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### **RTO Overview for the August 22 and 25 BPA Public Meetings on RTO West and Benefits/Cost Workshop Scheduled for Morning of Spokane Meeting**

#### **Action: NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS**

As a reminder, the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) will be having a public comment period beginning August 7 and closing September 8, 2000. In addition, BPA will host two public meetings; the first will be in Spokane, Wash. on August 22 and the second in Portland, Ore. on August 25. The purpose of the comment period and two public meetings is to take comment on the major issues associated with the development of an RTO as they relate to BPA and whether all the issues have been captured. One of the two public meetings (Spokane) also will incorporate an RTO West briefing to fulfill part of its commitment to host RTO Regional Workshops referenced in the April 6 Northwest RTO Collaborative Process Plan.

The two public meetings on RTO West will be held at the following locations:

- **Spokane, WA** Tuesday, August 22, at the Ramada Inn, Spokane International Airport, Spokane, WA, 509-838-5211, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.
- **Portland, OR** Friday, August 25, at the Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel, Columbian Room, 8235 NE Airport Way, Portland, OR, 503-281-2500 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

In addition, during the morning of the Spokane meeting on August 22nd in the same conference room as the RTO West public meeting, there will be an:

- **RTO Benefits/Cost Workgroup Workshop from 9am - Noon**, Tuesday, August 22, at the Ramada Inn, Spokane International Airport, Spokane, WA, 509-838-5211.

The RTO Benefits/Cost workgroup is holding a workshop to discuss with participants the preliminary results of their overall RTO West benefits analysis. The areas where we expect to have quantified benefits results are expected to include: reduced production cost benefits as a result of removing pancaked rates; resource capacity expansion benefits; and regulating reserve benefits. Other benefit areas will also be discussed. In addition to sharing these preliminary results, a panel of guests has been asked to share their experiences in developing and running RTOs elsewhere in the country. They have been asked to share any benefits vs. costs analysis

they did in forming their RTO structures, and whether their assumptions about operating an RTO matched their actual experience.

**For Additional Information:** For additional information, please contact the official RTO West web site at [www.rto west.com](http://www.rto west.com) or BPA's web site at [www.bpa.gov](http://www.bpa.gov). If you have any questions, please contact Mike Hansen at 1-503-230-4328.