



Columbia REA

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The Columbia REA Board of Directors has voted unanimously in favor of a resolution in support of the continued operation of the four lower Snake River dams.

The four dams — Ice Harbor, Lower Monumental, Little Goose and Lower Granite — are located in Eastern Washington near the Tri-Cities.

“The board of directors for Columbia REA has passed a resolution that supports the continued operation of the Snake River dams,” Says Columbia REA Board President Greg Knowles. “The clean, carbon-free electricity that is produced by these dams plays a critically important role in supporting the needs of our members.”

The dams provide jobs and a wealth of consistent, reliable, on-demand energy. Breaching the dams also would complicate fulfilling the requirements of a clean energy bill that the Washington Legislature passed this year, as hydroelectric energy created by the all the Snake and Columbia river dams accounts for more than 87 percent of Columbia REA’s energy. The Snake River dams generate nearly 11 percent of the hydropower supplied to the entire Pacific Northwest region.

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