

29 July 2005

Mr. Fred Ayer
34 Providence Street
Portland, ME
04103

Ref: FERC Project # 2169

Dear Mr. Ayer;

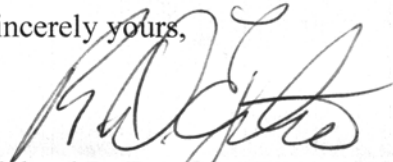
The purpose of this letter is to speak out on behalf of the APGI application to be recognized as a low impact hydroelectric facility.

As the President of a large group of homeowners known as 'The Friends of Lake Santeetlah' I participated in the entire licensing process and can attest to the fact that APGI has, in every case, attempted to minimize or eliminate any impact that this development has had on the local area. I'm sure that you will see this if you are able to review the application that was submitted and accepted by FERC.

While time consuming and sometimes trying for all involved, I feel that all of the parties involved in reaching this settlement attempted to seek a solution that minimized the impact of the hydroelectric development on the local area. This process was driven by the APGI staff and their consultants. As a result this rugged, beautiful area will not be impacted by the generation of this important resource.

I'd be more than happy to discuss this with you, if you so desire. You can reach me at 828-479-8477 this summer.

Sincerely yours,



Richard D. Eyestone
President, Friends of Lake Santeetlah

Cc: Mr. Robert Smet-APGI