

RESOLUTION

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

WHEREAS, annual flood damage being estimated at an excess of \$1,000,000 per year on a long term basis; a recurrence of the 1948 flood in the Clearwater Valley, based on present conditions, would cause an estimate damage of \$3,000,000; a flood of standard project magnitude, which is possible of occurrence, would be unusually disastrous and would cause an estimated damage of \$24,000,000; and

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the Bruce's Eddy project, as recommended by the Army Corp of Engineers, would be a multipurpose project, accomplishing the following, among other purposes;

1. Flood Control. Local flood damages in the Clearwater Basin would be reduced by approximately \$600,000 annually by the Bruce's Eddy project alone. The major flood problems on the Lower Columbia River would be importantly benefited by upstream storage as would be provided by this proposed project.

2. Power. A Bruce's Eddy power plant would have, at site, dependable capacity of 244,000 kilowatts. During an assumed economic life of 50 years, the Bruce's Eddy plant would generate about 1,336,000,000 kilowatt

hours annually of which about 1,179,000,000 kilowatt hours would be firm energy in the load. In addition, storage releases from Bruce's Eddy reservoir would increase the firm energy at downstream generating plants by 799,000,000 kilowatt hours annually. Power benefits credited to the project would amount to \$5,693,000 for at site power; \$2,482,000 for incremental firm energy made available at down stream power plants resulting in a total power benefit of \$8,175,000 annually.

3. Navigation. The Bruce's Eddy project would provide important navigation benefits.

4. Recreation. The miles-long reservoir will provide many and varied recreational benefits to the people of the state of Idaho; and

WHEREAS, four major private utilities have formed the Pacific Northwest Power Company. This Company has received a preliminary permit for the Bruce's Eddy project. Start of immediate construction awaits Congressional legislation concerning the division of cost for down-river and other non-compensable items between the Government and private industry.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners, Clearwater County, State of Idaho, that we most respectfully urge upon the Congress of the United States of America that Congress expedite such legislation as shall be required to the end that construction on the Bruce's Eddy Dam project on the Clearwater River in Idaho may be commenced at an early date through a cooperative plan for a combination use of private resources and Federal participation as suggested by the partnership proposals of President Eisenhower and his administration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Clearwater, do hereby give to the building of said dams our earnest support and feel that by the establishment thereof it will be a benefit to the entire County of Clearwater, the State of Idaho and the nation and that any loss in taxation which might be taken out by the building of such dams would be more than recompensed by the additional industry and additional tax base which might be brought to the county

and therefore we recommend the building of said dams.

Dated this 9th day of May, 1955.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

L/S - C. A. Cuddy

Chairman

L/S - Louis Stenzel

L/S - Clifford Anderson

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