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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 63

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 4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF
 5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA URGING THE
 6 BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION TO PREPARE AN IMPACT STUDY
 7 OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST HYDRO-THERMAL PLANNING PROGRAM.

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 9 WHEREAS, the energy resources of eastern Montana are
 10 being called upon to assist in meeting the requirements of
 11 the Pacific Northwest states, and

12 WHEREAS, the Pacific Northwest energy supply region,
 13 including much of Montana, is interconnected under the
 14 leadership of the Bonneville Power Administration, and

15 WHEREAS, the Bonneville Power Administration was
 16 established under an Act of Congress which, as amended,
 17 declares among its purposes to encourage the widest possible
 18 use of electric energy generated by federal hydroelectric
 19 projects, to prevent the monopolization of such energy by
 20 limited groups, and to give preference in the distribution
 21 of such energy to public bodies and cooperatives, and

22 WHEREAS, the Bonneville Power Administration, in
 23 cooperation with publicly-owned and investor-owned utilities
 24 in the Pacific Northwest, is responsible for planning for
 25 future energy needs, and has carried out such planning

1 through the medium of a Hydro-Thermal Power Program to meet
 2 projected needs through the year 1995, and

3 WHEREAS, the projection of energy needs by the
 4 Bonneville Power Administration is based upon a continuation
 5 of historical trends in demand growth, which trends have
 6 indicated an exponential growth pattern, and

7 WHEREAS, recent implementation of energy conservation
 8 policies and the promise of alternative sources of energy
 9 supply have indicated that a continuation of exponential
 10 growth of demand for energy generated from conventional
 11 sources is by no means inevitable, and

12 WHEREAS, within the past year YEARS, the largest single
 13 rate of growth in the various categories of sales of firm
 14 power produced by the Bonneville Power Administration has
 15 been that of direct sales to light metals industries, which
 16 fact has been construed in some quarters to imply a policy
 17 within said Administration to justify its demand projections
 18 through promotional marketing to limited groups at the
 19 expense of public bodies and cooperatives, and

20 WHEREAS, in order to fully air and resolve the
 21 controversies surrounding the marketing policies and demand
 22 projections of the Bonneville Power Administration, the
 23 Governors of Oregon and Washington have urged said
 24 Administration to examine alternative energy policies and
 25 strategies through the medium of an environmental impact

1 statement upon the overall program for meeting Pacific
2 Northwest energy needs during the next twenty years, and

3 WHEREAS, such an environmental impact statement would
4 require nothing more of the Bonneville Power Administration
5 than the Utility Siting Act of 1973 requires of state
6 agencies and public utilities operating in Montana, and

7 WHEREAS, preparation of such a statement for the
8 Pacific Northwest region would benefit the administration of
9 the Montana Utility Siting Act by allowing state
10 determinations of energy needs to be made in a clear context
11 of regional strategies for dealing with energy problems, and

12 WHEREAS, preparation of such a statement under the
13 procedures of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969
14 would allow the participation by concerned citizens,
15 business firms, and local and state governments similar to
16 the participation allowed in energy planning in Montana
17 under the Utility Siting Act, and

18 WHEREAS, the Forty-fourth Montana Legislature concurs
19 with the recommendations of the Governors of Oregon and
20 Washington.

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22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE
23 OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

24 That the Bonneville Power Administration is requested
25 to assume lead agency responsibility for the preparation of

1 a broad, programmatic environmental impact statement to
2 analyze the underlying assumptions of detailed electrical
3 energy plans and projects for the Pacific Northwest and the
4 interaction and aggregative effect of separate projects and
5 actions, examining at least three alternative assumptions as
6 to future energy demands such as the three alternative
7 forecasts set forth in the Ford Foundation Energy Policy
8 Study.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State
10 send copies of this resolution to the President of the
11 United States, the Secretary of the Interior, the Chairman
12 of the Federal Council on Environmental Quality, the
13 Administrator of the Bonneville Power Administration, the
14 Governor GOVERNORS and Congressional delegation DELEGATIONS
15 of Montana, ~~and--the--Governors--of~~ Washington, Oregon,
16 California, Idaho, and Wyoming.

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