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**The Public Power Council (PPC) Applauds Congressional Call for Columbia River Treaty Negotiations**

Portland, OR – Executive Director of PPC, Scott Corwin, made the following comments regarding the letter sent April 14, 2015 by the members of Congress from the states of Washington, Oregon, Montana and Idaho calling for action by the Obama Administration on the Columbia River Treaty.

*“We commend the Northwest Congressional delegation for making a strong and unified statement that the Administration should act on renegotiating this Treaty, and should lay out the specific steps and timeline for doing so.”*

*“It has been 16 months since citizens in the region, with the Bonneville Power Administration and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, agreed on a path forward. It is time for the Administration to get moving.”*

*“Until the outdated aspects of the Treaty are corrected, consumers in the Northwest will continue to send a hugely imbalanced amount of our clean hydropower north to Canada. It’s time to start the real negotiations to fix this.”*

*“This letter shows that our representatives in Congress understand the importance of this Treaty to Northwest citizens and are working to make sure the Administration takes action.”*

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*The Public Power Council represents about 100 Pacific Northwest utilities who are preference customers of the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA). These consumer-owned utilities are partners with BPA in delivering the clean, cost based power from the Federal Columbia River Power System to millions of residents and businesses in the Northwest.*