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Dear Mr. Johnstone:

The Contract Committee of the Pacific Northwest Coordination Agreement is composed of representatives from all the electric utilities that have hydro generating capability in the U. S. below Kootenay Lake. The Contract Committee has reviewed West Kootenay's proposed operation for Kootenay Lake this summer to fill above IJC and thereby reduce spill. The Contract Committee realizes that the water releases out of Kootenay Lake will be reduced in June and July and moved into August and perhaps September.

This is such a bad year for the interconnected electric utilities on the West Coast of both the U. S. and Canada that the Contract Committee welcomes any effort to reduce spill at Kootenay Lake.

Yours truly,

Michael J. Hansen
Secretary, PNCA Contract C