



## Department of Energy

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In reply refer to: DIN-7

The Honorable Maria Cantwell  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Cantwell:

I am writing to express the view of the Bonneville Power Administration (Bonneville) on the potential wholesale rate impacts of S. 995, the Spokane Tribe (Spokane Tribe) of Indians of the Spokane Reservation Equitable Compensation Act. As you know, the bill would require that Bonneville make annual payments to the Spokane Tribe of Indians based on a formula tied to similar compensation to the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Indian Reservation (Colville Tribes). Bonneville estimates that these annual payments would not result in perceptible rate impacts to its utility customers.

Bonneville's annual payments to the Colville Tribes are between \$14 million and \$22 million a year, depending on power values. S. 995 provides an initial ten years of payments to the Spokane Tribe that would be a quarter of the payments to the Colville Tribes. The cost of the Spokane annual payments would raise Bonneville's wholesale rates by approximately \$0.0001 per kilowatt-hour.

I would be happy to provide you with any additional information you may need. Please contact me or Sonya Baskerville, Bonneville's Manager for National Relations at (202) 586-5640.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "E. Mainzer".

Elliot E. Mainzer  
Administrator and Chief Executive Officer

