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AGREEMENTS FOR SALE OF NEW COLUMBIA RIVER POWER

On August 13, the Canadian Entitlement Purchase Agreement covering the sale of Canada's entitlement to downstream power benefits under the Columbia River Treaty was signed in Seattle, Washington, between the British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority and Columbia Storage Power Exchange, a newly-formed non-profit corporation representing a group of publicly and privately owned utilities in the Pacific Northwest. Signed at the same time were other agreements between the United States domestic interests involved in the complex arrangements connected with the implementation of the terms of the Canadian Entitlement Purchase Agreement in the United States.

The agreements mentioned above clear the way for the sale of revenue bonds by CSPE to finance the purchase of the Canadian entitlement.

A press release issued just before the signing of the agreements reads, in part:

...The Parliament of Canada gave its approval to the ratification of the treaty in June and to the 30-year sale under the treaty for the purchase price of \$254.4 million in United States funds as of October 1, 1964.

The final step in implementing the treaty and in thereby bringing into force the agreements being signed today will come later. It will take the form of the exchange of the instruments of ratification and the signing of the exchange of notes under the treaty actually authorizing the 30-year sale by the Canadian and United States of America Governments. This final step will take place contemporaneously with the payment of the purchase price which, as has

already been indicated, is to be \$254.4 million in the United States funds as of October 1, 1964.

CANADIAN STORAGE PROJECTS

Under the treaty, three large storage projects are to be built by Canada in the Province of British Columbia on the upper Columbia River and tributaries — Duncan Lake Dam, Arrow Lakes Dam and Mica Dam. Pursuant to agreements entered into between the governments of Canada and British Columbia, the projects will be constructed and operated by the British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority.

These three dams to be constructed in British Columbia will control the flow of the Columbia River and enable 11 main-stem downstream dams in the United States of America, six federal and five public utility dams to produce initially 2.8 million kilowatts of additional firm capacity and about 1,520,000 kilowatt years of energy. The additional power so produced is to be shared on a 50-50 basis by the two countries. Canada's share initially will amount to about 1.4 million kilowatts of capacity and 760,000 kilowatt years of energy.

Under arrangements supplementary to the treaty, Duncan Lake Dam is to be completed by April 1, 1968, Arrow Lakes Dam by April 1, 1969, and Mica Dam by April 1, 1973. Under the terms of the Canadian Purchase Agreement, the Canadian entitlement produced from the operation of each of these dams will be sold for a 30-year period commencing in each instance from the completion of the project concerned.

The signing of the agreements in Seattle will bring together representatives of utilities in the