

CITY OF SAMMAMISH

RESOLUTION NO. R99-14

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE CITY OF SAMMAMISH'S
OBJECTION TO THE BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION'S
CURRENT POWER-ALLOCATION ("SUBSCRIPTION") PLAN,
AND INSISTING THAT THE BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION
FULFILL ITS STATUTORY OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE EQUITABLE
POWER BENEFITS TO ALL RESIDENTIAL AND SMALL-FARM
UTILITY CUSTOMERS IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST**

WHEREAS, the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) is charged with selling all the low-cost electricity generated by the federal dams on the Columbia River and its tributaries; and

WHEREAS, the Pacific Northwest Electric Power Planning and Conservation Act of 1980 (Northwest Power Act) created a Residential Exchange credit designed to provide the residential and small-farm customers of investor-owned utilities an equitable share of the Northwest federal power system's benefits, and ensure that these families receive electrical power supplies at the same low rate as the customers of government-owned utilities; and

WHEREAS, BPA's implementation of the Residential Exchange unfairly results in the effective termination of the Exchange program, and

WHEREAS, all the Residential Exchange benefits from BPA go to Northwest families, with none of the proceeds going to their serving utilities; and

WHEREAS, BPA is arbitrarily proposing to replace the Residential Exchange program with a "subscription" power-allocation plan that discriminates against the customers of investor-owned utilities by denying them their fair share of federal power benefits; and

WHEREAS, the BPA "subscription" plan offers the residential and small-farm customers of Northwest investor-owned utilities – people who make up 60 percent of the regions' population – only 21 percent of the benefits of the Northwest's federal hydropower system; and

WHEREAS, the "subscription" plan would deny the families and small farms served by Puget Sound Energy as much as \$138 million annually in benefits to which they are entitled – an average benefit loss of \$175 per year per family; and

WHEREAS, BPA's plan would cause an increase in power costs of up to 20 percent for Puget Sound Energy residential and small-farm customers. NOW THEREFORE,

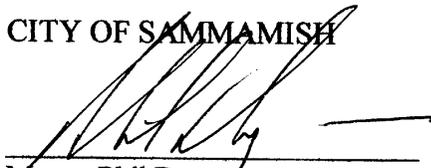
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAMMAMISH, WASHINGTON, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City of Sammamish does hereby insist that the Bonneville Power Administration modify its "subscription" plan and meet its obligation to provide the residential and small-farm customers of investor-owned utilities in the region with a fair and equitable share of the Northwest's federal hydropower benefits.

Section 2. The City of Sammamish respectfully petitions the Northwest's representatives in Congress to stop BPA from moving forward with its existing "subscription" plan, and to support legislative actions that result in a fairly implemented Residential Exchange.

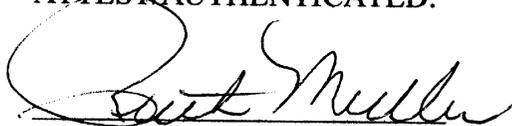
PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAMMAMISH, WASHINGTON, AT A REGULAR MEETING THEREOF THIS 30th DAY OF JUNE, 1999.

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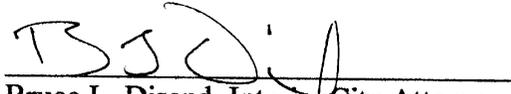
Mayor Phil Dyer

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:



Ruth Muller, Interim City Clerk

Approved as to form:



Bruce L. Disend, Interim City Attorney