



Transmission Services

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# **Customer Comments on Short-Term Competition for Transmission Rights**

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BPA Transmission Services  
VIA email: techforum@bpa.gov

**RE: Comments on Transmission Short Term Preemption & Competition for  
Transmission Rights**

Northwest Requirements Utilities (NRU) appreciates the opportunity to submit comments on BPA's proposal regarding automation of short-term and hourly competitions. NRU represents the interests of 50 load following, NT customers of BPA who rely on BPA to provide firm, reliable transmission service. We understand that BPA feels that it is under a tight timeframe to implement these automation procedures. However, we are concerned that BPA has not had the time to adequately assess and determine how these changes may affect other transmission policies and procedures (either directly or indirectly). Further, we are concerned that systems required to put this automation in place are not yet fully developed. Putting systems in place that are not yet fully developed may result in unintended consequences. Therefore, we ask BPA to (1) consider the direct and indirect implications of this process to other BPA policies and (2) to wait to implement a new system until all of the known issues are resolved and vetted in a public process including NT customers.