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Mr. Kieran Connolly
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Dear Mr. Connolly,

Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Energy on Wednesday, March 15, 2017, to testify at the hearing entitled "Modernizing Energy Infrastructure: Challenges and Opportunities to Expanding Hydropower Generation."

Pursuant to the Rules of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, the hearing record remains open for ten business days to permit Members to submit additional questions for the record, which are attached. The format of your responses to these questions should be as follows: (1) the name of the Member whose question you are addressing, (2) the complete text of the question you are addressing in bold, and (3) your answer to that question in plain text.

To facilitate the printing of the hearing record, please respond to these questions with a transmittal letter by the close of business on Wednesday, April 19, 2017. Your responses should be mailed to Grace Appelbe, Legislative Clerk, Committee on Energy and Commerce, 2125 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515 and e-mailed in Word format to Grace.Appelbe@mail.house.gov.

Thank you again for your time and effort preparing and delivering testimony before the Subcommittee.

Sincerely,



Fred Upton
Chairman
Subcommittee on Energy

cc: The Honorable Bobby L. Rush, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Energy

Attachment

Additional Questions for the Record

The Honorable Fred Upton

1. Your testimony raised an important issue relating to the ongoing litigation in the U.S. District Court in Oregon.
 - a. How could the safety and reliability of the power generation and transmission system be affected by proposals to add significant spill and stop investment in the four Lower Snake River Dams?
 - b. How would removal of the Lower Snake River Dams affect Bonneville's ability to provide adequate power during peak periods?
2. Your testimony indicated that about 30% of Bonneville's rates go toward fish and wildlife mitigation.
 - a. How much does Bonneville spend on its fish and wildlife program on an annual basis?
 - b. How does Bonneville budget for fish and wildlife costs? Are ratepayers included in the process?
3. Bonneville's contracts come up for renewal in 2028. What is Bonneville's strategy for addressing rate pressures?
 - a. Are all costs on the table for review?