



## Department of Energy

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October 8, 2009

In reply refer to: DK-7

Dan Seligman  
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Re: Copies of 30-60-90 Reports from January 1, 2008, to October 5, 2009.

Dear Seligman:

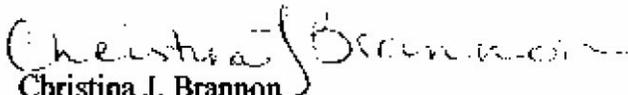
This letter is the final response to your request for information that you made to the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. 552.

**Response:**

BPA has provided the responsive documents in their entirety. There is no charge for your request.

I appreciate the opportunity to assist you with this matter.

Sincerely,

  
Christina J. Brannon  
FOIA/Privacy Act Officer



## Department of Energy

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January 2, 2008

In reply refer to: DKR-7

### MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

**FROM:** Stephen J. Wright  
Administrator and Chief Executive Officer

**SUBJECT:** 30-60-90 Day Report

January  
Next 30 Days

**Public Comment to Close on Salmon BiOp:** On December 12, U.S. District Court Judge James Redden met with Federal agencies and other stakeholders to respond to the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administrations (NOAA) draft Biological Opinion (BiOp) for the Federal Columbia River Power System. After listening to comment, Judge Redden expressed his intent to keep the issue moving while also allowing time for parties to provide their comments on the draft plans. Judge Redden set a deadline of January 4, 2008, for public comment and a deadline of March 18, 2008, for NOAA to deliver the final BiOp.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Decision on Residential Exchange Program (REP) Interim Payments:** On December 17, 2007, the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) released a proposal for interim Residential Exchange payments to investor-owned utilities (IOUs) and interim payments to BPA Preference customers. Comment will close January 2008. The proposal would address the current situation where BPA continues to collect roughly \$28 million per month for Residential Exchange costs from Preference customers but disburses no benefits to IOUs due to the rulings by the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals on May 3, 2007. The Court ruled that BPA exceeded its settlement authority in 2000 when it executed Residential Exchange settlements with the IOUs, so BPA suspended payments. BPA can't change rates for Preference customers outside a formal rate proceeding, which will not conclude before late summer 2008. Consequently, the interim payments to IOUs and Preference customers will be for Fiscal Year 2008 only and will be subject to a true-up once the Residential

Exchange benefits are finally determined in BPA's WP-07 supplemental rate case. BPA expects to issue a record of decision on whether to offer the contracts by late January.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**WP-07 Supplemental Rate Case Filing:** In January, BPA plans to file the Federal Register Notice for a supplemental proposal to resolve issues related to the REP. BPA expects the WP-07 rate case reopening to be completed in time for the rates to be in effect by October 1, 2008.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**BPA Resource Program:** In January, BPA will initiate outreach and scoping for a Resource Program for the 2009 through 2019 period. The Resource Program outlines how BPA plans to meet the energy needs of its customers over the next 10 years and how it will implement the Agency's share of the Northwest Power and Conservation Council's Power Plan. It also considers how much energy will be needed, what new resources to acquire, how to buy them, and how much to spend.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**FERC Tariff 890 Filing:** BPA expects to make an Order 890 filing with Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) in January. This filing responds to FERC's February 2007 order modifying its *pro forma* transmission tariff and directs a number of changes and requirements that are designed to ensure non-discriminatory open access to transmission service.

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A final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the project was issued in October. The project is sponsored by private developer Sea Breeze Olympic Converter LP.

No Secretarial action requested at this time

**Olympic Peninsula Reinforcement Project:** BPA expects to release a preliminary Environmental Assessment on a proposal to replace about 14.5 miles of an existing 115-kV transmission line between its Olympia and Shelton Substations on the Olympic Peninsula in Washington. This project also would require adding equipment at the two substations. The project would improve voltage stability during winter peak load conditions on the Olympic Peninsula.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

February  
Next 60 Days

**Wind Integration Rate Proposal:** In February 2008, BPA expects to issue an initial rate proposal for wind resources in BPA's control area. This rate will recover the cost of providing within-hour balancing services for wind generators connected to the BPA control area. Workshops on issues to be considered in the initial proposal are underway. The rate is intended to go into effect on October 1, 2008.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**BPA Financial Plan:** BPA expects to hold workshops in February and March to focus on the main issues to be addressed by updating BPA's Financial Plan. The updated plan is expected to address BPA's access to capital, metrics to measure financial risk, cost recovery policy, and actions to take in good and bad financial years. BPA's Long-Term Regional Dialogue Policy commits to review and update the Agency's existing financial plan.

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March  
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**Draft Master Contract Template:** By the end of March 2008, BPA expects to complete a draft master power sales contract for power sales to its customers after 2011, implementing the Regional Dialogue Policy. Customer workshops on contract issues and preliminary drafts of the template elements are in progress. The draft contract templates will be subject to public review in Spring 2008. BPA intends to offer contracts to customers by August 2008.

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Ongoing

**Transmission Open Season:** BPA plans to initiate its first "Network Open Season" in early 2008. The "Network Open Season" will improve how BPA manages and provides transmission service over the BPA network. Currently, BPA has about 230 requests for long-term firm transmission capacity in its request queue adding up to 16,000 megawatts. Many of these requests are for new generators, including wind farms. The Network Open Season approach would secure service commitments from requestors that sign purchase contracts and obligate BPA to provide transmission capacity if precedent conditions are met. These conditions include the ability to provide service at BPA's embedded cost rates and completion of National Environmental Policy Act requirements where new transmission facilities are needed.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Decision on Proposed Calpine Settlement:** On December 10, BPA closed public comment on whether it should recommend to the Department of Justice settlement of a lawsuit on the terms of an agreement with a geothermal developer. The lawsuit concerns a geothermal project at Telephone Flats in Northern California. BPA proposed to settle a claim by the developer, CPN Cascade, Inc., also known as Calpine, for \$1.5 million in exchange for voluntary dismissal

of the lawsuit. CPN Cascade claims damages of \$9 million, which could increase to about \$10.4 million with interest. The final decision to accept or reject the settlement rests with the Department of Justice.

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No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**ASC Methodology Consultation:** In February, BPA expects to file a notice in the Federal Register and begin formal consultation with the Northwest Power and Conservation Council, Northwest utilities, public utility commissions, and other interested parties on the methodology to be used to calculate utilities' Average System Costs (ASC), for purposes of determining their benefits under the REP. The consultation is expected to conclude in July 2008.

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**Tiered Rates Methodology:** BPA is revising its draft Tiered Rates Methodology (TRM) discussion paper for a late-February release for additional external review. BPA will then hold additional public workshops on the revised TRM draft discussion paper. BPA is proposing a long-term TRM to establish a predictable means by which to tier BPA's priority firm power rates beginning in FY 2012. Tiered rates will accompany new long-term firm power sales contracts that BPA expects to offer regional firm power customers in 2008. BPA plans to implement these contracts and the TRM beginning in FY 2012.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Direct-Service Industry Contract Review:** On February 15, 2008, BPA expects to introduce its preferred alternative for contractual benefits to the direct-service industry (DSI) smelters in a public workshop held under the auspices of BPA's Long-Term Regional Dialogue effort. The two DSI smelters BPA works with are Alcoa, which has a plant in Washington, and Columbia Falls Aluminum in Montana.

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**BPA Resource Planning:** In February or March, BPA plans to begin a series of workshops on its development of a Resource Program (RP) for the 2009 through 2019 period. The RP will outline how BPA plans to address the energy needs of its customers over the next 10 years. The RP will examine BPA's energy requirements and potential resource acquisitions and test these possible acquisitions against decision criteria including adequacy, cost and risk.

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**Palisades-Goshen Transmission Line Rebuild:** In March, BPA expects to issue an Environmental Assessment for the proposal to rebuild the Palisades-Goshen 115-kV transmission line. The line extends from Palisades Dam in Eastern Idaho approximately 52 miles west to BPA's Goshen Substation south of Idaho Falls, Idaho. The line was built in 1949. The majority of the wood poles and cross arms are in need of replacement. BPA proposes to rebuild this line due to its age and deteriorated condition to ensure safe and reliable transmission service.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

April  
Next 90 Days

**BPA to File as Qualified Reporting Entity for WREGIS:** This spring, BPA expects to register as a Qualified Reporting Entity (QRE) for Western Electricity Coordinating Council's Western Renewable Energy Generation Information System (WREGIS). BPA's participation in WREGIS is intended to help developers of renewable resources within BPA's balancing authority qualify to receive Renewable Energy Certificates for compliance with state Renewable Portfolio Standards. WREGIS is currently redrafting its Terms of Use Agreement. BPA expects to register once that document is final.

No Secretarial action requested at this time

Ongoing

**NOAA Fisheries Given Extension for Final BiOp:** On January 29, the U.S. District Court of Oregon granted NOAA Fisheries a 45-day extension to complete the final Biological Opinion (BiOp) for operation of the Federal Columbia River Power System. The Department of Justice had filed a request for an extension saying that NOAA Fisheries needs more time to review and respond to the volume of comment it received on the draft BiOp. The extension gives NOAA Fisheries until May 5 to complete the BiOp.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

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precedent conditions are met. These conditions include the ability to provide service at BPA's embedded cost rates and completion of National Environmental Policy Act requirements where new transmission facilities are needed. BPA has prepared revised tariff language that will be filed with its order 890 compliance filing and has developed a precedent transmission service agreement with its customers.

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March 5, 2008

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BPA control area. The rate is intended to go into effect on October 1, 2008. BPA and rate case parties are discussing possible settlement of the rate case.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Tiered Rates Methodology:** In early March, BPA expects to release, and hold public workshops on, a Draft Tiered Rates Methodology (TRM). Following the close of the public workshops, BPA plans to publish its TRM initial proposal in the Federal Register in April. BPA is proposing a long-term TRM to establish a predictable means by which prevent dilution of BPA's priority firm power rates beginning in FY 2012. Tiered rates will accompany new long-term firm power sales contracts that BPA expects to offer regional firm power customers in 2008. BPA plans to execute these contracts at the end of this year.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**BPA Offers Interim Residential Exchange Payments:** BPA customers have until March 24 to decide whether to accept interim Residential Exchange Program payments in 2008 or wait until the conclusion of the rate case and receive payments in 2009. On February 22, BPA offered interim Residential Exchange payments to investor-owned utilities (IOUs) and interim standstill payments to BPA Preference customers. These payments address the current situation where BPA continues to collect roughly \$28 million per month for Residential Exchange costs from Preference customers but disburses no benefits to IOUs due to the rulings by the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals on May 3, 2007. The Court ruled that BPA exceeded its settlement authority in 2000 when it executed Residential Exchange settlements with the IOUs, so BPA suspended payments. BPA cannot change rates for Preference customers outside a formal rate proceeding, which will not conclude before late summer 2008. Consequently, the interim payments to IOUs and Preference customers will be for FY 2008 only and will be subject to a true-up once the Residential Exchange benefits are finally determined in BPA's WP-07 supplemental rate case.

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May  
Next 90 Days

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**BPA Schedules Network Open Season:** BPA announced that it will conduct its first "Network Open Season" beginning April 15. The Network Open Season will improve how BPA manages and provides transmission service over the BPA network. Currently, BPA has about 180 requests for long-term firm transmission capacity in its request queue adding up to as much as 9,000 megawatts. Many of these requests are for new generators, including wind farms. The Network Open Season approach would secure service commitments from requestors that sign purchase contracts and obligate BPA to provide transmission capacity if precedent conditions are met. These conditions include the ability to provide service at BPA's embedded cost rates and completion of National Environmental Policy Act requirements where new transmission facilities are needed. BPA filed with the FERC its

revised tariff language on April 1 in advance of its Order 890 compliance filing and has developed a precedent transmission service agreement with its customers. BPA expects to proceed with the precedent agreements once FERC rules on the filing.

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No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**BPA Customers Sign Interim Residential Exchange Payment Agreements:** By April 2, BPA expects to have processed a total of approximately \$281 million in payments to customers who signed agreements for interim payments under the Residential Exchange Program (REP). On February 22, BPA offered interim Residential Exchange payments to investor-owned utilities (IOUs) and interim standstill payments to BPA preference customers. As of the March 24 deadline, 4 IOUs and 100 preference customers had signed these agreements. These payments address the current situation where BPA continues to collect roughly \$28 million per month for Residential Exchange costs from preference customers but disburses no benefits to IOUs due to the rulings by the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals on May 3, 2007. The Court ruled that BPA exceeded its settlement authority in 2000 when it executed Residential Exchange settlements with the IOUs, so BPA suspended payments. BPA cannot change rates for preference customers outside a formal rate proceeding, which will not conclude before late summer 2008. Consequently, the interim payments to IOUs and preference customers will be for FY 2008 only and will be subject to a true-up once the Residential Exchange benefits are finally determined in BPA's WP-07 supplemental rate case.

