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To Whom it May Concern,

I am a whitewater kayaker who travels frequently to British Columbia to kayak the class V rivers located there. The free-flowing nature of the rivers in BC is one of the main appeals of paddling there. The damage done to rivers such as the Box Canyon of the Ashlu by run of the river diversions is irreparable and tragic.

I strongly support the position that there is no "compelling reason to modify the existing eligibility requirements of the Renewables Portfolio Standard statute" to incentivize importing run-of-river hydropower from British Columbia.

Please correct the statement that hydropower from BC is "potentially eligible". Hydro is not eligible in BC because facilities greater than 30MW built after 2005 are not eligible as "renewable". The effect on the environment and the recreational value of the rivers is far too great to consider these projects to be renewable.

Thanks,
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Re: docket number 11-RPS-01