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RE: Support for Tribal Request to Delay Release of Tesoro-Savage DEIS

Greetings:

Conservation and community group intervenors Columbia Riverkeeper *et al.* support the recent request of CRITFC and its member Tribes that the Council delay issuance of the Tesoro-Savage draft Environmental Impact Statement until January 4, 2016. The release of the DEIS just days before Thanksgiving and the end-of-the-year holidays, combined with the short 45-day public comment period (which we have previously asked be extended), makes review of a complex and technical document extremely difficult. At the same time, release of the DEIS triggers a variety of deadlines in the parallel adjudication process that place demands on the parties, their members, experts, lawyers, and staff. These adjudication deadlines were set many months ago, before the DEIS release date was announced.

We respectfully request a DEIS release date and comment period that allows the time and attention that this important process deserves.

Sincerely,

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Environmental Council, Climate Solutions, and  
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cc: All parties to adjudication  
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