

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
BEFORE THE  
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION**

Avista Corporation,  
Bonneville Power Administration,  
Idaho Power Company,  
The Montana Power Company,  
Nevada Power Company,  
PacifiCorp,  
Portland General Electric Company,  
Puget Sound Energy, Inc.,  
Sierra Pacific Power Company

Docket No. RT01-35-005

**INFORMATIONAL FILING RELATED TO  
STAGE 2 FILING AND REQUEST FOR DECLARATORY ORDER  
PURSUANT TO ORDER 2000**

On March 29, 2002, Avista Corporation, the Bonneville Power Administration, Idaho Power Company, Nevada Power Company, NorthWestern Energy, L.L.C. (formerly the Montana Power Company), PacifiCorp, Portland General Electric Company, Puget Sound Energy, Inc., and Sierra Pacific Power Company, joined by British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority, a nonjurisdictional Canadian utility, (collectively, the “filing utilities”) filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (the “Commission”) a Stage 2 Filing and Request for Declaratory Order Pursuant to

Order 2000, in accordance with Rule 207(a)(2) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 C.F.R. § 385.207(a)(2) (2000) (the "Stage 2 Filing"). The Stage 2 Filing included, as Attachment L, an Illustrative Implementation Plan Summary. The Stage 2 Filing explained that the Illustrative Implementation Plan Summary was included "to demonstrate the set of activities that must be undertaken by RTO West to become operational and [to] describe[] the interrelationship of the major components and relative duration,"<sup>1</sup> but did not necessarily reflect the actual timing or sequence of events to establish RTO West. The Stage 2 Filing further explained that the filing utilities were working to develop a detailed plan with proper activity sequencing and that they expected to file this plan within 60 days following the Stage 2 Filing.<sup>2</sup>

The filing utilities have worked diligently on a detailed implementation plan since submitting the Stage 2 Filing. To complete this work, however, and to give interested stakeholders the opportunity to provide their feedback on the plan, the filing utilities will need an additional few weeks beyond the 60-day target given in the Stage 2 Filing. Accordingly, they will file their more detailed plan concerning RTO West implementation no later than June 28, 2002.

Respectfully submitted this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2002.

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<sup>1</sup> Stage 2 Filing at 62.

<sup>2</sup> *Id.*

## SIGNATURES

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