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**Integrated Program Review:** In May, BPA will begin public workshops for its Integrated Program Review (IPR). The IPR provides an overview of spending levels and strategic direction for FY 2010-2011. Public review will continue through June, leading to a draft report for FY 2010-2011 in July, and final decisions in September. These decisions will define BPA's revenue requirements for the rate case for FY 2010-2011.

At the same time, BPA will conduct an expedited review of changes to FY 2009 spending levels from the original WP-07 rate case. BPA will complete decisions on these changes in June to define the agency's revenue requirements for the Supplemental WP-07 rate case.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**ASC Methodology Consultation:** May 2 is the scheduled date for close of public comment on BPA's proposed Average System Cost Methodology. BPA has proposed a revised methodology to calculate utilities' Average System Costs (ASC) for purposes of determining their benefits under the REP. BPA is using an expedited review process to calculate ASCs for use in developing BPA's final FY 2009 power rates. Following the close of comment, BPA expects to release a proposed Record of Decision (ROD) in May for additional comment and publish a Final ROD in June.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Wind Integration Rate Case Parties Sign Settlement Agreement:** In March, a significant number of parties to the WI-09 Wind Integration Rate Case signed a settlement agreement for the case. If the Administrator adopts the settlement, BPA will file the rate with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) in May. The rate will be effective for FY 2009.

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May  
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**Columbia Basin Fish Accords Signed:** On May 2, the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) joined four Northwest tribes in a signing ceremony and celebration of the Columbia Basin Fish Accords. The Accords supplement biological opinions for listed salmon and steelhead and the Northwest Power and Conservation Council's fish and wildlife program. They provide firm commitments to hydro, habitat, and hatchery actions and secure stable funding for 10 years. The signing ceremony culminated two years of extensive negotiations among tribes and Federal action agencies at the behest of U.S. District Court of Oregon Judge James Redden. Parties to the Accords include BPA, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Bureau of Reclamation, the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon, the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation, the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission, the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Indian Reservation, the State of Montana, and the State of Idaho. The State of Washington has announced its support for this partnership approach.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Final BiOp Due:** On May 5, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA Fisheries) filed with the U.S. District Court of Oregon the final Biological Opinion (BiOp) for operation of the Federal Columbia River Power System.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Tiered Rates Methodology:** On May 2, BPA published in the Federal Register its Tiered Rates Methodology (TRM) initial rate proposal. A pre-hearing conference on the TRM rate case is scheduled for May 12. BPA is proposing a long-term TRM to establish a predictable means by which to tier BPA's Priority Firm (PF) power rates beginning in Fiscal Year (FY) 2012. A tiered PF rate provides for separate charges to recover the cost of existing resources (Tier 1) and the cost of new resources needed to serve load growth (Tier 2). Tiered rates will accompany new long-term firm power sales contracts that BPA expects to offer regional public utility customers in 2008. BPA plans to execute these contracts at the end of this year.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**ASC Methodology:** On May 2, BPA closed public comment on its proposed Average System Cost Methodology. BPA has proposed a revised methodology to calculate utilities' Average System Cost (ASC) for purposes of determining their future benefits under the Residential Exchange Program. BPA is using an expedited review process to calculate ASCs for use in developing BPA's final FY 2009 power rates. Following the close of comment, BPA expects to release a revised draft ASC Methodology based on public discussion for additional comment from May 23 to June 6 and to publish a final Record of Decision (ROD) in June.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**2007 Supplemental Wholesale Power Rate Case:** On May 5, BPA closed public comments on the initial proposal in its 2009 Supplemental Wholesale Power Rate Adjustment proceeding. BPA filed the proposal in February. The proposal describes BPA's approach to responding to decisions by the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals of May and October, 2007, regarding the 2000 Residential Exchange Program Settlement Agreements and their treatment in power rates. BPA expects to issue a draft Record of Decision in July, the final in late August, and to complete the WP-07 supplemental proceeding in time for revised power rates for FY 2009 to be in effect by October 1, 2008.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Draft Long-Term Contract Templates:** On May 9, BPA will close the period for written public comments on draft templates for its proposed new long-term power sale contracts. The contracts are being developed as part of BPA's Long-Term Regional Dialogue Policy and

**Record of Decision.** BPA is holding regular public workshops to discuss and take public comment on the contract templates. BPA is scheduled to complete the signing of long-term power sale contracts by the end of the year.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**BPA Founding Reporter to The Climate Registry:** On May 1, BPA signed a letter of intent to report its 2009 greenhouse gas emissions to The Climate Registry, a non-profit greenhouse gas reporting organization supported by 39 member states. Reporting will verify the agency's low greenhouse gas emission profile, and is expected to help the agency's utility customers respond to any state reporting requirements on power they buy from BPA.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**BPA Qualified Reporting Entity for WREGIS:** In May, BPA expects to register as a Qualified Reporting Entity for Western Electricity Coordinating Council's Western Renewable Energy Generation Information System (WREGIS). BPA will report actual electrical production of renewable resources integrated in its balancing authority. BPA's participation in WREGIS is intended to help developers of renewable resources within BPA's balancing authority qualify to receive Renewable Energy Credits.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**BPA Financial Plan Review:** BPA expects to release a draft Financial Plan for public review in mid to late May. The updated plan is expected to address BPA's access to capital, metrics to measure financial risk, cost recovery policy, and actions to take in good and bad financial years. BPA's Long-Term Regional Dialogue Policy commits to review and update the agency's existing financial plan. BPA expects to complete a final Financial Plan at the end of July.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Integrated Program Review:** On May 15-22, BPA will conduct eight public workshops for its Integrated Program Review (IPR). The IPR provides an overview of spending levels and strategic direction for FY 2010 and 2011. Public review will continue through June, leading to a draft report for FY 2010-2011 in July and final decisions in September. These decisions will define BPA's revenue requirements

for the rate case for FY 2010-2011. At the same time, BPA will conduct an expedited review of changes to FY 2009 spending levels from the original WP-07 rate case. BPA will complete decisions on these changes in June to define the agency's revenue requirements for the Supplemental WP-07 rate case.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**FCRPS Draft Systemwide Cultural Resources Programmatic Agreement:** Public comments will close May 11 on a joint BPA, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Reclamation draft Programmatic Agreement (PA) on Federal Columbia River Power System (FCRPS) Systemwide Cultural Resources. The draft PA covers management of historic properties affected by multi-purpose operation of 14 FCRPS hydro projects and provides principles and commitments for lead Federal agencies' compliance with aspects of the National Historic Preservation Act.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Lyle Falls Fish Passage Project:** On May 12, BPA will close public comment on the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed Lyle Falls Fish Passage Project located near Lyle, Washington. BPA released the draft EIS for the project in March. BPA proposes to modify an existing fish passageway to more effectively allow adult fish to move into spawning areas in the upper Klickitat River. The project is also intended to improve facilities for fish monitoring, fish data collection, and broodstock collection.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Juan de Fuca Underwater Cable:** In May, BPA and the Department of Energy expect to issue a joint ROD on a proposal to interconnect the proposed Port Angeles Juan de Fuca transmission project with its transmission system. The project would consist of a 550-megawatt direct current underwater cable from Victoria, British Columbia to Port Angeles on Washington's Olympic Peninsula, where it would interconnect with BPA's transmission grid. A final EIS on the project was issued in October. The project is sponsored by private developer Sea Breeze Olympic Converter LP.

No Secretarial action requested at this time

**Libby-Troy Rebuild:** In May, BPA expects to release the Final EIS for its proposal to rebuild a 17-mile section of the Libby-to-Bonniers Ferry 115-kilovolt transmission line in Lincoln County, Montana. BPA issued a draft EIS on July 20, 2007. The public comment period on the draft EIS closed September 4, 2007.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Chief Joseph Hatchery Program:** In May, BPA expects to release a final EIS for a program sponsored by the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation to assist in conservation and recovery of summer/fall chinook salmon in the Okanogan subbasin and the Columbia River below Chief Joseph Dam. The program would augment the ceremonial and subsistence harvest of salmon for the Tribes.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

June  
Next 60 Days

**Wind Integration Rate Case Settlement Agreement:** In June, if the Administrator adopts a settlement agreement signed by most parties to the WI-09 Wind Integration Rate Case, BPA will file the rate with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. The rate will be effective for FY 2009. The rate is intended to better align cost creation and cost recovery for balancing the variable output of wind farms in its control area within each hour.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**BPA Network Open Season:** On June 16, BPA will close its first Network Open Season. BPA customers seeking transmission service are being offered transmission service over the BPA network under a Precedent Transmission Service Agreement (PTSA). Customers must sign and return agreements to BPA by the June 16 deadline if they decide to accept the offer. They also must meet security requirements. If a customer chooses not to sign the PTSA its request for transmission service will be removed from the request queue. BPA expects to conduct a Network Open Season at least once a year.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

July  
Next 90 Days

Nothing to report.

Ongoing

**FERC Tariff 890 Filing:** BPA expects to make an Order 890 filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). This filing responds to FERC's February 2007 order modifying its pro forma transmission tariff and making a number of changes designed to ensure non-discriminatory open access to transmission service

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June 4, 2008

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### MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

FROM: Stephen J. Wright  
Administrator and Chief Executive Officer

SUBJECT: 30-60-90 Day Report

June  
Next 30 Days

**2007 Supplemental Wholesale Power Rate Case:** In June, the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) will continue with the proceedings for its 2009 Supplemental Wholesale Power Rate Adjustment Proceeding. BPA filed the initial proposal in February and parties filed rebuttal testimony in May. The proposal describes BPA's approach to responding to decisions by the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals of May and October, 2007, regarding the 2000 Residential Exchange Program (REP) Settlement Agreements and their treatment in power rates. BPA expects the WP-07 Supplemental proceeding to be completed in time for revised power rates for Fiscal Year (FY) 2009 to be in effect by October 1, 2008.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Tiered Rates Methodology:** In June, BPA will continue its rate process for its Tiered Rates Methodology (TRM) initial rate proposal. BPA is proposing a long-term TRM to establish a predictable means by which to tier BPA's Priority Firm (PF) power rates beginning in FY 2012. A tiered PF rate provides for separate charges to recover the cost of existing resources (Tier 1) and the cost of new resources needed to serve load growth (Tier 2). Tiered rates will accompany new long-term firm power sales contracts that BPA expects to offer regional public utility customers in 2008. BPA plans to execute these contracts at the end of this year. Parties to the rate case have agreed to waive restrictions on ex parte communications during settlement discussions that are planned through July.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Draft ASC Methodology ROD:** BPA expects to complete public comment on its draft Average System Cost (ASC) Methodology Record of Decision (ROD) in mid-June. BPA has proposed a revised methodology to calculate utilities' ASCs for purposes of determining their future benefits under the REP. BPA is using an expedited review process to calculate ASCs for use in developing BPA's final FY 2009 power rates. Following the close of comment, BPA expects to publish a final ROD in late June.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

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No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**BPA Network Open Season:** On June 16, BPA will close its first Network Open Season (NOS). BPA customers seeking transmission service are being offered transmission service over the BPA network under a Precedent Transmission Service Agreement (PTSA). Customers must sign and return agreements to BPA by the June 16 deadline if they decide to accept the offer. They also must meet security requirements. If a customer chooses not to sign the PTSA its request for transmission service will be removed from the request queue. BPA has filed tariff language with FERC for its NOS and expects to have that approved by June 16. BPA expects to conduct an NOS at least once a year.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**BPA Financial Plan Review:** BPA expects to have released a draft Financial Plan for public review in June. The updated plan is expected to address BPA's access to capital, metrics to measure financial risk, cost recovery policy, and actions to take in good and bad financial years. BPA's Long-Term Regional Dialogue Policy commits to review and update the agency's existing financial plan. BPA expects to complete a final Financial Plan at the end of July.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

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July  
Next 60 Days

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public workshops to discuss and take public comment on the contract templates. BPA is scheduled to complete the signing of long-term power sale contracts by the end of the year.

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No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Willamette Biological Opinion:** NOAA Fisheries and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are under a stipulated agreement to complete in July, Biological Opinions for the operation of 13 dams in the Willamette River basin in Oregon. BPA markets electricity generated by eight of those dams. The dams affect chinook salmon, steelhead, Oregon chub, and bull trout listed for protection under the Endangered Species Act.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Transmission Rate Case for 2010-2011:** In July, BPA will begin public workshops in preparation for its transmission rate case for FY 2010 and 2011.

August  
Next 90 Days

Nothing to report.

Ongoing

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July 2, 2008

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Administrator and Chief Executive Officer

**SUBJECT:** 30-60-90 Day Report

July  
Next 30 Days

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No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Transmission Rate Case for 2010-2011:** In July, BPA will begin public workshops in preparation for its transmission and ancillary services rate case for FY 2010 and 2011. Pursuant to the WI-09 Wind Integration: Within Hour Balancing Service Rate Case, BPA has also initiated workshops to refine its reserves forecasting methodology to accommodate higher levels of wind penetration and changing systems operations within BPA's balancing authority. The reserves forecasting methodology will serve as the basis for estimating the quantity of within-hour reserve needs for the FY 2010-2011 Transmission Initial Rate Case Proposal.

