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Resolution on the Protection of LSRD and Jobs

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WHEREAS, the future of the lower Snake River dams (LSRD) is at stake; and

WHEREAS, hydropower is the backbone of our region, accounting for 90% of our renewable energy, and the LSRD are part of the critical infrastructure that protects our jobs, our families, and our future; and

WHEREAS, inexpensive, reliable power is a vital factor for countless companies located and building here, an impact of countless direct and indirect jobs; and

WHEREAS, Washington relies on our region's agricultural industry and the LSRD to supply water for irrigation, removal of these would eliminate 48 thousand acres of land from agriculture, affecting food production in three of Washington's most productive agricultural counties; and

WHEREAS, removal of the LSRD will result in increasing transportation costs associated with bringing our food to market and an estimated 25% increase to our electricity bills; and

WHEREAS, our Port of Vancouver generates an approximate \$300 Million of Annual Revenue, including shipping afforded by easy passage from Lewiston, Idaho to the Pacific Ocean; and

WHEREAS, the impact on the economy will hit working families and vulnerable populations especially hard, not just in Southwest Washington but across the state; and now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the Southwest Washington Central Labor Council hereby declare our utmost support of retaining the Lower Snake River Dams; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, the Southwest Washington Central Labor Council will distribute this resolution among all our Local Unions, that all members may also add their individual voice in support of these dams and all the jobs affected by them.


Shannon Myers, President


Kevin Lux, Secretary-Treasurer