

SE Idaho Load Service – Authorization Request Summary

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- BPA has power sales contracts and network transmission agreements to serve six customers located primarily in SE Idaho.
 - These customers' loads currently amount to approximately 250 aMW, 500 MW peak.
 - In addition, customer loads connected to Idaho Power's transmission system currently amount to approximately 150 aMW, 250 MW peak.
- Existing contractual arrangements with PacifiCorp supporting BPA's ability to meet its obligations in SE Idaho will end in 2016.
- BPA is currently undergoing a process to determine what the best service arrangement(s) to serve SE Idaho load would be post-2016.
- Several of the alternatives BPA has identified would involve the agency's construction or participation in the construction of transmission facilities to serve BPA's load area in southern Idaho, southern Montana, and western Wyoming.

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- Pursuant to the Transmission System Act, section 4(d), BPA must obtain congressional approval prior to expending funds for the construction of transmission line to areas not currently served directly by BPA, which includes SE Idaho.
- BPA has included the draft statutory language below in its FY 2013 budget submittal to Congress designed to obtain this approval.
- While BPA has requested approval, BPA has **not** decided to pursue any particular transmission project, or even to pursue a transmission project at all to serve SE Idaho post-2016.
 - Since BPA has not decided how it will serve SE Idaho loads, post 2016, BPA has also not allocated any capital funding towards any service arrangement or addressed how potential service arrangements may impact BPA's access to capital.
 - Once decided, expenditures required for post-2016 service would be discussed in other forums.
- Section 5(b) of the Transmission System Act requires BPA to provide notice to a broad set of customers and other entities in the Pacific Northwest. This discussion is the first step in providing that notice.

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Draft Statutory Language:

“Expenditures from the Bonneville Power Administration Fund, established pursuant to Public Law 93-454, are approved for construction or participating in the construction of a high voltage line from Bonneville’s high voltage system to the service areas of requirements customers located within Bonneville's service area in southern Idaho, southern Montana and western Wyoming, and such line may extend to and interconnect in the Pacific Northwest with lines between the Pacific Northwest and the Pacific Southwest.”