No Secretarial Action requested at this time.

**BPA Financial Plan Review:** On July 8, BPA will close public comment on its draft Financial Plan. BPA expects to complete a final Financial Plan at the end of July. The updated plan will address BPA's access to capital, metrics to measure financial risk, cost recovery policy, and actions to take in good and bad financial years. BPA's Long-Term Regional Dialogue Policy commits to review and update the agency's existing financial plan.

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No Secretarial action requested at this time.

September  
Next 90 Days

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Ongoing

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August 6, 2008

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### MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

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SUBJECT: 30-60-90 Day Report

August  
Next 30 Days

**2007 Supplemental Wholesale Power Rate Case:** In August, the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) will publish a draft Record of Decision (ROD) for its 2007 Supplemental Wholesale Power Rate Adjustment Proceeding. BPA filed its initial rate proposal in February. The proposal describes BPA's approach to responding to decisions by the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals issued in May and October, 2007, regarding the 2000 Residential Exchange Program (REP) Settlement Agreements and their treatment in power rates. BPA expects the WP-07 Supplemental proceeding to be completed in time for revised power rates for Fiscal Year (FY) 2009 to be effective October 1, 2008.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Tiered Rates Methodology:** In August BPA will continue rate proceedings for its Tiered Rate Methodology (TRM) Supplemental Proposal. BPA is proposing a long-term TRM to establish a predictable means by which to tier BPA's Priority Firm (PF) power rates beginning in FY 2012. A tiered PF rate provides for separate charges to recover the cost of existing resources (Tier 1) and the cost of new resources needed to serve load growth (Tier 2). Tiered rates will accompany new long-term firm power sales contracts that BPA expects to offer regional public utility customers in 2008. BPA plans to execute these contracts at the end of this year.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Release of Long-Term Contract Templates:** In August, BPA will offer new long-term power sale contracts for consideration by customers. The contracts are being developed as part of BPA's Long-Term Regional Dialogue Policy and ROD. BPA has completed public

workshops to discuss and take public comment on the contract templates. BPA is scheduled to complete the signing of long-term power sale contracts by the end of the year.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Transmission Rate Case for 2010-2011:** In August, BPA will continue public workshops in preparation for its transmission and ancillary services rate case for FY 2010 and 2011.

No Secretarial Action requested at this time.

**BPA Seeks Comment on Proposed Wind Farm Interconnection:** BPA is accepting public comment through August 25 on the proposal by Sagebrush Power Partners, LLC, to interconnect to the Federal Columbia River Transmission System up to 108 megawatts of electricity to be generated from its proposed Kittitas Valley Wind Project in Kittitas County, Washington. A lawsuit challenging the State of Washington's siting approval for the wind project is pending in the Washington State Supreme Court.

No Secretarial Action requested at this time.

September  
Next 60 Days

**Integrated Program Review:** In September, BPA expects to complete final decisions for FY 2010-2011 spending levels. BPA completed public discussions for its Integrated Program Review (IPR) in July and will hold close-out workshops in September. The IPR provides an overview of spending levels and strategic direction for FY 2010-2011. The results of that process will inform BPA's revenue requirements for the power and transmission rate cases for FY 2010-2011. In July, BPA completed an expedited review of changes to FY 2009 spending levels from the original WP-07 power rate case.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

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No Secretarial action requested at this time.

October  
Next 90 Days

**Northwest Energy Efficiency Taskforce Midpoint Check-in:** In October, the Executive Committee of the Northwest Energy-Efficiency Taskforce (NEET) will meet to review the progress of its six work groups. NEET is co-chaired by BPA Administrator Steve Wright; Tom Karier, member of the Northwest Power and Conservation Council; and Pat Reiten, President of Pacificorp Co. The NEET Executive Committee is composed of more than 25 senior representatives of Pacific Northwest utilities, state governments, customers, industry, and energy efficiency experts. NEET will identify cost-effective ways to significantly advance the region's energy efficiency achievements.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Completion of Long-Term PCB Cleanup Program:** In October, BPA Administrator Steve Wright and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 10 Administrator Elin D. Miller will participate in a celebration at the Ross Substation in Vancouver, Washington, to commemorate the completion of BPA's final Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCB) Capacitor clean-up at the Intalco substation in Ferndale, Washington. BPA's Capacitor Replacement Program grew out of a memorandum of agreement with the EPA in 1985. Since 1991, BPA has replaced more than 100,000 capacitors containing PCB on its transmission system at a cost of over \$102 million.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

Ongoing

**Lyle Falls Fish Passage Project:** On May 12, BPA closed public comment on the draft EIS for the proposed Lyle Falls Fish Passage Project located near Lyle, Washington. BPA released the draft EIS for the project in March. BPA plans to release a final EIS this fall and

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No Secretarial action requested at this time.



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September 3, 2008

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### MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

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Administrator and Chief Executive Officer

**SUBJECT:** 30-60-90 Day Report

September  
Next 30 Days

**2007 Supplemental Wholesale Power Rate Case:** In September, the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) will publish its final Record of Decision (ROD) for its 2007 Supplemental Wholesale Power Rate Case. BPA released its draft ROD in August. The final ROD will describe BPA's decisions in response to opinions by the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals issued in May and October, 2007, regarding the 2000 Residential Exchange Program (REP) Settlement Agreements and their treatment in power rates. BPA expects the WP-07 Supplemental proceeding to be completed in time for revised power rates for Fiscal Year (FY) 2009 to be effective October 1, 2008.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Tiered Rates Methodology:** In October BPA expects to complete its development of its Tiered Rate Methodology (TRM). BPA is proposing a long-term TRM to establish a predictable means by which to tier BPA's Priority Firm (PF) power rates beginning in FY 2012. A tiered PF rate provides for separate charges to recover the cost of existing resources (Tier 1) and the cost of new resources needed to serve load growth (Tier 2). Tiered rates will accompany new long-term firm power sales contracts that BPA is offering to regional public utility customers. BPA plans to execute these contracts at the end of this year.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Release of Long-Term Contract Templates:** In September, BPA will continue to work on new long-term power sale contracts. The contracts were developed as part of BPA's Long-Term Regional Dialogue Policy and ROD. BPA issued the final Load Following contract templates in August and will issue the final NR Block and Slice/Block templates by

early September. From September through November, BPA will be working with its customers on final individual contracts by filling in the templates with the customer specific information. BPA expects to sign all new contracts by the end of the year.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Transmission and Power Rate Cases for 2010-2011:** In September, BPA will continue public workshops in preparation for its power and transmission rate cases for FY 2010 and 2011.

No Secretarial Action requested at this time.

**Integrated Program Review:** In September, BPA expects to release its final report for FY 2010-2011 spending levels. BPA completed public discussions for its Integrated Program Review (IPR) in July and will hold a public workshop to discuss its final report in September. The IPR provides an overview of spending levels and strategic direction for FY 2010-2011. The results of that process will inform BPA's revenue requirements for the power and transmission rate cases for FY 2010-2011.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

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No Secretarial action requested at this time.

October  
Next 60 Days

**BiOp Litigation:** By October, parties to the litigation over the Biological Opinion (BiOp) for the Federal Columbia River Power System (FCRPS) are expected to complete their filing of motions for injunction or summary judgment. The BiOp was issued by NOAA Fisheries in May 2008. The challenges to the BiOp were filed in the United States District Court for Oregon. The Court is expected to rule on the motions in December.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**FERC Tariff 890 Filing:** BPA expects to make an Order 890 filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) in September. This filing responds to FERC's February 2007 order modifying its pro forma transmission tariff and making a number of changes designed to ensure non-discriminatory open access to transmission service.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Northwest Energy Efficiency Taskforce Midpoint Check-in:** In October, the Executive Committee of the Northwest Energy-Efficiency Taskforce (NEET) will meet to review the progress of its six work groups. NEET is co-chaired by BPA Administrator Steve Wright; Tom Karier, member of the Northwest Power and Conservation Council; and Pat Reiten, President of Pacificorp Co. The NEET Executive Committee is composed of more than 25 senior representatives of Pacific Northwest utilities, state governments, customers, industry, and energy efficiency experts. NEET will identify cost-effective ways to significantly advance the region's energy efficiency achievements.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Completion of Long-Term PCB Cleanup Program:** In October, BPA Administrator Steve Wright and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 10 Administrator Elin D. Miller will participate in a celebration at the Ross Substation in Vancouver, Washington, to commemorate the completion of BPA's final Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCB) Capacitor clean-up at the Intalco substation in Ferndale, Washington. BPA's Capacitor Replacement Program grew out of a memorandum of agreement with the EPA in 1985. Since 1991, BPA has replaced more than 100,000 capacitors containing PCB on its transmission system at a cost of over \$102 million.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

November  
Next 90 Days

Nothing to report.

Ongoing

**Lyle Falls Fish Passage Project:** On May 12, BPA closed public comment on the draft EIS for the proposed Lyle Falls Fish Passage Project located near Lyle, Washington. BPA released the draft EIS for the project in March. BPA plans to release a final EIS this fall and issue its ROD by the end of 2008. BPA proposes to modify an existing fish passageway to more effectively allow adult fish to move into spawning areas in the upper Klickitat River. The project is also

intended to improve facilities for fish monitoring, fish data collection, and broodstock collection.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.



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October 1, 2008

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### MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

**FROM:** Stephen J. Wright  
Administrator and Chief Executive Officer

**SUBJECT:** 30-60-90 Day Report

October  
Next 30 Days

**2007 Supplemental Wholesale Power Rate Case:** The Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) filed its WP-07 Supplemental Rate case on September 29 with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. BPA will be requesting that the Commission issue an order by October 31, granting interim approval of the revised Fiscal Year (FY) 2009 power rates to be effective October 1, 2008 – in time for November bills for October service.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Tiered Rates Methodology:** In October BPA expects to complete development of its Tiered Rate Methodology (TRM). BPA is proposing a long-term TRM to establish a predictable means by which to tier BPA's Priority Firm (PF) power rates beginning in FY 2012. A tiered PF rate provides for separate charges to recover the cost of existing resources (Tier 1) and the cost of new resources needed to serve load growth (Tier 2). Tiered rates will accompany new long-term firm power sales contracts that BPA is offering to regional public utility customers. BPA plans to execute these contracts at the end of this year.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**ASC Appendix 1 Filings:** In October, BPA will begin its process for establishing Average System Costs (ASC) for exchanging utilities under the Residential Exchange Program for FY 2009 as well as the 2010-2011 power rates period.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Transmission and Power Rate Cases for 2010-2011:** In October, BPA will continue public workshops in preparation for its power and transmission rate cases for FY 2010 and 2011.

No Secretarial Action requested at this time.

**Integrated Program Review:** In October, BPA expects to release its final report for FY 2010-2011 spending levels. BPA completed public discussions for its Integrated Program Review (IPR) in July and the comment period ended August 15. The IPR provides an overview of spending levels and strategic direction for FY 2010-2011. The results of that process will inform BPA's revenue requirements for the power and transmission rate case initial proposals for FY 2010-2011.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Public Comment on Proposed MOA with Shoshone Bannock Tribes:** In October BPA is requesting comment on the proposed Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between BPA, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation with the Shoshone Bannock Tribes. The Federal agencies and the Tribes announced the 10-year agreement in September which would establish funding commitments for fish recovery, with an emphasis on actions for strengthening Snake River salmon, steelhead and sockeye. Most of the funding would be provided by BPA. This agreement is a companion to similar agreements signed earlier this year between the Federal agencies, four Columbia Basin Indian tribes and the states of Idaho and Montana. Public comment is due on October 22.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Completion of Long-Term PCB Cleanup Program:** In October, BPA Administrator Steve Wright and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 10 Administrator Elin D. Miller will participate in a celebration at the BPA's High Voltage Laboratory in Vancouver, Washington to commemorate the completion of BPA's final Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCB) Capacitor clean-up at the Intaleco substation in Ferndale, Washington. Since 1991, BPA has replaced more than 100,000 capacitors containing PCB on its transmission system at a cost of over \$102 million.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

November  
Next 60 Days

**Lyle Falls Fish Passage Project:** On May 12, BPA closed public comment on the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed Lyle Falls Fish Passage Project located near Lyle, Washington. BPA released the draft EIS for the project in March. BPA plans to release a final EIS this fall and issue its Record of Decision by the end of 2008. BPA proposes to modify an existing fish passageway to more effectively allow adult fish to move into spawning areas in the upper Klickitat River. The project is also intended to improve facilities for fish monitoring, fish data collection, and broodstock collection.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

December  
Next 90 Days

**Long-Term Power Sales Contracts:** BPA expects to sign all new contracts by December 1.

**BiOp Litigation:** In December, parties to the litigation over the Biological Opinion (BiOp) for the Federal Columbia River Power System are expected to complete their filing of motions for summary judgment. A hearing on these motions is scheduled on January 16, 2009, in U.S. District Court for Oregon. The BiOp was issued by NOAA Fisheries in May 2008.

