COLUMBIA RIVER TREATY

Steve Wright, General Manager
Chelan County PUD
Columbia River Treaty Signing
Columbia River Treaty Implementation Signing
Grand Coulee Dam
“...the total value of payments on 1 April 1973 of $501 million (Canadian) is compared with the total value of compounded capital costs of the three storage dams of $447.7 million. The surplus revenues on that date (April 1973) are sufficient to pay about one half of the cost of installing 1.3 million kilowatts of generating capacity at the Mica dam.”

- Paul Martin Sr., Secretary of State for External Affairs at the 1964 External Affairs Committee meeting for the Canadian Parliament review of the Treaty

“Over the years my work has made it necessary for me to give a good deal of study to Canadian economic history. I am satisfied that this Columbia agreement is the most profitable single, international, commercial transaction in the history of our country.”

- Dr. Hugh Keenleyside, Chair of BC Hydro (1962-69) and the Canadian Entity
U.S. Entity Regional Recommendation
for the
Future of the Columbia River Treaty after 2024

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December 13, 2013
Estimated Benefits Compared to Actual
Vanport, Oregon
Article XIX: Period of Treaty

1. The Treaty shall come into force on the ratification date.

2. Either Canada or the United States of America may terminate the Treaty other than Article XIII (Except paragraph (1) thereof), Article XVII and this Article at any time after the Treaty has been in force for sixty years if it has delivered at least ten years written notice to the other of its intention to terminate the Treaty.

3. If the Treaty is terminated before the end of the useful life of a dam built under Article XII then, notwithstanding termination, Article XII remains in force until the end of the useful life of the dam.

4. If the Treaty is terminated before the end of the useful life of the facilities providing the storage described in Article IV(3) and if the conditions described therein exist then, notwithstanding termination, Articles IV(3) and VI(4) and (5) remain in force until either the end of the useful life of those facilities or until those conditions cease to exist, whichever is the first to occur.