

Idaho's Engineer Estimates Hells Cost At \$429 Million

By JOHN KAMPS
 WASHINGTON (AP) — A pro-public power attorney tackled one of the Power Co.'s main engineers Wednesday at a Federal Commission hearing on the applications to erect three dams in the Snake River between Idaho and Oregon.

Mrs. Evelyn Cooper took over the examination of Robert A. Hogg, Idaho Power's sales engineer, who has finished three days of questioning by a Power Commission staff attorney.

Mrs. Cooper represents groups opposing construction of a federal dam in Hells Canyon, near one of the sites sought by Idaho Power. She explained the basis for her estimate that the federal project would cost more than \$429 million.

He said the Reclamation Bureau estimated in 1951 that the government's Hells Canyon project could be built for 357 million dollars.

Since then, he said, rising construction costs have outdated that estimate. And he said his estimates reflected items the Reclamation Bureau's figures did not include—such as interest during construction.

The engineer said his estimate of \$429 million-plus included 40 million for increased construction costs and 32 million for interest, among other things.

A letter from the Idaho Public Utilities Commission was admitted in a statement of position in Mrs. Cooper's objections.

Mrs. Cooper said the letter parallels so closely the arguments of the Idaho Power Co. that it may not have been prepared without the help of the company.

She said the letter was "full of generalities and conclusions not verified by evidence of the commission's authority or competence."

Idaho Power's attorney, R. P. Parry, said he "strenuously" objected to any implication of "wrong doing" on the part of public officials whose opinion "happened to coincide with the applicant's."

The Idaho commission letter said Idaho Power's project cost estimate was "reasonably adequate and sufficient" but stated that the cost of the federal project would be "excessive and uneconomic."

The state commission said power is needed and the Pacific Northwest "cannot wait 7 to 10 years" for a federal project while the Idaho Power Co. could complete its dams in 2 years.

Examiner William J. Costello admitted the letter, pointing out that comments of the state regulatory commission had been invited by the FPC.

He said such communications will be regarded as statements of position but not as evidence.

Questioned at a Federal Power Commission hearing on Idaho Power Co. applications to build three dams in the Hells Canyon area along the Snake River, Robert A. Hogg, the firm's sales engineer, was asked to estimate the maximum contributions to the pool in 1962 and in 1977 from the proposed federal project.

Hogg said that under ideal conditions Hells Canyon could account for 1,103,000 kilowatts in 1962—680,000 kilowatts at the site along the Idaho-Oregon border and 423,000 kilowatts at downstream plants as a result of Hells Canyon.

He said the maximum in 1977 would be 645,000 kilowatts—540,000 kilowatts at the site and 105,000 kilowatts downstream.

In making his estimates Hogg assumed the proposed 3,800,000-acre-foot Hells Canyon reservoir would be full at the beginning of each critical or low water period and emptied toward the end of each period.

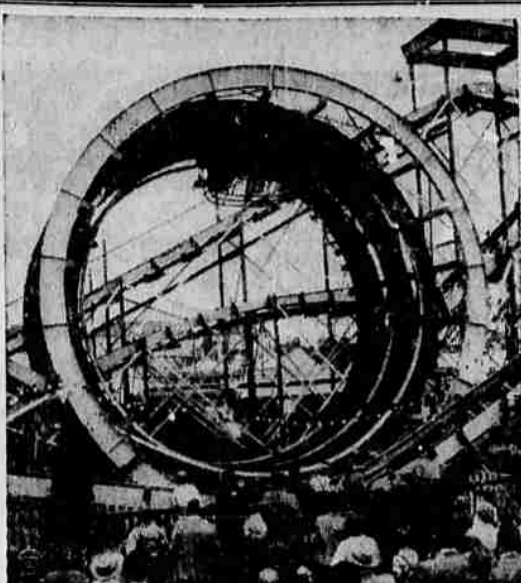
The critical period in the Columbia River downstream, where power shortages appear frequently, will be lengthened as a result of addition of water storage reservoirs along the Columbia and its tributaries, Hogg said.

John Mason, commission attorney who has been cross-examining Hogg since Friday, asked whether the Hells Canyon reservoir could be refilled in one year. Hogg replied it could not.

Hogg testified Monday that operation of the proposed federal project in the Pacific Northwest power pool system would be "limited" and "not particularly flexible."

He said use of the estimated 3,800,000 acre-foot federal reservoir would be limited during low water periods downstream in the Columbia River. Capacity of the federal reservoir would be nearly four times that of Idaho Power's three projects.

Hogg said the big reservoir would have to be full at the beginning of each critical period and



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Cattle Group Against Beef Price Support, Controls

DENVER (AP) — The 180 member executive committee of the American National Cattlemen's Association approved a tough-worded resolution Monday night against any legislated beef cattle price support or controls.

"Free markets make free men," the resolution stated in voicing opposition of the committee to any such program.

The representatives of the 23 state cattle associations in the national organization also charged the Eisenhower administration with "substantial failure" in administering the government beef-buying program.

The association earlier this year suggested the program of buying beef for foreign aid and school lunch programs as an alternative to fixed price supports and as a cushion to the sagging cattle market and drought disaster situation.

The administration of this program on a future basis, the committee said, permitted speculation.

It also objected that the GOP administration was not "aggressive" enough in urging processors to buy, and had not sufficiently expanded a program of food rather than dollars for foreign relief.

The group said contract awards were not being spread over all the cattle producing areas, and said the government had not given out enough information to the public

on general benefits of the beef buying program.

This, it said, leaves an opening for agitation by certain groups for a controlled price support program.

At the same time the stockmen voiced "wholehearted support" for Secretary of Agriculture Benson while deploring "the efforts of those who have attempted to make political issue of the existing emergency conditions in the cattle industry."

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The Nehalem, Yaquina, Alsea and Coquille Rivers were closed last Saturday and the Siuslaw Sunday.

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