Ongoing

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Chief Joseph Hatchery Program:** In the late fall, BPA expects to release a final EIS for a program sponsored by the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation to assist in conservation and recovery of summer/fall chinook salmon in the Okanogan subbasin and the Columbia River below Chief Joseph Dam. The program would augment the ceremonial and subsistence harvest of salmon for the tribes.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.



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November 5, 2008

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### MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

FROM: Stephen J. Wright  
Administrator and Chief Executive Officer

SUBJECT: 30-60-90 Day Report

November  
Next 30 Days

**Tiered Rates Methodology:** In November the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) expects to complete development of its Tiered Rate Methodology (TRM). BPA is proposing a long-term TRM to establish a predictable means by which to tier BPA's Priority Firm (PF) power rates beginning in Fiscal Year (FY) 2012. A tiered PF rate provides for separate charges to recover the cost of existing resources (Tier 1) and the cost of new resources needed to serve load growth (Tier 2). Tiered rates will accompany new long-term firm power sales contracts that BPA is offering to regional public utility customers. BPA plans to execute these contracts at the end of this year.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**ASC Appendix 1 Filings:** In November, BPA will continue its process for establishing Average System Costs (ASC) for exchanging utilities under the Residential Exchange Program for FY 2009 as well as the 2010-2011 power rates period.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Transmission and Power Rate Cases for 2010-2011:** In November, BPA will continue public workshops in preparation for its power and transmission rate cases for FY 2010 and 2011.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Alcoa Contract Proposal:** On November 10, the public comment period will close on a set of terms proposed by BPA and Alcoa that, if adopted, could lead to a power sales contract with the company for its aluminum smelter in Washington. BPA and Alcoa released the proposal for comment in October.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Quarterly Business Review:** BPA is inviting customers and other interested parties to its first Quarterly Business Review (QBR) meeting on November 24. The QBR is intended to be an ongoing forum of quarterly meetings that focus on BPA's finances with a review of current fiscal year actual financial results compared to financial forecasts, such as start-of-year targets. BPA also will report on how actual spending compares to rate case assumptions.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Signing Ceremony for Fish Funding MOA with Shoshone Bannock Tribes:** On November 7, BPA expects to sign a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between BPA, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation with the Shoshone Bannock Tribes for fish and wildlife implementation funding. The Federal agencies and the Tribes announced the 10-year agreement in September which would establish funding commitments for fish recovery, with an emphasis on actions for strengthening Snake River salmon, steelhead and sockeye. Most of the funding would be provided by BPA. This agreement is a companion to similar agreements signed earlier this year between the Federal agencies, four Columbia Basin Indian tribes and the states of Idaho and Montana. Public comment was completed on October 22.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Lyle Falls Fish Passage Project:** In November, BPA and its cooperating agencies plan to release the final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed Lyle Falls Fish Passage Project, located in Lyle, Washington. BPA proposes to fund modification of the existing Lyle Falls fish passageway that would more effectively allow adult fish to move into spawning areas in the upper Klickitat River, in accordance with current fish passage guidance and standards.

The project is also intended to improve facilities for fish monitoring, fish data collection, and broodstock collection. BPA expects to issue its Record of Decision by the end of 2008.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**McNary to John Day Transmission Line:** In November, BPA will hold two public meetings on construction of the proposed McNary to John Day transmission line in Oregon and Washington. BPA will complete a supplement analysis to the 2002 EIS in anticipation of a decision whether to build the project in February 2009.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

December  
Next 60 Days

**Long-Term Power Sales Contracts:** BPA expects to sign all new long-term power sale contracts by December 1.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

January  
Next 90 Days

**BiOp Litigation:** In January, the U.S. District Court for Oregon is scheduled to hear motions for summary judgment and preliminary injunctions in the litigation over the Biological Opinion (BiOp) for the Federal Columbia River Power. The BiOp was issued by NOAA Fisheries in May 2008. Parties to the litigation filed their initial motions in October.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

Ongoing

**Chief Joseph Hatchery Program:** In the late fall, BPA in cooperation with the US Army Corps of Engineers expects to release a final EIS for a program sponsored by the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation to assist in conservation and recovery of summer/fall chinook and the re-establishment of spring chinook salmon in the Okanogan subbasin and the Columbia River below Chief Joseph Dam. The program would augment the ceremonial and subsistence harvest of salmon for the tribes.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.



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December 3, 2008

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### MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

**FROM:** Stephen J. Wright  
Administrator and Chief Executive Officer

**SUBJECT:** 30-60-90 Day Report

December  
Next 30 Days

**Long-Term Power Sales Contracts:** The Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) expects to sign all new long-term power sale contracts during the first week of December. The contracts were developed as part of BPA's Long-Term Regional Dialogue Policy and Record of Decision (ROD).

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**ASC Appendix 1 Filings:** In December, BPA will continue its process for establishing Average System Costs (ASC) for exchanging utilities under the Residential Exchange Program for Fiscal Year (FY) 2009 as well as the 2010-2011 power rates period.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Transmission and Power Rate Cases for 2010-2011:** In December, BPA will continue public workshops in preparation for its power and transmission rate cases for FY 2010 and 2011.

No Secretarial Action requested at this time.

**Alcoa Contract Proposal:** In December, BPA may release for public comment a proposed power sales contract with the company for its aluminum smelter in Ferndale, Washington. Public comment on a proposed framework for such a contract was completed in November.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Lyle Falls Fish Passage Project:** In December, BPA expects to complete its ROD for the proposed Lyle Falls Fish Passage Project, located in Lyle, Washington. BPA released its final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the project in November. BPA proposes to fund modification of the existing Lyle Falls fish passageway that would more effectively allow adult fish to move into spawning areas in the upper Klickitat River, in accordance with current fish passage guidance and standards. The project is also intended to improve facilities for fish monitoring, fish data collection, and broodstock collection.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Chief Joseph Hatchery Program:** In the late fall, BPA in cooperation with the US Army Corps of Engineers expects to release a final EIS for a program sponsored by the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation to assist in conservation and recovery of summer/fall chinook and the re-establishment of spring chinook salmon in the Okanogan subbasin and the Columbia River below Chief Joseph Dam. The program would augment the ceremonial and subsistence harvest of salmon for the tribes.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

January  
Next 60 Days

**BiOp Litigation:** In January, the U.S. District Court for Oregon is scheduled to hear motions for summary judgment in the litigation over the Biological Opinion (BiOp) for the Federal Columbia River Power. The BiOp was issued by NOAA Fisheries in May 2008. Parties to the litigation filed their initial motions in October.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Energy Efficiency Program Development:** In January, BPA expects to begin a public process to define its role in achieving regional energy efficiency targets after current power sale contracts expire in 2011. The public process will occur in two stages; the first defining a strategic direction and the second to develop more detail of the features of BPA's future program. BPA expects to conclude the process in June.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

February  
Next 90 Days

**McNary to John Day Transmission Line:** In February, BPA expects to make a decision on construction of the proposed McNary to John Day transmission line in Oregon and Washington. BPA is completing a supplemental analysis to its 2002 EIS for the proposed project.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.



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January 7, 2009

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### MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

FROM: Stephen J. Wright  
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SUBJECT: 30-60-90 Day Report

January  
Next 30 Days

**Initial Power and Transmission Rate Proposals:** In late January, the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) expects to publish the Federal Register Notice announcing its initial proposals for power and transmission rates for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 and 2011 rate period. BPA has been conducting public workshops for several months in preparation for its wholesale power (WP-10) and transmission (TR-10) rate cases. This is the first time in several years that BPA is setting power and transmission rates for the same rate period. BPA has offered customers a partial settlement of the TR-10 rate case, excluding generation input amounts and pricing of reserve capacity. Customer responses to the partial settlement offer are due in mid-January.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Draft Report of the Northwest Energy Efficiency Task Force:** In January, the Northwest Energy-Efficiency Taskforce (NEET) expects to release a draft report to identify cost-effective ways to significantly advance energy efficiency achievements in the region. NEET is co-chaired by BPA Administrator Steve Wright; Tom Karier, member of the Northwest Power and Conservation Council; and Pat Reiten, President of Pacificorp. The NEET Executive Committee is composed of more than 25 senior representatives of Pacific Northwest utilities, state governments, customers, industry, and energy efficiency experts.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Energy Efficiency Program Development:** In January, BPA expects to begin a public process to define its role in achieving regional energy efficiency targets when its new power sale contracts begin in 2012.

The public process will occur in two stages; the first defining a strategic direction and the second to develop more detail of the features of BPA's future program. BPA expects to conclude the process in June. BPA's preliminary estimate of its conservation achievement in FY 2008 is that it secured 76 average megawatts, surpassing its goal of 52 average megawatts.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**ACE Diversity to Reduce Wind Integration Costs:** In January, BPA expects to join 15 other balancing authorities in the Western Interconnection to initiate the Area Control Error (ACE) Diversity Interchange (ADI). Through ADI, the balancing authorities will pool the diversity in their system operations to share flexible resources and help dampen the growth in wind integration costs. This implements a significant measure in the Northwest Wind Integration Action Plan.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Alcoa Contract Proposal:** In January, BPA may enter into a power sales contract with Alcoa to serve its aluminum smelter in Ferndale, Washington. Public comment on a proposed framework for such a contract was completed in November and on the provisions of the contract in December.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**"Repowering Montana Schools Energy Summit":** On January 15, BPA is co-sponsoring the "Repowering Montana Schools Energy Summit" in Helena, Montana. The session brings together school administrators from the state to discuss ways to lower school utility costs through conservation and other measures. Governor Brian Schweitzer is giving the keynote address.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**BPA Science Bowl:** BPA's regional Science Bowl begins with 64 middle school teams from Oregon and Washington competing on January 31. This is the highest number of teams that the agency has ever accepted for middle school. The high school competition is has 64 entrants from the two states and will be held February 7. Sixteen

colleges and universities will offer scholarships to the members of the top three high school teams. The winning teams also earn the right to compete at the national championships in Washington, D.C. later this spring.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Lyle Falls Fish Passage Project:** In January, BPA expects to complete its Record of Decision for the proposed Lyle Falls Fish Passage Project, located in Lyle, Washington. BPA released its final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the project in November. BPA proposes to fund modification of the existing Lyle Falls fish passageway that would more effectively allow adult fish to move into spawning areas in the upper Klickitat River, in accordance with current fish passage guidance and standards. The project is also intended to improve facilities for fish monitoring, fish data collection, and broodstock collection.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

February  
Next 60 Days

**BiOp Litigation:** In February, the U.S. District Court for Oregon is scheduled to hear motions for summary judgment in the litigation over the Biological Opinion (BiOp) for the Federal Columbia River Power System. The BiOp was issued by NOAA Fisheries in May 2008. Parties to the litigation filed their initial motions in September and October. The United States Government filed its final brief in December.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Northwest Industrial Energy Efficiency Summit:** On February 17 BPA Administrator Steve Wright will speak to the Northwest Industrial Energy Efficiency Summit in Portland. The meeting is being sponsored by the Department of Energy as part of its Save Energy Now Initiative to achieve a 25 percent reduction in industrial energy intensity over 10 years.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Financial Analysis for New Transmission Projects:** In February, BPA expects to complete its analysis of the costs of new transmission facilities needed to serve requests for service submitted in its 2008 Network Open Season (NOS). BPA conducted the first-in-the-nation NOS in 2008 to resolve conflicts in the management of its queue of

requests for transmission services. The NOS resulted in signed agreements from customers for 6,410 megawatts (MW) of transmission. Wind project interconnection requests made up 74 percent of the total.

No Secretarial Action requested at this time.

