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In the matter of
 Puget Sound Power & Light Co.
 Skagit Nuclear Power Project

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Dear Sir:

We would like to bring to your attention the occurrence of an earthquake in our vicinity which took place Saturday, January 7, 1979 at approximately 6:45 PM. No mention of this quake has made in the "media". It is assumed that some seismographic station in the State of Washington must have recorded this event. The quake caused a ferocious cracking noise and rumbling that moved furniture and woke up the people of this valley, which is within twenty miles of the proposed Skagit Site. A similar occurrence happened on May 16, 1976 and we are on record as having notified the N.R.C. on 5/15/76. I do not think it is necessary to dwell on the implications of regularly occurring earthquakes in this region. I know you are concerned for the Tribe is about this matter. Let us adhere to that old maxim, *PIETTER SAFE THAN SORRY!*

Since a new chapter regarding the Skagit situation is about to commence, what with Skagit Tribes entering into the deliberations, perhaps some information regarding the flow of the Skagit River will be taken more seriously than it has been in the past.

Looking at the charts and data from the U.S. Geological Survey pertaining to "SHEW Dike" in the Skagit River Basin - Hecomen Lake (2800 ft) - Rainy Pass (4780 ft) - Devil's Peak (5900 ft) + Hart's Pass (6500 ft)



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You will notice that snow depth is drastically reduced in the past few years. What concerns us is whether the assumed allowable rate of discharge 161.5 cfs from the proposed plant, which would have amounted to 1% of the flow of the Skagit River in 1976 is equally likely in 1977-78-79. We would like to be sure whether an allowable situation still prevails under the current drought conditions. Might not the current situation significantly affect water quality and hence affect the availability of water to the proposed plant and other essential uses?

We are unaware of any "model" which attempts to compute and understand (under different circumstances) the distribution of water in the Skagit Basin, with regard to essential existing uses, e.g. Industrial, Agricultural, Aquacultural, Human Consumption & operating power plants. And with regard to the proposed Puget Nuclear Plant & Citylights proposed Copper Creek Dam.

The notion to accept a nuclear facility on Sedro Woolley was proposed prior to our factual realization that the water in the Skagit River Basin could be depleted to the extent that it is today. Additional evidence on this subject could be enlightening.

Yours truly,

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