

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES
118th Congress Disclosure Form
As required by and provided for in House Rule XI, clause 2(g)(5)

“The Northwest at risk: the environmentalist’s effort to destroy navigation, transportation, and access to reliable power”

June 26, 2023

For Individuals:

Name:
Address:
Email Address:
Phone Number:

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For Witnesses Representing Organizations:

Name: Rick Dunn
Name of Organization(s) You are Representing at the Hearing: Public Utility District No. 1 of Benton County
Business Address: [REDACTED]
Business Email Address: [REDACTED]
Business Phone Number: [REDACTED]

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For Nongovernment Witnesses ONLY:

1. Please attach/include current curriculum vitae or resume.

Included

2. Please list any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) related to the subject matter of the hearing that were received in the current year and previous two calendar years by you or the organization(s) you represent at this hearing, including the source and amount of each grant or contract.

Benton PUD is a utility customer of the Bonneville Power Administration with Power Supply and Transmission contracts with an estimated value in 2024 of \$74.8 million.

3. Please list any contracts or payments originating with a foreign government related to the subject matter of the hearing that were received in the current year and previous two calendar years by you or the organization(s) you represent at this hearing, including the amount and country of origin of each contract or payment.

None

4. Please disclose whether you are a fiduciary (including, but not limited to, a director, officer, advisor, or

resident agent) of any organization or entity that has an interest in the subject matter of the hearing.

Yes, as the General Manager I am a fiduciary of Benton PUD.

5. Please list any current or pending litigation against the Federal government to which you or your organization is a party. Please disclose as applicable case name, docket number, the court, and subject matter of the litigation.

I served as a witness and provided written testimony as part of the rebuttal testimony of the Public Power Council submitted March 24, 2023 pertaining to the following case:

**United States of America Department of Energy Before the Bonneville Power Administration
Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-2025 Proposed Power and Transmission Rate Adjustments
BPA File No.: BP-24**

RICK DUNN, P.E.
GENERAL MANAGER, BENTON PUD



Rick Dunn is the General Manager of Benton PUD; a position he has held since March 1, 2020. Rick is a graduate of Washington State University with a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering and is a registered Professional Engineer. He has more than 36 years of electrical power and utility systems engineering, operations, and management experience in both the public and private sectors.

Rick is a leader well-versed on the challenges of balancing complex energy and environmental issues. In the run up to the passage of Washington State's Clean Energy Transformation Act (CETA), Rick was directly involved in the development of comprehensive studies of least-cost approaches to Pacific Northwest electricity sector decarbonization and the impacts on power grid reliability. Rick understands how the grid works and continues to be actively involved in managing Benton PUD's power supply portfolio and participation in northwest power markets as

both a purchaser and seller of electricity.

As a leader in the Tri-Cities community and long-time resident, Rick is a big supporter of nuclear power and is knowledgeable of the history of hydropower in the Pacific Northwest as well as the economic and environmental benefits and impacts of the dams. Rick serves on the Boards of Directors of Northwest RiverPartners and the Pacific Northwest Utilities Conference Committee (PNUCC) and serves on the Executive Committee of the Public Power Council (PPC).

Rick was selected in 2021 as one of two utility stakeholder representatives from the four northwest states to serve on the Columbia Basin Collaborative's Integration/Recommendation Group (I/RG). The I/RG will seek consensus agreement on proposed actions and develop recommendations to federal, state, tribal and other decision-makers on issues affecting salmon and steelhead recovery in the Columbia River Basin.

Rick has been a clean energy and power grid reliability guest speaker on many occasions including for civic, economic development and industry trade groups as well as political interest groups on both sides of the aisle.