**McNary to John Day Transmission Line:** In February, BPA expects to make a decision on construction of the proposed McNary to John Day transmission line in Oregon and Washington. BPA is completing a supplemental analysis to its 2002 EIS for the proposed project. The line and associated system upgrades will help enable 1,800 MW of additional wind generation. This project, if constructed, would be expected to alleviate constraints that would allow significant amounts of wind generation to cross constrained transmission paths to load centers. The proposed construction would cost approximately \$180 million and create approximately 200 direct jobs. Indirect employment could be as much 500 additional jobs.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

March  
Next 90 Days

**Conditional Firm Transmission Agreements to Aid Renewable Electricity Supplies:** In March, BPA expects to make available Conditional Firm Transmission Service. Conditional Firm is a form of long-term transmission that can be provided even when there is not enough long-term Available Transfer Capacity (ATC) to grant a transmission request. This is done by adding constraints that will allow BPA additional curtailment rights when ATC is limited. BPA expects that Conditional Firm will enable more renewable electricity generation to be scheduled on its transmission system.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Clean Energy Acquisition Demonstration Project:** In the late winter or early spring, BPA expects to initiate a test of an approach to acquire clean energy from waste energy recovery projects. Under the demonstration project, BPA would extend a limited duration standard offer to purchase up to 50 MW in total of electricity developed through joint ventures between industrial hosts and a clean energy developer to engineer waste heat generation projects.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Chief Joseph Hatchery Program:** This winter, BPA in cooperation with the US Army Corps of Engineers expects to release a final EIS for a program sponsored by the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation to assist in conservation and recovery of summer/fall chinook and the re-establishment of spring chinook salmon in the Okanogan subbasin and the Columbia River below Chief Joseph Dam. The program would augment the ceremonial and subsistence harvest of salmon for the tribes.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.



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February 4, 2009

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### MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

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**SUBJECT:** 30-60-90 Day Report

February  
Next 30 Days

**Initial Power and Transmission Rate Proposals:** In February, BPA expects to publish the Federal Register Notice announcing its initial proposals for power and transmission rates for the FY 2010 and 2011 rate period. BPA has been conducting public workshops for several months in preparation for its upcoming rate case, which is composed of wholesale power (WP-10) and transmission (TR-10) sub-dockets. This is the first time in several years that BPA is setting power and transmission rates for the same time period. In January, BPA tendered a Partial Settlement Agreement for the transmission sub-docket. BPA decided to execute the Partial Settlement Agreement. Therefore, BPA's initial proposal in the rate case will be based on the Partial Settlement

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Quarterly Business Review Meeting:** On February 10, BPA will hold a public Quarterly Business Review (QBR) meeting in Portland. The QBR is intended to be an ongoing forum of quarterly meetings that focus on BPA's finances with a review of current fiscal year actual financial results compared to financial forecasts, such as start-of-year targets. BPA also will report on how actual spending compares to rate case assumptions.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Energy Efficiency Program Development:** In February, BPA will continue the first stage of a public process to define its role in achieving regional energy efficiency targets when its new power sale contracts

begin in 2012. The public process will occur in two stages; the first defining a strategic direction and the second to develop more detail of the features of BPA's future program. BPA's preliminary estimate of its conservation achievement in FY 2008 is that it secured 76 average megawatts, surpassing its goal of 52 average megawatts.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Oregon Energy Planning Council:** On February 12, BPA Administrator Steve Wright will participate in the first meeting of the Oregon Energy Planning Council. Oregon Governor Ted Kulongoski invited the Administrator to serve on the 11 member council to provide analysis, advice and assistance on energy planning for the state.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Capital Financing Workshops:** In February, BPA will hold public workshops scheduled to discuss debt management issues. The workshops follow the Financial Plan process conducted in FY 2008 and begins 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.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Proposed Settlement with Avista:** Through February 26, BPA is seeking public comment on a proposed settlement with Spokane-based utility Avista over an unresolved matter from the federal agency's former Residential Exchange Program. In September 2008, a new Residential Exchange Program was created after the previous Residential Exchange settlement agreement was invalidated by a set of Ninth District Court decisions from early May 2007.

No Secretarial action is requested at this time.

**Northwest Industrial Energy Efficiency Summit:** On February 17 BPA Administrator Steve Wright will speak to the Northwest Industrial Energy Efficiency Summit in Portland. The meeting is being sponsored by the Department of Energy as part of its Save Energy Now Initiative to achieve a 25 percent reduction in industrial energy intensity over 10 years.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Financial Analysis for New Transmission Projects:** In February, BPA expects to complete its analysis of the costs of new transmission facilities needed to serve requests for service submitted in its 2008 Network Open Season (NOS). BPA conducted the NOS in 2008 to resolve conflicts in the management of its queue of requests for transmission services. The NOS resulted in signed agreements from customers for 6,410 MW of transmission. Wind project interconnection requests made up 74 percent of the total.

No Secretarial Action requested at this time.

**McNary to John Day Transmission Line:** In February, BPA expects to make a decision on construction of the proposed McNary to John Day transmission line in Oregon and Washington. BPA is completing a supplemental analysis to its 2002 EIS for the proposed project. The line and associated system upgrades will help enable 1,800 MW of additional wind generation. This project, if constructed, would be expected to alleviate constraints that would allow significant amounts of wind generation to cross constrained transmission paths to load centers. The proposed construction would cost over \$200 million and create approximately 200 direct jobs. Indirect employment could be as much 500 additional jobs.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Lyle Falls Fish Passage Project:** In February, BPA expects to complete its ROD for the proposed Lyle Falls Fish Passage Project, located in Lyle, Washington. BPA released its final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the project in November. BPA proposes to fund modification of the existing Lyle Falls fish passageway that would more effectively allow adult fish to move into spawning areas in the upper Klickitat River, in accordance with current fish passage guidance and standards. The project is also intended to improve facilities for fish monitoring, fish data collection, and broodstock collection.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

March  
Next 60 Days

**BiOp Litigation:** In March, the United States District Court for Oregon is scheduled to hear motions for summary judgment in the litigation over the Biological Opinion (BiOp) for the Federal Columbia River Power System. The BiOp was issued by NOAA Fisheries in May 2008. Parties to the litigation filed their initial motions in September and October. The United States Government filed its final brief in December.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Integrated Program Review:** In March, BPA will conduct an abbreviated Integrated Program Review (IPR) to provide regional stakeholders an opportunity to revisit proposed program spending levels for FY 2010 – 2011. These spending levels are included in the proposed power and transmission rates for those years. BPA committed to provide this opportunity in its closeout letter for the more detailed Integrated Program Review conducted in 2008.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Conditional Firm Transmission Agreements to Aid Renewable Electricity Supplies:** In March, BPA expects to make available Conditional Firm Transmission Service. Conditional Firm is a form of long-term transmission that can be provided even when there is not enough Long-Term Available Transfer Capacity (ATC) to grant a transmission request. This is done by adding constraints that will allow BPA additional curtailment rights when ATC is limited. BPA expects that Conditional Firm will enable more renewable electricity generation to be scheduled on its transmission system.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

April  
Next 90 Days

**Clean Energy Acquisition Demonstration Project:** In the late winter or early spring, BPA expects to initiate a test of an approach to acquire clean energy from waste energy recovery projects. Under the demonstration project, BPA would extend a limited duration standard offer to purchase up to 50 megawatts in total of electricity developed through joint ventures between industrial hosts and a clean energy developer to engineer waste heat generation projects.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Chief Joseph Hatchery Program:** This spring, BPA in cooperation with the US Army Corps of Engineers expects to release a final EIS for a program sponsored by the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation to assist in conservation and recovery of summer/fall chinook and the re-establishment of spring chinook salmon in the Okanogan subbasin and the Columbia River below Chief Joseph Dam. The program would augment the ceremonial and subsistence harvest of salmon for the tribes.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.



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March 4, 2009

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**SUBJECT:** 30-60-90 Day Report

March  
Next 30 Days

**BiOp Litigation:** In March, the United States District Court for Oregon is scheduled to hear motions for summary judgment in the litigation over the Biological Opinion (BiOp) for the Federal Columbia River Power System. The BiOp was issued by NOAA Fisheries in May 2008. Parties to the litigation filed their initial motions in September and October. The United States Government filed its final brief in December.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Initial Power and Transmission Rate Proposals:** In March, parties to BPA's wholesale power and transmission rate cases will file their direct cases. BPA published its Federal Register Notice and its initial proposals for power and transmission rates for the FY 2010 and 2011 rate period in February. BPA expects to complete the rate cases in July.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Energy Efficiency Program Development:** In March, BPA will continue the first stage of a public process to define its role in achieving regional energy efficiency targets when its new power sale contracts begin in 2012. The public process will occur in two stages; the first defining a strategic direction and the second to develop more detail of the features of BPA's future program.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**McNary to John Day Transmission Line:** This spring, BPA will begin construction of the proposed McNary to John Day transmission line in Oregon and Washington. BPA has begun ordering materials for the lines, towers, and conductors.

The line and associated system upgrades will enable BPA to satisfy a large number of transmission requests including 1,800 MW of additional wind generation. This project will alleviate constraints that would allow significant amounts of wind generation to cross constrained transmission paths to load centers. Construction will cost over \$300 million and create a total of approximately 700 direct and indirect jobs.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Integrated Program Review:** In March, BPA will initiate an abbreviated Integrated Program Review (IPR) to provide regional stakeholders an opportunity to revisit proposed program spending levels for FY 2010 – 2011. These spending levels are included in the proposed power and transmission rates for those years. BPA committed to provide this opportunity in its closeout letter for the more detailed Integrated Program Review conducted in 2008.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Conditional Firm Transmission Service:** In March, BPA expects to make its first offers for Conditional Firm transmission service. Conditional Firm service is designed to offer long-term transmission over constrained paths when transmission inventory does not allow regular long-term service to be offered. If system reliability requires a curtailment, the conditional firm customers will be curtailed after non-firm transmission customers. Through this mechanism, BPA ultimately expects to make up to 1,200 megawatts of additional transmission service available without additional construction.

No Secretarial action requested at this time

April  
Next 60 Days

Nothing to report.

May  
Next 90 Days

**Chief Joseph Hatchery Program:** This spring, BPA in cooperation with the US Army Corps of Engineers expects to release a final EIS for a program sponsored by the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation to assist in conservation and recovery of summer/fall chinook and the re-establishment of spring chinook salmon in the Okanogan subbasin and the Columbia River below Chief Joseph Dam. The program would augment the ceremonial and subsistence harvest of salmon for the tribes.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.



## Department of Energy

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April 1, 2009

In reply refer to: DKR-7

### MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

**FROM:** Stephen J. Wright  
Administrator and Chief Executive Officer

**SUBJECT:** 30-60-90 Day Report

April  
Next 30 Days

**Federal Hydro System Operations:** On April 2, the United States District Court for Oregon will hold a closed-door meeting with parties to litigation over the Biological Opinion (BiOp) for the Federal Columbia River Power System (FCRPS). District Court Judge James A. Redden invited discussion of issues raised in the March 6 oral argument in the litigation.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Initial Power and Transmission Rate Proposals:** In March, parties to BPA's wholesale power and transmission rate cases filed their direct cases. Rebuttal testimony will be filed on April 17. BPA published its Federal Register Notice and its initial proposals for power and transmission rates for the FY 2010 and 2011 rate period in February. BPA expects to complete the rate cases in July.

No Secretarial action requested at this time

**Integrated Program Review:** In April, BPA will continue meetings for its abbreviated Integrated Program Review (IPR) to provide regional stakeholders an opportunity to revisit proposed program spending levels for FY 2010 – 2011. These spending levels are included in the proposed power and transmission rates for those years. BPA committed to provide this opportunity in its closeout letter for the more detailed Integrated Program Review conducted in 2008.

No Secretarial action requested at this time

**Preliminary Needs Assessment:** BPA is requesting public comment through April 14 on its Preliminary Needs Assessment. The Preliminary Needs Assessment compares BPA's existing resource supply to its expected resource obligations. It will inform BPA's new Resource Program, which will identify any gaps in its power supply and suggest types and amounts of resources to fill those gaps, as guided by the Northwest Power and Conservation Council's Northwest Power Plan. This will be BPA's first Resource Program since 1992.

No Secretarial action requested at this time

May  
Next 60 Days

**Completion of Northwest Environmental Task Force Recommendations:** In May, the Northwest Environmental Task Force (NEET) will hold its final meeting to confirm recommendations and a work plan for cost-effective ways to significantly advance energy efficiency achievements in the region. NEET is co-chaired by BPA Administrator Steve Wright; Tom Karier, member of the Northwest Power and Conservation Council; and Pat Reiten, President of PacifiCorp. The NEET Executive Committee is composed of more than 25 senior representatives of Pacific Northwest utilities, state governments, customers, industry, and energy efficiency experts.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Energy Efficiency Post 2011:** In May, BPA expects to hold public workshops on draft proposals to define its role in achieving regional energy efficiency targets under a Tiered Rate methodology when its new power sale contracts begin in 2012. These workshops will result in adoption of an initial strategic direction for BPA's energy efficiency programs. BPA will then conduct a second public process to develop more detailed program features.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Columbia Basin Fish Accords Commemoration:** In May, BPA will join the tribal, Federal and State signatories in a first annual commemoration of the signing of the Columbia Basin Fish Accords on May 2, 2008. The event will highlight the significance of the historic 10-year agreements and feature presentations on the achievements of Accords implementation for restoring fish and wildlife and building durable implementation partnerships.

