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To: Parties interested in Bonneville Power Administration's (BPA) Debt Optimization Program and its challenges surrounding Access to Capital

The BPA will hold two separate, but back-to-back public meetings to discuss the following debt management issues: 1) the Debt Optimization Program projections for upcoming years and demonstrations as required by the Slice Memorandum of Understanding, dated November 22, 2006; and 2) BPA's plans for public involvement on Access to Capital in FY 2009.

The Access to Capital meeting is a follow on to the Financial Plan process conducted in FY 2008 and the start of a new FY 2009 public involvement process to inform stakeholders and solicit ideas and approaches for ensuring BPA's continued, long-term access to capital. BPA has actively managed its limited Treasury borrowing authority for the past 10 years by developing programs such as Debt Optimization and engaging in lease financing as another source of capital. However, Debt Optimization is ending and it is unlikely that lease financing can completely fill the capital access need. This, combined with growing capital requirements, makes Access to Capital a key issue for BPA for FY 2009 and into the future. This meeting will provide an update on the issue, cover current initiatives and lay out a path for collaborating on a plan to sustain access to capital.

The workshop will be held on:

Thursday, February 12, 2009

9 a.m. to 1 p.m., BPA Rates Hearing Room

911 NE 11th Ave., Portland, Oregon 97232

To participate by phone, please call Joyce Chan, at (503) 230-5863.

For additional information on these subjects, see the following Web sites:

Debt Optimization: http://www.bpa.gov/corporate/Finance/Debt_Management/presentations/.

Access to Capital: http://www.bpa.gov/corporate/Finance/financial_plan/.

You may also contact Nadine Coseo at (503) 230-3337 or Jinah Nakaji at (503) 230-4080.

Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,

/s/ David J. Armstrong

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