

## Mac Syhaul

Thank you for giving me the opportunity. My name is Mac Seyhaul, and I'm a 51 -- I came to the county in 1971, have been here. And I also have to say at this point, I've been with the aluminum industry, starting at (indiscernible) down there in Portland in the '60s, and I've been at this location all these years as a production manager, general manager, vice-president. So as such, I've been in the -- direct and in directly been associated -- been in the energy field; buying, using, trying to be efficient. And at some point between our two plants here, Goldendale and the Dallas, we used, consumed -- purchase and consumed as much as to supply all the homes in the city of Seattle So what I'd like to give my support to this project. I'll say very clearly, I've seen the changes in the energy industry through the decades, and this is a project we need now for our future security, and it's the right location. I've studied a little bit of locations of such projects. Everybody I've listened has said this is an ideal location, because the two reservoirs are very close to each other, and it's close to BPA power station we have at the plant. So it's an ideal location. Now, for those in my community that have reservations, I have to say that work with -- I'll say at this point, that I worked with Ecology for decades, with a lot of regulators, made many trips to Olympia, and you're good people at the end. All the times we were -- you know, we looked at an issue from different perspectives, but I can -- I can assure my fellow Goldendale, Klickitat County residents, you will do a great job. To some degree involved with the clean-up of the site, so I know how thorough you are. It took us three years to get a plan before we could start clean up. And it's so detailed, so I know you will not -- you will do a very good job. The reason I support the project, because the power energy situation has changed. What I start at Troutdale, it we were dependant on BPA system, the dams. Power wasn't expensive. \$1 a megawatt an hour. And when it went to two, three, we shut down in '71. And you all know what the power costs are regionally, nationwide. It's 50, 70, 100. Hawaii pays 300, thereabouts. So it has changed quite a bit, and so we have a need for it. And secondly, the energy sources we're dependant on are not -- not going be there anymore. Hydro stepped out, and coal, you know. So I have to say, that this project will give us viability for a future with the wind projects and the solar projects. Thank you very much.