JuneNext 90 Days

**McNary to John Day Transmission Line:** This spring, BPA is preparing to begin construction of the proposed McNary to John Day transmission line in Oregon and Washington. The line and associated system upgrades will enable BPA to satisfy a large number of transmission requests including 700 megawatts of additional wind generation. This project will alleviate constraints that would allow significant amounts of wind generation to cross constrained transmission paths to load centers. Construction will cost over \$200 million and create approximately 700 direct and indirect jobs.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Chief Joseph Hatchery Program:** This summer, BPA, in cooperation with the US Army Corps of Engineers, expects to release a final EIS for a program sponsored by the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation to assist in conservation and recovery of summer/fall chinook and the re-establishment of spring chinook salmon in the Okanogan subbasin and the Columbia River below Chief Joseph Dam. The program would augment the ceremonial and subsistence harvest of salmon for the tribes.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.



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May 6, 2009

In reply refer to: DKR-7

### MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

FROM: Stephen J. Wright  
Administrator and Chief Executive Officer

SUBJECT: 30-60-90 Day Report

May  
Next 30 Days

**Federal Hydro System Operations:** Litigation is pending in the United States District Court for Oregon over the Biological Opinion (BiOp) for the Federal Columbia River Power System (FCRPS). District Court Judge James A. Redden has requested additional discussion among the parties to the litigation.

The Bonneville Power Administration's (BPA) Administrator Stephen J. Wright briefed the Secretary on this litigation on April 27.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**BPA Passes 2,000 Megawatt Wind Milestone:** As of May 1, BPA has 2,057 of wind generation capacity connected in its transmission system balancing authority. This milestone marks a continued acceleration of wind interconnections to BPA's transmission system with the last 1,000 megawatts connected in just eighteen months.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Draft Regional Power Plan:** In June, the Northwest Power and Conservation Council (Council) expects to release for comment its draft Sixth Power Plan. BPA is developing its 2009 Resource Program in coordination with the Council's planning process. The Council's Power Plan examines power load growth and resources for the Pacific Northwest as a whole. BPA's Resource Program examines how the

FCRPS can be expected to meet BPA's projected power supply obligations. If and when BPA actually acquires resources, it intends to do so consistent with the Council's plan.

No Secretarial action requested at this time

**Columbia Basin Fish Accords Commemoration:** In May, BPA will join the tribal, Federal and State signatories in a first annual commemoration of the signing of the Columbia Basin Fish Accords (Accords) on May 2, 2008. The event will highlight the significance of the historic 10-year agreements and feature presentations on the achievements of the Accords implementation for restoring fish and wildlife and building durable implementation partnerships.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Proposed Memorandum of Agreement with Washington State:** BPA, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), and the Bureau of Reclamation have proposed to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the State of Washington to establish a 9-year commitment for habitat projects in the Columbia River estuary. The purpose of the MOA is to help strengthen populations of salmon and steelhead listed for protection under the Endangered Species Act. Public comment on the proposed MOA is open through May 4.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Completion of Northwest Energy Efficiency Energy Task Force Recommendations:** In May, the Northwest Energy Efficiency Task Force (NEET) will hold its final meeting to confirm recommendations and a work plan for cost-effective ways to significantly advance energy efficiency achievements in the region. NEET is co-chaired by BPA Administrator Stephen J. Wright; Tom Karier, member of the Northwest Power and Conservation Council; and Pat Reiten, President of PacifiCorp. The NEET Executive Committee is composed of more than 25 senior representatives of Pacific Northwest utilities, state governments, customers, industry, and energy efficiency experts.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Energy Efficiency Program Development:** In May, BPA expects to hold at least one public workshop on draft proposals to define its role in achieving regional energy efficiency targets when its new power sale contracts begin in 2012. This workshop will result in adoption of

an initial strategic direction for BPA's energy efficiency programs. BPA will then conduct a second public process to develop more detailed program features.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Whistling Ridge Wind Interconnection Request:** BPA is seeking public comment through May 18 on the request of the SDS Lumber Company to interconnect its proposed Whistling Ridge Energy Project in Skamania County, Washington, to the Federal Columbia River Transmission System. The proposed 70 megawatt wind project would be adjacent to the Columbia Gorge National Scenic Area. BPA will prepare a joint Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) with the State of Washington Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council to determine potential impacts of the proposed project and interconnection.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Interstate 5 Transmission Corridor Reinforcement:** On May 26, BPA will hold a first public meeting with customers and constituents about a proposed new 500-kilovolt transmission line in southwest Washington and northwest Oregon. BPA is proposing to build the line to meet additional transmission service requests, including delivery of new renewable generation.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

June  
Next 60 Days

**Power and Transmission Rates:** In late June, BPA expects to issue its draft Record of Decision (ROD) on power and transmission rates for Fiscal Years 2010 and 2011, and the final ROD in late July. BPA is accepting public comment through May 15. BPA has also completed a second series of public workshops on its proposed program funding levels which inform the rate case.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**New Call for Transmission Service Requests:** On June 1, BPA will launch its second Network Open Season (NOS) to obtain requests and financial commitments for new transmission service across BPA's transmission network. The NOS is BPA's recently adopted approach to managing the long term firm transmission requests and for determining any network transmission facility reinforcements that might be required to accommodate the requests. BPA first tested this approach in 2008 with two significant outcomes: first, that BPA could immediately offer 1,834 megawatts of transmission service without new construction, and

second, that BPA could move ahead planning and construction for four potential new high-voltage transmission projects. These projects, if all built, would provide 3,585 megawatts of long-term transmission service, including 2,750 megawatts of renewable electric generation. Since the completion of the 2008 NOS, BPA has received another 80 requests for approximately 5,443 megawatts of new transmission service.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**McNary to John Day Transmission Line:** This spring, BPA will begin preliminary work on the proposed McNary to John Day transmission line in Oregon and Washington. The line and associated system upgrades will enable BPA to satisfy a large number of transmission requests including 700 megawatts of additional wind generation. This project will alleviate constraints that would allow significant amounts of wind generation to cross constrained transmission paths to load centers. Construction will cost over \$200 million and create a total of approximately 700 direct and indirect jobs.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

July  
Next 90 Days

**Chief Joseph Hatchery Program:** This summer, BPA, in cooperation with the Corps, expects to release a final EIS for a program sponsored by the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation to assist in conservation and recovery of summer/fall chinook and the re-establishment of spring chinook salmon in the Okanogan subbasin and the Columbia River below Chief Joseph Dam. The program would augment the ceremonial and subsistence harvest of salmon for the tribes.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.



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June 3, 2009

In reply refer to: DKR-7

### MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

**FROM:** Stephen J. Wright  
Administrator and Chief Executive Officer

**SUBJECT:** 30-60-90 Day Report

June  
Next 30 Days

**Federal Hydro System Operations:** Litigation is pending in the United States District Court for Oregon over the Biological Opinion (BiOp) for the Federal Columbia River Power System (FCRPS). District Court Judge James A. Redden has requested additional discussion among the parties to the litigation.

The Bonneville Power Administration's (BPA) Administrator Stephen J. Wright briefed the Secretary on this litigation on April 27.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**New Call for Transmission Service Requests:** On June 1, BPA launched its second Network Open Season (NOS) to obtain requests and financial commitments for new transmission service across BPA's transmission network. The NOS is BPA's recently adopted approach to managing the long-term firm transmission requests and for determining any network transmission facility reinforcements that might be required to accommodate the requests. BPA first tested this approach in 2008 with two significant outcomes: first, that BPA could immediately offer 2,059 megawatts of transmission service without new construction, and second, that BPA could move ahead with further planning and review for four potential new high-voltage transmission projects. These projects, if all built, would provide 3,585 megawatts of long-term transmission service, including 2,750 megawatts of renewable electric generation. Since the completion of the 2008 NOS, BPA has received another 80 requests for approximately 5,443 megawatts of new transmission service.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Proposed Memorandum of Agreement with Washington State:**

BPA, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), and the Bureau of Reclamation have proposed to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the State of Washington to establish a 9-year commitment for habitat projects in the Columbia River estuary. The purpose of the MOA is to help strengthen populations of salmon and steelhead listed for protection under the Endangered Species Act. Public comment on the proposed MOA closed on May 4 and a final decision is pending.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Power and Transmission Rates:** In late June, BPA expects to issue its draft Record of Decision (ROD) on power and transmission rates for Fiscal Years 2010 and 2011, and the final ROD in late July in time to provide FERC with the requisite 60 days for review and approval prior to the rates going into effect on October 1, 2009.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**BPA Joins Western Joint Initiative Partners to Improve Dynamic Scheduling Capabilities:** BPA is working with other transmission operators in the Western Interconnection to develop real-time communications capabilities that will improve the region's ability to schedule electricity generation from dispatchable sources. The goal of the initial effort is to develop a communications protocol and infrastructure that will allow participating entities from a wide geographic area to schedule capacity and energy within the operating hour. In this way, geographically diverse systems could support a greater amount of variable generation. BPA signed an Agreement of Interest with other members of the regional transmission organizations ColumbiaGrid and the Northern Tier Transmission Group to create a common, consistent dynamic scheduling system. Utilities that signed up serve areas from Canada to New Mexico. Participants expect to award a contract for dynamic scheduling system development by the end of June.

No Secretarial action is requested at this time.

**McNary to John Day Transmission Line:** In June, BPA will begin construction on the McNary to John Day transmission line in Oregon and Washington. The line and associated system upgrades will enable BPA to satisfy a large number of transmission requests including 700 megawatts of additional wind generation. This project will alleviate constraints and will allow significant amounts of wind

generation to cross otherwise constrained transmission paths to load centers. Construction will cost over \$200 million and create a total of approximately 700 direct and indirect jobs during construction.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Big Eddy – Knight Transmission Line Scoping:** In June, BPA expects to initiate public scoping for an Environmental Impact Statement for its proposed Big Eddy – Knight transmission line. The proposed 500-kilovolt line would extend from about 26 miles to 28 miles from near The Dalles, Oregon to northwest of Goldendale, Washington. Through studies completed following its 2008 Network Open Season, BPA determined that constructing the line could add capacity to meet transmission service requests including for new wind generation.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

July  
Next 60 Days

**Draft Regional Power Plan:** In July, the Northwest Power and Conservation Council (Council) expects to release for comment its draft Sixth Power Plan. BPA is developing its 2009 Resource Program in coordination with the Council's planning process. The Council's Power Plan examines power load growth and resources for the Pacific Northwest as a whole. BPA's Resource Program examines how the FCRPS can be expected to meet BPA's projected power supply obligations. If and when BPA actually acquires resources, it intends to do so consistent with the Council's plan.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Energy Efficiency Program Development:** In late June or July, BPA expects to release for public comment a draft proposal to define its role in achieving regional energy efficiency targets when its new power sale contracts begin in 2012. This proposal will include an initial strategic direction for BPA's energy efficiency programs. BPA will use the public comment process to refine the draft proposal.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

August  
Next 90 Days

**Nothing to report.**



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July 1, 2009

In reply refer to: DKR-7

### MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

**FROM:** Stephen J. Wright  
Administrator and Chief Executive Officer

**SUBJECT:** 30-60-90 Day Report

July  
Next 30 Days

**Power and Transmission Rates:** In late July, the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) expects to issue its Final Record of Decision (ROD) and supporting studies and documentation for power and transmission rates for Fiscal Years 2010 and 2011. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission will then have the requisite 60 days for review and approval prior to the rates going into effect on October 1, 2009.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Proposed Memorandum of Agreement with Washington State:** BPA, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), and the Bureau of Reclamation have proposed to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the State of Washington to establish a 9-year commitment for habitat projects in the Columbia River estuary. The purpose of the MOA is to help strengthen populations of salmon and steelhead listed for protection under the Endangered Species Act. Public comment on the proposed MOA closed on May 4 and a final decision is pending.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**BPA Joins Western Joint Initiative Partners to Improve Dynamic Scheduling Capabilities:** BPA is working with other transmission operators in the Western Interconnection to develop real-time communications capabilities that will improve the region's ability to schedule electricity generation from dispatchable sources. The goal of the initial effort is to develop a communications protocol and infrastructure that will allow participating entities from a wide geographic area to schedule capacity and energy within the operating

hour. In this way, geographically diverse systems could support a greater amount of variable generation. BPA signed an Agreement of Interest with other members of the regional transmission organizations ColumbiaGrid and the Northern Tier Transmission Group to create a common, consistent dynamic scheduling system. Signatories to the agreement include utilities from Canada to New Mexico. Participants expect to award a contract for dynamic scheduling system development in early July.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Draft Regional Power Plan:** In July, the Northwest Power and Conservation Council (Council) will continue to deliberate and may release for comment its draft Sixth Power Plan. BPA is developing its 2009 Resource Program in coordination with the Council's planning process. The Council's Power Plan examines power load growth and resources for the Pacific Northwest as a whole. BPA's Resource Program examines how the Federal Columbia River Power System (FCRPS) can be expected to meet BPA's projected power supply obligations. If and when BPA actually acquires resources, it expects to do so consistent with the Council's plan.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Energy Efficiency Program Development:** In July, BPA expects to release for public comment a draft proposal that defines its role in achieving regional energy efficiency targets when its new power sale contracts begin in 2012. This proposal will include an initial strategic direction for BPA's energy efficiency programs. BPA will use the public comment process to refine the draft proposal.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**McNary to John Day Transmission Line:** In July, BPA will continue construction on the McNary to John Day transmission line in Oregon and Washington. By the end of July BPA will have built 15 towers. The line and associated system upgrades will enable BPA to satisfy a large number of transmission requests including 700 megawatts of additional wind generation. This project will alleviate constraints and will allow significant amounts of wind generation to cross otherwise constrained transmission paths to load centers.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Big Eddy-Knight Transmission Line Scoping:** In July, BPA will continue public scoping for an Environmental Impact Statement for its proposed Big Eddy-Knight transmission line. The proposed 500-kilovolt (kV) line would extend approximately 27 miles from The Dalles, Oregon to northwest of Goldendale, Washington. Through studies completed following its 2008 Network Open Season, BPA determined that constructing the line could add capacity to meet transmission service requests including for new wind generation.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Central Ferry-Lower Monumental Transmission Line Scoping:** On July 13, BPA will hold a public scoping meeting in Starbuck, Washington, to discuss routing alternatives for its proposed 500-kV transmission line in southeastern Washington state. The proposed line is needed to respond to requests for transmission capacity, much of it for new wind generation, in that area. BPA is accepting comments on the proposed project and the scope of its Environmental Impact Statement through August 3.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

August  
Next 60 Days

**Federal Hydro System Operations:** Litigation is pending in the United States District Court for Oregon over the Biological Opinion (BiOp) for the FCRPS. District Court Judge James A. Redden has requested additional discussion among the parties to the litigation. On June 19, the Department of Justice wrote to the Court asking to respond by August 14, and the Court has granted that request.

