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Ms. Patty Murphy
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RE: Letter of support

This letter is in support of the projects and activities of the Nuvista Light and Electric Cooperative, Inc. especially in regards to the following:

- Intertie Feasibility Reconnaissance Assessment
- Chikuminuk lake Hydroelectric and Alternative Energy Project
- Swift River Hydropower Reconnaissance and Resource Assessment

As you know, the Y-K Delta fuel and energy prices are the highest they have ever been, and relief from the high costs of energy which have plagued us for many years have yet to materialize permanently. Today, AVCP Housing is swamped with requests for Emergency Voucher Assistance (one of our annual program), that provides a temporary cash relief, but we have no money at this time for such assistance until Congress passes HR 5972, the Transportation and Housing bill. But the EVA program is not the real answer, just a "band-aid" solution.

The solution for high energy costs is development of energy projects that will reduce the cost of energy, such as hydro projects and other renewable energy projects. Nuvista's efforts in working toward this goal for the Y-K Delta appears to be the best solution we have right now, so we strongly encourage Nuvista to forge ahead with its work in development of these projects.

Thank you very much for allowing us to comment on your projects.

Sincerely,


Ron Hoffman
President/CEO