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Hello,

My name is Ken Holowanky.

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I am intimately aware of several hydro power projects in the Province of British Columbia. I cannot refer to these as "micro" or "run of river" as that is not a truthful statement. I am asking you to consider incorporation of the attached documents into your "Staff Workshop on British Columbia" study. Note I do not use the phrase "run-of-river". Alpine lakes are drained by levels of 145 feet and clusters of "small" powerhouses need to be linked by hundreds of mile of transmission lines. In the case of Narrows Inlet, every freshwater source to this very confined fjord is being impacted. As a citizen and resident of British Columbia....and as a person who has always valued my numerous visits to California.....I am very concerned your agency is not getting a true picture of the scope of these projects and their effect on our wilderness areas. I understand the definition of the term "wilderness" is somewhat subjective. I have had discussion with Dr. Alan E. Watson (he will recall the conversations) on this matter and urge you to look at his paper here. In effect, we all share the value of our wilderness areas regardless of borders drawn on a map.

[http://www.fs.fed.us/rm/pubs\\_other/rmrs\\_2004\\_watson\\_a002.pdf](http://www.fs.fed.us/rm/pubs_other/rmrs_2004_watson_a002.pdf)

I understand your office is very busy and feel the need to mention your previous responses to my inquiries have been prompt and courteous. In British Columbia it has been very difficult for citizens such as myself to access information. We need to do it by means of a formal "Freedom of Information" request, sometimes with several hundreds of dollars associated cost.

With due respect for California's need for more electricity, I am hoping your office will recognize the cost. Please feel free to ask for any clarification of statements I have made or attached. I appreciate the tone of attached comments is somewhat nationalistic....I am hoping you can balance this with above comment relating to borders...in no way do I wish to sound disrespectful. The entire Pacific Northwest is of like mind regardless of borders.

I also urge you to read the public comments here....and note that the only public meetings on this particular project were in very small venues of very hard to get to communities.

[http://a100.gov.bc.ca/appsdata/epic/html/deploy/epic\\_document\\_313\\_34889.html](http://a100.gov.bc.ca/appsdata/epic/html/deploy/epic_document_313_34889.html)

Thank you for your consideration of this email,

Ken Holowanky