BPA's Administrator Stephen J. Wright briefed the Secretary on this litigation on April 27.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Completion of Northwest Energy Efficiency Taskforce Recommendations:** In August, the Northwest Energy Efficiency Taskforce (NEET) expects to release its final report of recommendations and a work plan for cost-effective ways to significantly advance energy efficiency efforts in the region. NEET is co-chaired by BPA Administrator Stephen J. Wright; Tom Karier, member of the Northwest Power and Conservation Council; and Pat Reiten, President of PacifiCorp. The NEET Executive Committee is composed of 29 senior representatives of Pacific Northwest utilities, state governments, customers, industry, and energy efficiency experts.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Confirming Transmission Service Requests:** In August, BPA will receive signed preliminary transmission service agreements (PTSA) from customers seeking long-term firm transmission service through BPA's second Network Open Season (NOS). The NOS is BPA's approach to manage long-term firm transmission requests and for determining any network transmission facility reinforcements that might be required to accommodate the transmission service requests. BPA first tested this approach in 2008 with two significant outcomes: first, that BPA could immediately offer 2,059 megawatts of transmission service without new construction, and second, that BPA could move ahead with further planning and review for four potential new high-voltage transmission projects. Since the close of the 2008 NOS, BPA has received an additional 77 requests for approximately 4,588 megawatts of new transmission service that will be eligible for the 2009 NOS. The 2009 NOS will proceed similar to the 2008 NOS where, once all signed PTSAs and their associated security are received, BPA will determine the amount of currently available transmission capacity it can use to offer immediately, then proceed with a Cluster Study to determine whether any system upgrades or new transmission projects are necessary to provide additional service, conduct a financial analysis of the Cluster Study results and then finally make a rate determination based on the financial analysis and a regional economic benefit analysis. The entire process for the 2009 NOS will last 12 months with a decision in late May 2010.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

September  
Next 90 Days

Nothing to report.



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August 5, 2009

In reply refer to: DKR-7

### MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

**FROM:** Stephen J. Wright  
Administrator and Chief Executive Officer

**SUBJECT:** 30-60-90 Day Report

August  
Next 30 Days

**Filing of Power and Transmission Rates:** The final rate case record for the Bonneville Power Administration's (BPA) Fiscal Years 2010 and 2011 wholesale power and transmission rates will be filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission before August 1, 2009. The Administrator released his final Record of Decision (ROD) on July 21. The final ROD set an average power rate increase of 7 percent, down from the initial proposal of 9.4 percent. The final ROD instituted a wind integration rate of \$1.29 per kilowatt month, significantly reduced from the initial rate proposal of \$2.72 per kilowatt month. The American Wind Energy Association and Renewable Northwest Project expressed appreciation to BPA for its efforts to mitigate the costs of wind integration.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission will have the requisite 60 days for review and approval; BPA requested the rates to be effective on October 1, 2009.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Federal Hydro System Operations:** By August 14, the Department of Justice will respond to questions asked of the Federal Government in litigation pending in the United States District Court for Oregon over the Biological Opinion (BiOp) for the Federal Columbia River Power System (FCRPS). District Court Judge James A. Redden has requested that the Administration review the BiOp and asked for additional discussion among the parties to the litigation.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Proposed Memorandum of Agreement with Washington State:**

BPA, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the Bureau of Reclamation have proposed to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the State of Washington to establish a nine-year commitment for habitat projects in the Columbia River estuary. The purpose of the MOA is to help strengthen populations of salmon and steelhead listed for protection under the Endangered Species Act. Public comment on the proposed MOA closed on May 4 and a final decision is pending.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Draft Regional Power Plan:** In August, the Northwest Power and Conservation Council (Council) will continue to deliberate and may release for comment its draft Sixth Power Plan. BPA is developing its 2009 Resource Program in coordination with the Council's planning process. The Council's Power Plan examines power load growth and resources for the Pacific Northwest as a whole. BPA's Resource Program examines how the FCRPS can be expected to meet BPA's projected power supply obligations. If and when BPA actually acquires resources, it intends to do so consistent with the Council's plan.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Energy Efficiency Program Development:** In August, BPA will continue working with customers to draft a proposal to define its role in achieving regional energy efficiency targets when its new power sale contracts begin in 2012. This proposal will include an initial strategic direction for BPA's energy efficiency programs. BPA will use the public comment process to refine the draft proposal.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

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No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Wind Forecast Competition:** In August, BPA will begin receiving competing forecasts of wind over varying duration in a competition it is sponsoring between two research teams to design the best system for predicting wind conditions in the Pacific Northwest. Better forecasts benefit wind generators and regional power customers by helping anticipate sudden changes in wind energy generation. Improved wind forecasting allows BPA to maintain less hydroelectric energy in reserve and reduces costs for wind balancing services.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Confirming Transmission Service Requests:** In August, BPA will receive signed preliminary transmission service agreements (PTSA) from customers seeking long-term firm transmission service through BPA's second Network Open Season (NOS). The NOS is BPA's approach to manage long-term firm transmission requests and for determining any network transmission facility reinforcements that might be required to accommodate the requests. BPA first tested this approach in 2008 with two significant outcomes: first, that BPA could immediately offer 2,059 megawatts of transmission service without new construction, and second, that BPA could move ahead with further planning and review for four potential new high-voltage transmission projects. Since the close of the 2008 NOS, BPA has received an additional 77 requests for approximately 4,588 megawatts of new transmission service that will be eligible for the 2009 NOS. The 2009 NOS will proceed similar to the 2008 NOS where, once all signed PTSAs and their associated security are received, BPA will determine the amount of currently available transmission capacity it can use to offer immediately, then proceed with a Cluster Study to determine whether any system upgrades or new transmission projects are necessary to provide additional service, conduct a financial analysis of the Cluster Study results and then finally make a rate determination based on the financial analysis and a regional economic benefit analysis. The entire process for the 2009 NOS will last 12 months with a decision in late May 2010.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**McNary to John Day Transmission Line:** In August, BPA will continue construction on the McNary to John Day transmission line in Oregon and Washington. The line and associated system upgrades will enable BPA to satisfy a large number of transmission requests including 575 megawatts of additional wind generation. This project will alleviate constraints and will allow significant amounts of wind generation to cross otherwise constrained transmission paths to load

centers. Work is proceeding faster than anticipated on the section of the route that is being constructed this summer. In August, crews will advance from working ten hour days five days a week, to ten hour days six days a week. In September, the construction contractor will bring in large cranes to start erection of assembled towers.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Big Eddy – Knight Transmission Line Scoping:** In August, BPA will continue developing the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for its proposed Big Eddy – Knight transmission line. The proposed 500-kilovolt line would extend from about 26 miles to 28 miles from near The Dalles, Oregon to northwest of Goldendale, Washington. Through studies completed following its 2008 NOS, BPA determined that constructing the line could add capacity to meet transmission service requests including for new wind generation.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Central Ferry – Lower Monumental Transmission Line Scoping:** In August, BPA will complete public comment on scoping for an EIS for its proposed 500-kilovolt transmission line in southeastern Washington state. Starting August 10, surveyors will be in the field along potential routes. The proposed line is needed to respond to requests for transmission capacity, much of it for new wind generation, in that area.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Scoping Meetings for Klickitat Fisheries Projects:** On August 4, BPA will hold public scoping meetings in Lyle, Washington, for the preparation of an EIS for the Klickitat Hatchery Program. The proposed program will upgrade and potentially expand fish production facilities in the Klickitat River subbasin in Washington State. The proposed changes are to increase the abundance of naturally spawning salmon and steelhead and increase harvest opportunities for Yakama Nation tribal members and others.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Public Meetings for Mid-Columbia Coho Restoration:** In August, BPA will hold public meetings for the preparation of an EIS for reintroducing coho salmon in the Methow and Wenatchee Rivers in

Chelan and Okanogan Counties, Washington. The proposal is sponsored by the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation for funding by BPA.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

September  
Next 60 Days

**BPA Joins Western Joint Initiative Partners to Improve Dynamic Scheduling Capabilities:** BPA is working with other transmission operators in the Western Interconnection to develop real-time communications capabilities that will improve the region's ability to schedule electricity generation from dispatchable sources. The goal of the initial effort is to develop a communications protocol and infrastructure that will allow participating entities from a wide geographic area to schedule capacity and energy within the operating hour. In this way, geographically diverse systems could support a greater amount of variable generation. BPA signed an Agreement of Interest with other members of the regional transmission organizations ColumbiaGrid and the Northern Tier Transmission Group to create a common, consistent dynamic scheduling system. Utilities that signed up serve areas from Canada to New Mexico. Participants expect to execute an implementation contract for a dynamic scheduling system development in September.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Aluminum Smelter Service Contracts:** In September, BPA expects to make a final decision on power sale contracts to two aluminum smelters. BPA has released for public review and comment a proposal for the terms of potential new service to Alcoa, Inc., for its plant in Washington State that employs over 500 workers, and Columbia Falls Aluminum Company for its plant in Montana that employs over 80 workers. The proposal is for power sales at the Industrial Firm Power rate that is sufficient to meet a portion of the smelters' loads. The proposed power sales would begin October 1, 2009, and extend September 30, 2016.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

October  
Next 90 Days

**I-5 Corridor Transmission Line:** In October, BPA will file its Notice of Intent and begin public meetings for the scoping of the I-5 Corridor Reinforcement Project which is proposed to include a new 70 mile,

500-kilovolt transmission line in western Washington and western Oregon. The exact path of the line would be determined after public input and environmental review.

No Secretarial action is requested at this time.

**Smart Grid Initiative:** In October, the Western Electric Coordinating Council (WECC) expects to hear on its proposal submitted under the Department of Energy's Smart Grid Investment Program. BPA is participating with other balancing authorities in the WECC interconnection on a coordinated effort to exchange operational real-time phasor data among balancing authorities. WECC submitted the proposal to the Department in August

No Secretarial action is requested at this time.



