



Transmission Services

Customer Comments on Short-Term Competition for Transmission Rights

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Lewis County PUD #1
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Subject: Short Term Preemption & Competition for Transmission Rights

The Public Utility District #1 of Lewis County asks that the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) reconsider its direction regarding the short term pre-emption and competition (STP&C) provision of transmission rights. It is our view that a number of issues remain unanswered, and a single meeting in February and a half-day customer forum in March did not allow for sufficient time to review and investigate complexities and potential issues on this subject.

Under the current provisions, it is the view of the District that the STP&C provisions will introduce uncertainty and logistical complexity to transmission scheduling, increase transmission costs for smaller-sized Slice/Block power purchasing utilities, and move BPA away from cost-based delivery of reliable power to public utilities in the northwest, creating additional costs to the region's ratepayers without commensurate benefits.

The District welcomes the opportunity to engage further on this dually beneficial and potentially detrimental provision of the BPA Tariff, and will work together with BPA ensure delivery of power under current BPA contracts is not hindered or forced to incur additional unnecessary costs.

Thank-you for the opportunity to comment on this subject, and for any further information, please contact me at the numbers below.

Yours sincerely,

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