

## United States Entity

### Columbia River Treaty

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In reply refer to: PGPL

Dear Interested Parties:

As part of the U.S. Entity's continued efforts to provide openness and transparency concerning our ongoing Columbia River Treaty Review (CRTR) process, we are sending you this letter to update you on our planned outreach efforts for our Regional Recommendation on the future of the Columbia River Treaty (Treaty) post-2024.

On June 27, 2013, we publicly released a Working Draft of the Regional Recommendation to provide a basis for further regional discussion on the future of the Treaty. This Working Draft was the result of a multi-year, collaborative process between the U.S. Entity, regional sovereigns, and stakeholders. We recently completed two information webinars which we hope were useful to you. We also are still accepting comments on the Working Draft from regional stakeholders, and have asked for these comments to be submitted to the U.S. Entity by August 16, 2013.

After the close of the comment period on the Working Draft, we will update and refine the Recommendation document, based on the input and suggestions that we have received from regional sovereigns, stakeholders, and the general public. We then will release a Draft version of the Recommendation document for another round of public review and comment. Our intent is to publicly release the Draft Recommendation on or before September 6, 2013.

At various points in this process, we may have indicated that supporting deliberative documentation – including technical appendices – might be included along with public releases of the Draft or Final Recommendation. At this time, we have determined that these documents will not be included through either the SRT or stakeholder consultation processes, in order to ensure that any possible future discussions or negotiations with Canada concerning the Columbia River Treaty post-2024 not be compromised.

The Draft Recommendation will be made available for public review and comment for a 30-day period. During that time, representatives from the U.S. Department of State (DOS) will be visiting the region to hear regional perspectives about the Draft Recommendation. DOS, with U.S. Entity support, will conduct a series of one-on-one meetings with regional sovereigns and key stakeholder interests that will provide an excellent opportunity for DOS to obtain direct input from you on your interests, issues, and any other matters concerning the Draft Recommendation.

Following the close of the public review and comment period for the Draft Recommendation, the U.S. Entity will once again further refine the Recommendation document, based on the regional input and suggestions we have received, to prepare a Final Recommendation. We remain on track to deliver the Final Recommendation to DOS by December 2013.

We look forward to hearing from you on this important matter in the coming weeks. Thank you for your continued interest and involvement in this process.

Sincerely,

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