

IN THE SENATE

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO.

By _____ Committee

TO THE HONORABLE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES
IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED:

1 We, your memorialists, the Legislature of the State of Idaho, re-
2 spectfully represent, that:

3 WHEREAS, as pointed out in the Army Corp of Engineer's 308 Review
4 Report, the site of the proposed storage dam on the Clearwater River
5 in Clearwater County, Idaho, known as Bruce's Eddy, is a great natural
6 location for a multipurpose hydroelectric dam installation; and

7 WHEREAS, annual flood damage of considerable proportion exists on
8 the Clearwater River, such damage being estimated at an excess of
9 \$1,000,000 per year on a long term basis; a reoccurrence of the 1948
10 flood in the Clearwater Valley, based on present conditions, would cause
11 an estimate damage of \$3,000,000; a flood of standard project magnitude,
12 which is possible of occurrence, would be unusually disasterous and
13 would cause an estimated damage of \$24,000,000; and

14 WHEREAS, the potentiality for commercial and industrial development
15 in the Clearwater Basin cannot be realized until substantial regulation
16 of the flows of the Clearwater for the prevention of flood damage is
17 effected; and

18 WHEREAS, hydroelectric power is urgently needed to relieve the power
19 shortage in Idaho and in the Pacific Northwest; and

20 WHEREAS, navigation and recreational benefits are important to the
21 Clearwater area and to the State of Idaho; and

22 WHEREAS, the Bruce's Eddy project, as recommended by the Army Corp
23 of Engineers, would be a multipurpose project, accomplishing the follow-
24 ing, among other purposes;

25 1. Flood Control. Local flood damages in the Clearwater Basin would
26 be reduced by approximately \$600,000 annually by the Bruce's Eddy project

27 alone. The major flood problems on the Lower Columbia River would
28 be importantly benefited by upstream storage as would be provided by
29 this proposed project.

30 2. Power. A Bruce's Eddy power plant would have, at site, depend-
31 able capacity of 240,000 kilowatts. During an assumed economic life
32 of 50 years, the Bruce's Eddy plant would generate about 1,336,000,000
33 kilowatt hours annually of which about 1,179,000,000 kilowatt hours
34 would be firm energy in the load. In addition, storage releases from
35 Bruce's Eddy reservoir would increase the firm energy at downstream
36 generating plants by 799,000,000 kilowatt hours annually. Power bene-
37 fits credited to the project would amount to \$5,693,000 for at site
38 power; \$2,482,000 for incremental firm energy made available at down-
39 stream power plants resulting in a total power benefit of \$8,175,000
40 annually.

41 3. Navigation. The Bruce's Eddy project would provide important
42 navigation benefits, practically all of which would come from the
43 advantage provided transportation of logs to mills. Benefits from
44 this source are estimated at \$537,000 annually.

45 4. Recreation. The 49 mile-long reservoir will provide many and
46 varied recreational benefits to the people of the State of Idaho; and
47 WHEREAS, four major private utilities have formed the Pacific
48 Northwest Power Company. This Company has received a preliminary permit
49 for the Bruce's Eddy project. Start of immediate construction awaits
50 Congressional legislation concerning the division of cost for down-river
51 and other non-compensable items between the Government and private industry

52 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED By the Senate of the State of Idaho,
53 the House of Representatives concurring, that we most respectfully
54 urge upon the Congress of the United States of America that Congress
55 expedite such legislation as shall be required to the end that construct-
56 ion on the Bruce's Eddy Dam project on the Clearwater River in Idaho
57 may be commenced at an early date through a cooperative plan for a
58 combination use of private resources and Federal participation as suggested
59 by the partnership proposals of President Eisenhower and his administration

60 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State of the State
61 of Idaho be authorized and he is hereby directed to immediately forward
62 certified copies of this Memorial to the Senate and the House of Represen
63 tives of the United States of America, to the Federal Power Commission,
64 and to the Senators and the Representatives in Congress from this State
65 and from the States of Montana, Washington and Oregon.