

# Gateway to Excellence

## ENTIAT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 127

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October 17, 2000

Ms. Michelle Smith  
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Dear Michelle:

Attached are the questions, related to the SocioEconomic Study, that were generated by the Entiat Focus Group, which you may forward to Reed Hansen.

For Reed's convenience, we have broken down the questions into two types: general questions and specific questions, corrections, and clarifications.

If possible, would you please send us 3-4 more copies of the SocioEconomic Study? Thank you.

Sincerely,



Jeff Davis  
Superintendent

cc: Attachment (2 pages)

## **ROCKY REACH DAM RELICENSING PROJECT** **SOCIO-ECONOMIC STUDY/FIRST DRAFT - 9/18/00**

### **GENERAL QUESTIONS**

- 1) What is the magnitude of difference between the "cost" of Rocky Reach power production and the "value" of the power produced?
- 2) Entiat was often compared to Malaga in this study. Perhaps another small city in Washington State with which to compare Entiat is Cosmos, a small town along the Cowlitz River that was submerged during the construction of the Cowlitz Hydroelectric Project.
- 3) Why is the revenue from the sale of "non-firm" ("secondary") power not included in this study, as well as other sources of revenue?
- 4) This report suggests that Alcoa's presence in the region contributes to the economic landscape. There is an inference that Entiat has benefited from the Alcoa operation. Doesn't evidence suggest that Entiat has not benefited economically from this operation?
- 5) The scope of this report seems restricted to "river operations". Why shouldn't all aspects of the Chelan County P.U.D. operations, as they relate to Rocky Reach Dam, be given consideration?
- 6) Would the community of Entiat have been better off if the Rocky Reach Dam was never constructed?
- 7) The economic analysis of the region is based upon data that is several years old. Specifically, the analysis does not capture the dimension and intensity of the impact of a failing orchard industry.
- 8) What is the legal rationale for different RCW's for P.U.D.'s and municipalities as they pertain to hydroelectric projects?

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### **SPECIFIC QUESTIONS, CORRECTIONS, AND CLARIFICATIONS**

3-43: How much of the total project expenses are purchased goods and services? Of this amount, how much is spent locally (Wenatchee Area)?

3-46: This data suggests that Rocky Reach tourism is greater than Mission Ridge.

3-59: \$23,234,035 - How was this figure arrived at? This data indicates overnight visitors at the Entiat Park and this negatively impacts sewage system.

7-4: Does this table reflect all power sales, including non-firm power?

A-4: Correction - Pateros, not Peteros

A-25: Correction - Ribbon Cliff, not River Cliff

A-26: (3.5.2) There is no mention of "water quality" problems.

A-33: There is no information concerning the amount of acreage within *school district boundaries* that was flooded.

I.O.O.F. Hall and Community Church are the same building.

A-38: Correction - Wenoka, not Wewoka

A-43: Why was the Entiat per capita property value in 1970 \$8,134, while countywide it was \$7,259? We're guessing a decline in population.

A-45: There is no mention of a property tax "shift" for those who stayed in Entiat.

A-46: Would the data presented here be more meaningful with a supporting table of figures representing the dollars per pupil?

A-47: With the relocation of Entiat, housing became scarce and people chose to live in other communities because of a lack of amenities. This included teachers and other middle class residents. How can you quantify the absence of role models (e.g., teachers) for children in the community?

A-49: Does this table include M & O Levies and Construction Bonds?

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RE: Letter and Questions

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