

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, N.E.
Washington, DC 20426

Dear Secretary Bose:

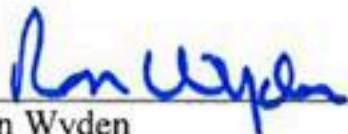
We write regarding the Klamath River Renewal Corporation's (KRRC) July 29, 2019, filing, and to support the Klamath Hydroelectric Settlement Agreement and the transfer of the Lower Klamath Project to the KRRC.

On March 15, 2018, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) requested additional information regarding KRRC's financial capacity to become the licensee for the Lower Klamath Project. KRRC has completed a comprehensive update of its cost estimate, risk management plan, and financial capacity. KRRC's July 29, 2019, filing responds to FERC's concerns, and describes in detail KRRC's plans to take ownership of the Lower Klamath Project from PacifiCorp, with the ultimate goal of removing the project.

For decades, the Lower Klamath Project has blocked fish passage on the Klamath River, resulted in harmful algal blooms, and created conflicts between various stakeholder groups. Timely removal of these dams is critical to tribes in the Klamath Basin, West Coast fishing and recreation communities, and farmers and ranchers in Southern Oregon and Northern California. KRRC's efforts to remove these dams has widespread support.

KRRC's July 29, 2019, FERC filing clearly demonstrates its financial ability and expertise to become the licensee of the Lower Klamath Project. We ask that FERC give KRRC's application its full and fair consideration.

Sincerely,



Ron Wyden
United States Senator



Jeffrey A. Merkley
United States Senator



Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator



Kamala D. Harris
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