



THE WASHINGTON WATER POWER COMPANY

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KINSEY M. ROBINSON, PRESIDENT

The Honorable A. B. Curtis
Mayor of the City of Orofino
Orofino, Idaho

Dear Bert:

I have your letter of May 31, 1956 enclosing a copy of the Trinity Dam Bill.

This bill has a couple of provisions which I think would be very serious. The first is the "Provided" section in paragraph 1, requiring that the Secretary of Interior recommend proposals for the sale of falling water "which agreement, if any, shall not become effective until approved by Congress."

The second provision is in Section 4 of the bill, in the first "Provided" section: "That a first preference, to the extent of 25 per centum of such additional energy, shall be given, under reclamation law, to preference customers....."

The first provision I think would probably foreclose us from ever getting congressional authorization in a congress such as we have today, which may not be any better in the coming congressional year.

The provision in Section 4 of the bill would make it impossible for us to finance a dam if we had to allocate any of the power to preference customers.

I am sure that the bill you presented to Senator Dworshak is much cleaner and has a greater opportunity of securing approval.

Sincerely,

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