

## IBEW Local 48, Columbia Pacific Building & Construction Trades Council

my name is Mike urges and I'm a father of two teenage children who spent most of our days at work or school and the call me River. I appreciate the opportunity to be able to give comment on behalf of myself and the thousands of building trades men and women I represent as resident along the construction trades Council. And is this rep for IDW Local 48. I would like to go on record and say that IDW and the rest of the building trades are eating the way into renewable energy and we work with our partners all over the nation and in Washington state on solar, wind and any other options that come up. We are not climate deniers. We are leading the way on this.

That's why we support this project. But going back to the local billing traits and affiliates partnered with Northwest innovations to maximize this investment in the region. Along with that, one of the goals was also to help protect the environment and the beautiful Columbia River we all love and rely on so much. Early on we found the innovation shared the same values and over the last six years have back that up with commitments to 0 liquid discharge and technologies and 100 percent mitigation plan for Washington state. We are very excited about the opportunity to move this project forward and I would say equally excited that we have a project that has helped a new higher standard for the environment and future development along the Columbia River in Washington and Oregon on. With that would urge the Department of ecology to expedite any process left so we can start building this facility and we can start reducing read house gases as soon as possible. Thank you.