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PPC statement on President's budget proposal

This is hardly the time for the Administration to impose a gratuitous rate increase on the Northwest. We are just now climbing out of the last disaster the federal government failed to address — the Western energy crisis.

Northwest ratepayers will continue – as we have in the past – to meet our Treasury obligations. But a river system needs to be managed holistically. By trying to skim the top off the river system in good-water years, the Administration is limiting the flexibility of the river system to balance out good-water years with bad-water years, and to address unknown future costs for fish that are currently in the hands of a federal court.

– **Marilyn Showalter, executive director, Public Power Council**

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