

Richard Lauckhart comments made at the ColumbiaGrid Board of Directors meeting
August 16, 2017

- 1) Despite what ColumbiaGrid writes in its reports, there is no Firm Commitment by anyone to transmit 1,350 MW of Entitlement Power to the Canadian border.
- 2) The Grid cannot deliver 1,350 MW of power to the Canadian border today under all weather and contingency events.
- 3) If ColumbiaGrid thinks there is such a Firm Commitment, they had better get studying to see what it would take to make that delivery under heavy winter conditions with N-2 contingencies. Then figure out who is going to pay for it. Then get started on the work to permit and build what is necessary. And haste is needed in order to get this done before the transmission terms of the Treaty that were put in place in 1999 expire in 2024.
- 4) I have provided ColumbiaGrid twelve questions in their recent Open Comment period. ColumbiaGrid chose to answer only one of those twelve questions. ColumbiaGrid is losing credibility as an organization that considers stakeholder input.
- 5) ColumbiaGrid is saying that Energize Eastside will cost between \$65 million and \$80 million. Yet the Energize Eastside EIS indicates that Energize Eastside will cost well north of \$200 million. And there are much cheaper and better alternatives for PSE to solve any local reliability needs on its system. ColumbiaGrid is clearly out of touch on the Energize Eastside matter.

I will email these comments to ColumbiaGrid for the record.

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