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### MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

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**SUBJECT:** 30-60-90 Day Report

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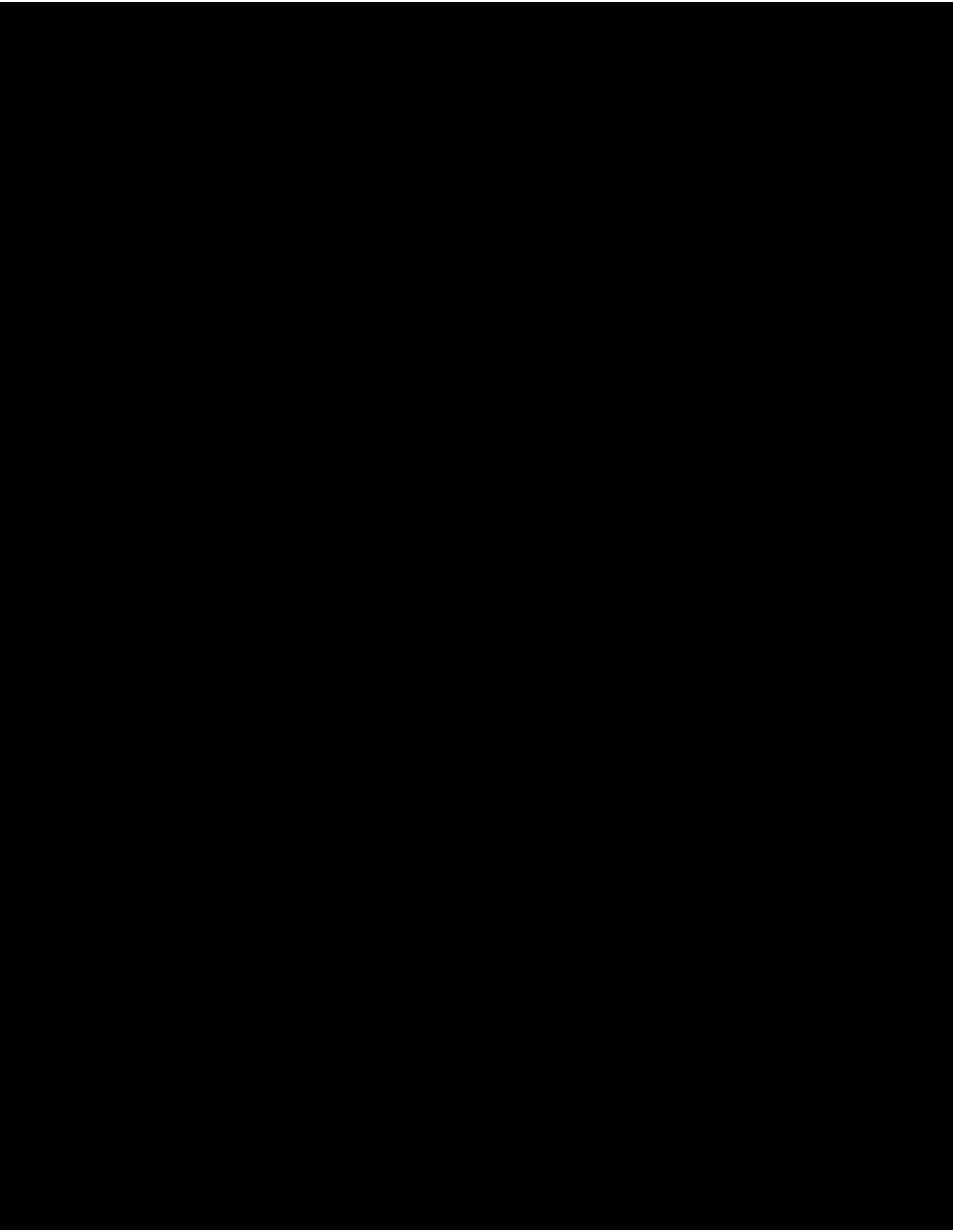
**Federal Hydro System Operations:** By September 15, the Department of Justice will respond to questions asked of the Federal Government in litigation pending in the United States District Court for Oregon over the Biological Opinion (BiOp) for the Federal Columbia River Power System (FCRPS). District Court Judge James A. Redden has requested that the Administration review the BiOp and asked for additional discussion among the parties to the litigation.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Proposed Memorandum of Agreement with Washington State:** The Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the Bureau of Reclamation have proposed to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the State of Washington to establish a nine-year commitment for habitat projects in the Columbia River estuary. The purpose of the MOA is to help strengthen populations of salmon and steelhead listed for protection under the Endangered Species Act. Public comment on the proposed MOA closed on May 4 and a final decision is pending.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Draft Regional Power Plan:** In September, the Northwest Power and Conservation Council (Council) will continue to deliberate and may release for comment its draft Sixth Power Plan. BPA is developing its 2009 Resource Program in



whether any system upgrades or new transmission projects are necessary to provide additional service, conduct a financial analysis, and then finally make a rate determination based on the financial analysis and a regional economic benefit analysis. The entire process for the 2009 NOS will last 12 months with a decision in late May 2010.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**McNary to John Day Transmission Line:** BPA is continuing construction on the McNary to John Day transmission line in Oregon and Washington. The line and associated system upgrades will enable BPA to satisfy a large number of transmission requests including 575 megawatts of additional wind generation. This project will alleviate constraints and will allow significant amounts of wind generation to cross otherwise constrained transmission paths to load centers. To date, BPA has installed fourteen miles of tower foundations and assembled eight miles of tower bodies. In September, the construction contractor will bring in large cranes to start erection of assembled towers.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Big Eddy-Knight Transmission Line Scoping:** In September, BPA will continue developing the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for its proposed Big Eddy-Knight transmission line. The proposed 500-kilovolt line would extend from about 26 miles to 28 miles from near The Dalles, Oregon to northwest of Goldendale, Washington. Through studies completed following its 2008 NOS, BPA determined that constructing the line could add capacity to meet transmission service requests including for new wind generation.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Scoping Meetings for Klickitat Fisheries Projects:** In September, public comment will close on the scoping for an EIS for the proposed Klickitat Hatchery program. The proposed program will upgrade and potentially expand fish production facilities in the Klickitat River subbasin in Washington State.

The proposed changes are to increase the abundance of naturally spawning salmon and steelhead and increase harvest opportunities for Yakama Nation tribal members and others.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Public Meetings for Mid-Columbia Coho Restoration:** BPA is seeking public comment by September 15 on scoping for an EIS for reintroducing coho salmon in the Methow and Wenatchee Rivers in Chelan and Okanogan Counties, Washington. The proposal is sponsored by the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation for funding by BPA.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Aluminum Smelter Service Contracts:** In September, BPA expects to make a final decision on offering a power sale contract to Alcoa, Inc., for its plant in Washington State that employs over 500 workers. BPA released for public comment a draft contract on August 20 and is accepting comment through September 9. Though the draft contract was negotiated with Alcoa, the Columbia Falls Aluminum Company could be offered service under a similar contract. The proposed power sales would begin October 1, 2009, and extend through September 30, 2016.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

October  
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**New Power and Transmission Rates:** In October, BPA expects to implement its new wholesale power and transmission rates. The Administrator released his final Record of Decision (ROD) on July 21. The final ROD set an average power rate increase of 7 percent, down from the initial proposal of 9.4 percent. The final ROD instituted a wind integration rate of \$1.29 per kilowatt month, significantly reduced from the initial rate proposal of \$2.72 per kilowatt month. The American Wind Energy Association and Renewable Northwest Project expressed appreciation to BPA for its efforts to mitigate the costs of wind integration. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission has the requisite 60 days for review and approval; BPA requested the rates to be effective on October 1, 2009.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**I-5 Corridor Transmission Line:** In October, BPA will file its Notice of Intent and begin public meetings for the scoping of the I-5 Corridor Reinforcement Project which is proposed to include a new 70 to 90 mile, 500-kilovolt transmission line in western Washington and western Oregon. The exact path of the line would be determined after public input and environmental review.

No Secretarial action is requested at this time.

**Central Ferry-Lower Monumental Transmission Line Scoping:** In October, BPA will begin preparation of a draft EIS for its proposed 500-kilovolt Central Ferry-Lower Monumental transmission line in southeastern Washington state. Surveyors are currently in the field along potential routes. The proposed line is needed to respond to requests for transmission capacity, much of it for new wind generation, in that area.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**BPA Joins Western Joint Initiative Partners to Improve Dynamic Scheduling Capabilities:** BPA is working with other transmission operators in the Western Interconnection to develop real-time communications capabilities that will improve the region's ability to schedule electricity generation from dispatchable sources. The goal of the initial effort is to develop a communications protocol and infrastructure that will allow participating entities from a wide geographic area to schedule capacity and energy within the operating hour. In this way, geographically diverse systems could support a greater amount of variable generation. BPA signed an Agreement of Interest with other members of the regional transmission organizations ColumbiaGrid and the Northern Tier Transmission Group to create a common, consistent dynamic scheduling system. Utilities that signed up serve areas from Canada to New Mexico. Participants expect to execute an implementation contract for a dynamic scheduling system development in October.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Wind Measurement Improvements:** In October, BPA expects to complete the installation of 14 wind measurement units across Oregon and Washington. Installing the units is one of the

projects outlined in BPA's wind integration plan to help increase the amount of wind generation BPA's transmission system can carry.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

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Nothing to report.



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**Federal Hydro System Operations:** Judge James A. Redden, of the United States District Court for Oregon, asked plaintiffs in the litigation challenging the Biological Opinion for the Federal Columbia River Power System (FCRPS) to file briefs on the Administration's filing in the case by October 7. The Department of Justice filed statements on behalf of the Administration on September 23. When the plaintiffs' briefs are filed, the Federal Defendants will have until October 16 to file responses.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**New Power and Transmission Rates:** On October 1, the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) will implement its new wholesale power and transmission rates which were approved on an interim basis by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission on September 28. The average power rate increase is 7 percent, down from the initial proposal of 9.4 percent. The wind integration rate is \$1.29 per kilowatt month, significantly reduced from the initial rate proposal of \$2.72 per kilowatt month. The American Wind Energy Association and Renewable Northwest Project expressed appreciation to BPA for its efforts to mitigate the costs of wind integration.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Energy Efficiency Program Development:** In October, BPA expects to continue discussions with customers to develop a proposal to define its role in achieving regional energy efficiency targets when its new power sale contracts begin in 2012. BPA will use a public comment process to refine the draft proposal.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Confirming Transmission Service Requests:** In October, BPA will continue its "cluster study" to analyze available transmission capacity for customers seeking long-term firm transmission service through BPA's second Network Open Season (NOS). The NOS is BPA's approach to manage long-term firm transmission requests and for determining any network transmission facility reinforcements that might be required to accommodate the requests. In August, 16 customers signed preliminary service agreements for 1,553 megawatts of transmission service, approximately 60 percent of which would be for wind generation. The cluster studies will determine whether any system upgrades or new transmission projects are necessary to provide additional service. BPA expects to complete the study in January. The entire process for the 2009 NOS will last 12 months with a decision in late May 2010.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Completion of Northwest Energy Efficiency Taskforce Recommendations:** In October, the Executive Committee of Northwest Energy Efficiency Taskforce (NEET) will meet to review progress on its recommendations and to understand what future actions regional energy efficiency organizations are planning. NEET is co-chaired by BPA Administrator Stephen J. Wright; Tom Karier, member of the Northwest Power and Conservation Council; and Pat Reiten, President of Pacific Power. The NEET Executive Committee is composed of 29 senior representatives of Pacific Northwest utilities, state governments, customers, industry, and energy efficiency experts.

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No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**I-5 Corridor Transmission Line:** BPA is scheduled to file its Notice of Intent on October 9 and begin nearly 2 weeks of public meetings on October 27 for the scoping of the I-5 Corridor Reinforcement Project. The proposed project would include a new approximately 70 mile 500-kilovolt line from a new substation near Castle Rock, Washington, to a new substation in Troutdale, Oregon. The exact path of the line would be determined after public input and environmental review.

No Secretarial action is requested at this time.

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No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Wind Generation Operating Protocols:** On October 1, BPA will implement its Final Dispatchers Standing Order 216, one of its principal wind integration tasks. Implementing these protocols will improve BPA's system reliability, reduce costs to wind projects, and support growth of the wind fleet.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

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No Secretarial action requested at this time.

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Next 60 Days

**Draft Regional Power Plan:** In November, the Northwest Power and Conservation Council (Council) will complete public comment on its draft Sixth Power Plan. BPA is developing its 2009 Resource Program in coordination with the Council's planning process. The Council's Power Plan examines power load growth and resources for the Pacific Northwest as a whole. BPA's Resource Program examines how the FCRPS can be

expected to meet BPA's projected power supply obligations. If and when BPA actually acquires resources, it intends to do so consistent with the Council's plan.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Tier 2 Pricing:** BPA preference customers must elect by November 1 whether they intend BPA to supply all or a portion of their above-high water mark power needs for Fiscal Year 2012, 2013 and 2014, and, if so, how much and through what rate alternative. BPA is working with customers to bring greater certainty about the types, costs, risks and other characteristics of resources BPA expects to secure.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Draft Resource Plan:** BPA has released a draft Resource Program for public comment through November 30. The Resource Program evaluates whether and what resources BPA may need to acquire to meet its power supply obligations. The planning horizon goes through 2019.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

December  
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**Sub-Hourly Scheduling Pilot:** In December, BPA expects to implement a pilot project to allow wind generators to begin scheduling transmission service at the half-hour as well as the hour to improve their ability to sell power from fast changes in wind generation. This is the first step in the move towards broader regional sub-hourly transmission scheduling and has resulted from collaboration with a range of regional stakeholders through a "Joint Initiative" sponsored by ColumbiaGrid, the Northern Tier Transmission Group, and WestConnect. This pilot is one of the six projects in BPA's wind integration work plan.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.