

increasing intensity for nearly 15 years. It is the most important matter affecting the people of Washington, Oregon and California to come before the Commission during the incumbency of any of its present members. In its ultimate implications this issue is perhaps as important to the States of the Pacific Northwest as any development since construction of the first Federal main-stream dam across the Columbia more than 25 years ago.

In the light of these facts, I am persuaded that the "period of public notice given in this matter" was unreasonably short, and that the Notice of Application published and circulated by this Commission was gravely deficient in that it conveyed not the slightest inkling of the serious issues actually involved. Further, I am persuaded that the Commission has not, in actual fact, found that all of the proposed construction is "compatible with the public interest" as required by law, for the reasons that:

- (a) the applicant has not shown that there is or will be enough non-Federal power to load the intertie in question here; and
- (b) the availability of surplus Federal power -- which might make the line economical -- depends upon a policy decision that must be made by the Congress.

These being the facts, and they are the facts, it was not only premature but impossible for the staff and the majority to "find" that all aspects of the proposal are "compatible with the public interest." I suggest there has been no such finding, that no record exists to support such a finding and that, to those who know and understand the relevant circumstances, the alleged "finding" does not possess even the semblance of reality.

Although no adequate record has been made in this proceeding, there is a voluminous public record, most of it contained in Committee prints and hearings of the United States Senate, 2/ concerning various proposals

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- 2/ (a) Hearings before the Subcommittee on Irrigation and Reclamation of the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, United States Senate, Eighty-Sixth Congress, First Session, on the Bonneville (Pacific Northwest)-California Intertie, April 8 and 9, 1959.
 - (b) Committee Print of the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, United States Senate, titled "Pacific Northwest (Bonneville) California Intertie," May 3, 1960.
 - (c) Hearing before the Subcommittee on Irrigation and Reclamation of the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, United States Senate, Eighty-Sixth Congress, Second Session, on the Pacific