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Subject: Re: Cascade Renewable Transmission

External Email

Hello. I saw in the Columbian report on your Washougal hearing that the spokesperson for Cascade Renewable Transmission claimed they have done various studies which predict no harm from their project. The River belongs to all of us, to the living things within it and to future generations. Our kind have already destroyed so much of the River we cannot afford to ruin more. Before you make a decision, EFSEC and the public must see those studies and will probably need even more information from a full EIS.

Please require the proponent to do a full EIS and allow for additional public comment before you make any decision on this application.

Thank you.

Peter Fels
Vancouver

Sent from my iPad

On Nov 16, 2025, at 2:28 PM, Peter L. Fels <plfels@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear People:

Please require the proponents of Cascade Renewable Transmission to file a full EIS. This project has so many unknowns and has such potential for permanent and irreparable harm to the environment it must be thoroughly examined before it is approved.

The many potential harms have been described by Columbia Riverkeepers and various affected Tribes, as I am sure you will hear in your upcoming hearings. As a longtime resident of both eastern Oregon and Vancouver WA, I treasure the Columbia River and believe the salmon and lamprey eels are keystone and

foundational species. See: <https://www.fws.gov/story/2022-06/salmona-pacific-northwest-icon>

The Columbia River environment has already been greatly damaged by the building and existence of the dams. Digging a miles long trench under the river, laying a large electrical cable which may produce heat and other types of radiation, and then covering up the cable all are likely to greatly disturb the river environment and harm water quality and all things living in and near the river even more. Since this type of project has not been done before, the potential new harms are unknown and require deep study to estimate. Although even a full EIS can only project *possible* outcomes, that is better than what we have now.

I cannot attend any of the hearings due to scheduling conflicts, but I wish my voice to be heard. However, rather than repeat the statements which I expect will be made at the hearings, I simply want to strongly suggest you listen to the comments, especially as presented by Columbia Riverkeeper and representatives of affected Tribes, and require a full EIS.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Peter Fels
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