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**Commenter:** Travis Dryden

**Submitted:** July 2, 2024

**Subject:** BPA and Day-Ahead Energy Markets

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I appreciate your attention to this matter, and look forward to a response from BPA.

Regards,

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**From:** Ron Stradiotto <[ronstrad@p2a.co](mailto:ronstrad@p2a.co)>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 5, 2024 1:46 PM  
**To:** Communications <[Communications@bpa.gov](mailto:Communications@bpa.gov)>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] BPA and Day-Ahead Energy Markets

Dear Bonneville Power Administrator John Hairston,

The dams on the lower Snake are antiquated and are money losers for the BPA. Western electric utilities are uniting to ease the climate crisis and reduce prices for their customers. Organized markets are a key part of this effort—sharing resources across the West can speed decarbonization by offsetting coal and natural gas generation with carbon-free energy generated thousands of miles away. We need to support BPA for maintenance of existing infrastructure including power lines easing pressure on critically endangered salmon and steelhead.

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Remember the none declared value of an intact native fishery in calculating costs. I appreciate your attention to this matter, and look forward to a response from BPA.

Regards,

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**From:** Alexander Douglas <asdatlarge@advocacymessages.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 2, 2024 3:04 PM

**To:** Communications <Communications@bpa.gov>

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Alexander Douglas

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**From:** Katie Camarata <ktkam19@forgrassroots.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 2, 2024 2:54 PM  
**To:** Communications <Communications@bpa.gov>  
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**From:** Nicole Cordingley <ncordingley@p2a.co>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 8, 2024 11:12 AM  
**To:** Communications <Communications@bpa.gov>  
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**From:** SARAH YANCEY <glassygreenwater@p2a.co>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 7, 2024 2:50 PM  
**To:** Communications <Communications@bpa.gov>  
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**To:** Communications <Communications@bpa.gov>  
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