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Inspector General:

Northwest Resource Information Center requests an Inspector General investigation of the scofflaw culture that has metastasized in Bonneville Power Administration's upper management. In the attached document NRIC alleges:

1] The scofflaw culture of Bonneville Power Administration's upper management for more than three decades has rejected its legal duty and knowingly and systematically wasted and otherwise misused billions of federal dollars to subvert the Snake River salmon restoration mandate of the 1980 Northwest Power Act and the extinction prevention mandate of the Endangered Species Act.

2] Bonneville upper management's waste and misuse of federal funds and scofflaw behavior is systemic. It includes:

- Blatantly deceiving the Obama Administration into adopting the scofflaw Northwest Power Act and Endangered Species Act policies of the G.W. Bush Administration.
- Using federal funds to bribe Native American Indian and state governments in an effort to influence a federal judge and to subvert the Endangered Species Act and the salmon restoration provisions of the Northwest Power Act.
- Using federal funds to script and orchestrate transparently sham Endangered Species Act biological opinions—repeatedly declared illegal by the federal courts—which may well be the most costly and destructive government-funded scientific hoax in U.S. history.
- Using federal funds to suppress science that does not support its efforts to subvert the Endangered Species Act and Northwest Power Act.
- Illegally conspiring with a United States senator to withhold federal funds from and thereby kill an independent science organization that it could not silence with bribes and political intimidation.
- Attempting to deceive the federal court by deliberately wasting hundreds of millions of dollars in federal funds on low- to no-priority salmon enhancement projects that it knows cannot possibly fulfill the legal requirements of the Endangered Species Act and the Northwest Power Act.
- Systematically subverting the salmon protection purposes of laws establishing Snake River Basin Wilderness Areas, Wild and Scenic Rivers and National Recreation Areas.

- Illegally violating court-ordered spill at federal dams which it knows is essential to meet its legal obligations under the Northwest Power Act and Endangered Species Act.
- Using federal funds to blatantly lobby, script and orchestrate political and legal support for its efforts to subvert the salmon restoration provisions of the Northwest Power Act and Endangered Species Act.

These are not victimless crimes. Snake River salmon, one of the world's unique, perpetually renewable natural resources—a genetic heritage millions of years in the making—were driven to the brink of extinction in 50 years. Untold thousands of humans' lives have been damaged.

The ecological, economic and social damage extends throughout the migratory range of Snake River salmon, 700 miles inland and thousands of miles along the Pacific Coast. The Northwest region is wracked with civic discord and interminable costly litigation in the federal courts. The regional energy system is in turmoil and at risk of draconian intervention by the federal courts. Billions of federal dollars have been wasted. The cost of opportunity foregone is of far greater magnitude. Untold thousands of peoples' lives have been damaged.

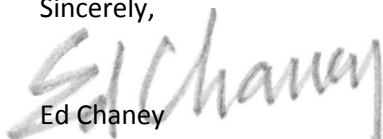
NRIC believes that if President Obama were made aware of what his employees in the scofflaw upper management of Bonneville Power Administration are doing in the name of his administration, he would not tolerate it. He would stop the profligate waste of federal funds, and end the scofflaw betrayal of the public trust and the attendant ecological, economic and social damage.

Bill Drummond recently was appointed to succeed outgoing Administrator Steve Wright. Drummond is an alumnus of both Bonneville—as Deputy Administrator, and of the Public Power Council—as its head. The Council for decades has closely collaborated with Bonneville upper management to subvert the Northwest Power Act and the Endangered Species Act.

Bonneville upper management's scofflaw culture has metastasized. It cannot be changed from the inside; change must be imposed on it from the outside. An Inspector General investigation would clearly reveal the systemic nature and severity of the problem and inform the changes necessary to impose on Bonneville respect for the rule of law and the public trust.

As noted in the attached documentation, upon request NRIC will assist the Inspector General in identifying perpetrators, witnesses and otherwise knowledgeable people, and provide leads to documentation in addition to that cited and posted in a special directory on NRIC's website.

Sincerely,



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Director

cc: Dr. Steven Chu, Secretary, U.S. Department of Energy

Attachments:

--March 4, 2013 letter to Secretary of Energy Stephen Chu.

--*Request for U.S. Department of Energy Inspector General Investigation of Waste of Federal Funds and Violations of Other Federal Laws by Scofflaw Culture in Upper Management of Bonneville Power Administration, March 4, 2013.*