

**Spring Operations Review Forum
Conference Call
April 22, 2011
1 p.m.**

Meeting materials were not posted before the call but should be posted this afternoon on BPA's Overgeneration web page at <http://www.bpa.gov/corporate/AgencyTopics/ColumbiaRiverHighWaterMgmt/>.

Elliot Mainzer of BPA provided an introduction to the call; this call is the third in the series. He cautioned participants to stay clear of discussing topics related to the market and market prices to avoid anti-trust concerns. Hydrosystem operational decisions will continue to be discussed in the Regional Forum Technical Management Team (TMT).

Steve Kerns of BPA reported that as forecast last week, this week was cool with normal precipitation. BPA is not in an overgeneration condition. Grand Coulee is steeply drafting to its April 30 flood control elevation. Wind decreased in the last week, but is over 19,000 MWh accumulated overgeneration. McNary is the bottleneck of the FCRPS and has been operating close to (but below) 120% TDG because of lack of turbine capacity. We have not yet seen temperatures that would signal the start of runoff, and there is still snow at low elevations. The mid-month runoff forecast was 127 MAF. BPA is not taking any direct actions to manage overgeneration except managing reservoirs to flood elevations.

Elliot asked if anyone had a question for Steve Kerns; no one did.

Rich Ellison of BPA reported on transmission. BPA is monitoring outages closely, working on the May-June timeframe. Work is scheduled on PG&E California-Oregon Intertie remedial action scheme (RAS) this weekend. Some maintenance also will occur next week, but capacities are high enough to manage any high water. Utilization is dropping off on the S and N interties, so capacity is available. Yesterday there was 3000 MW of wind generation, and today there is less than 100 MW this is stated as an example of the variability and magnitude surrounding wind output on the BPA System.

Elliot asked if anyone had a question for Rich Ellison. One person asked if the handouts had been posted. Answer: They will be available online, we hope this afternoon. One person asked if Grand Coulee is still drafting. Answer: Yes; there is about 7 feet to go, and drafting is on track. One person asked, when snow begins to melt, after April 30, may there be times when flows below Grand Coulee are high enough that overgeneration could occur? Answer: Yes; as May begins, we will monitor flows at The Dalles.

Elliot Mainzer stated that he had mentioned in previous calls the efforts by Kevin Nordt at Grant to determine interest in spill exchanges. In that regard, BPA is finalizing a spill exchange agreement. Steve Kerns is making phone calls related to this topic and will have better information by the end of next week. Anyone who wants to pursue spill exchanges should contact Steve Kerns at BPA or Kevin Nordt at Grand PUD. Elliot again

asked call participants for any operational or coordination ideas and asked for information, especially from the California Independent System Operator He asked participants to stay in touch through the Tech Forum. BPA will keep monitoring the situation, and the call next Friday will provide any updates.

There were 53 participants including BPA on the call. The call ended at 1:10 pm.