plan*, "This will be accomplished through a peer-reviewed demand analysis performed by Washington State University in conjunction with a larger analysis they are conducting for Ecology's Office of Columbia River."

Sincerely,



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