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Over the last few weeks, BPA has worked with our customers, the wind power community and other interested citizens to refine our Wind Integration Team Work Plan for the next two years. With your participation, we have developed a work plan that will support bringing more wind into our system quickly, reliably and at the lowest possible cost. We are adding more staff and resources and have pushed up deadlines for this effort in response to our customers' priorities.

Over the last two years, BPA has addressed key recommendations of the 2007 Northwest Wind Integration Action Plan, especially those related to transmission financing, expansion and greater use of existing transmission capacity. We have addressed complex cost allocation issues in rates.

The Wind Integration Team Work Plan is the next major push in BPA's wind integration efforts. Its six projects focus primarily on operational issues, including reliability protocols, wind forecasting, and the systems and business practices by which we schedule power and sell transmission services. These projects will begin to fundamentally change the way the transmission grid is operated, from today's hourly power scheduling to the faster, more flexible grid that is needed for wind power, other variable power sources, and Smart Grid technologies.

We are pleased to present our Wind Integration Team Work Plan. We will continue to keep you apprised of our progress in the work plan projects through the WIT e-mail list. BPA customers will also be kept apprised of specific business practice development through BPA Transmission Services Customer Technical Forum and Joint Operating Committee.

Thank you for your interest in BPA's efforts for Northwest wind power. If you have any questions, please contact Eric King at 503-230-5236.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brian Silverstein".

Brian Silverstein  
Senior Vice President, Transmission Services