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These comments and questions are regarding the Cascade Renewable Transmission, LLC (Applicant) proposals to construct and operate a high-voltage direct current (HVDC) 400-kilovolt (kV), 1,100-megawatt (MW) electric transmission facility.

I will be present in White Salmon on the 19th to protest this project, but rather than speak publicly, I respectfully submit these comments and questions for your consideration.

From the get-go this sounds like a terrible, awful thing for all who make the Gorge their home and/or have a business here. The river is highly used and treasured by everyone who lives in the region and I don't believe for a second that anyone wants this except for some distant suits that will profit. The river is used for swimming, boating, fishing, as many as six wind sports, and all of the above lead to millions of dollars in resident and tourist revenue--something that will be compromised if a high voltage transmission line gets buried under it. Please vote NO on this insane project. And on a related topic, please keep data centers out of the Gorge! They suck up more water and energy than a medium-sized city, and create 24/7 noise pollution. All of this puts our resources at risk and damages the liveability of our region.

My questions:

1. Trenching for the transmission line will stir up harmful sediment full of heavy metals, PFAS and other toxins. Has the council received a full accounting of all the contaminants contained in the sediment? Is that report public, and if so, where can I find it?
2. How long after the sediment is disturbed would the river be unsafe for fishing and recreating? Who would be monitoring the water quality and would the public have access to all reports?
3. The transmission line will produce heat. By how much will the already-warming river be affected? Warm water is contributing to declining fish populations, so we cannot afford to contribute to this problem.
4. What is the risk of electrocution from a high voltage transmission line that can--and likely will over its lifetime--become damaged? Risk for fish and people please?

Thank you.

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