

**COPY OF JULY 15, 2003 E-MAIL FROM BUD KROGH AND CHRIS ELLIOTT
CONFIRMING JULY 21, 2003 RRG MEETING**

Hello Everyone,

The RTO West Regional Representatives Group will meet on Monday, July 21, 2003, from 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. PDT. The meeting will be held at the Portland Sheraton Airport Hotel in Mt. Hood rooms A and B. To accommodate everyone (and save time), for lunch we have arranged with the Sheraton to provide a buffet. For those who wish to take advantage of this option, the cost will be \$11.00 per person (or you may eat in the hotel's restaurant during the lunch break if you prefer). Please let us know (by e-mail, but please do NOT reply all to the e-mail list server) if you would like to have the buffet lunch so that we can provide a rough count to the Sheraton. (Please reply to Judy Welch, judyrtowest@earthlink.net or Chris Elliott, chrirtowest@earthlink.net).

The RTO West filing utilities appreciate both written and informal input received in response to our request for comments on defining transmission problems and further development work processes. The input received will be helpful to our discussions at the July 21st meeting. The written responses, which we have received permission to post, are on our website at http://www.rtowest.com/Stage2RRG_Upcoming.htm. And, other responses will be posted as we receive permission.

Based on your suggestions, we propose to begin the groundwork needed before moving ahead with any development work. For the July 21st meeting, the focus of our discussions would be to:

- 1) Consider process options for seeking consensus on key initial questions; and
- 2) Begin discussions to identify and prioritize the region's transmission problems and opportunities.

Attached is a straw proposal from the filing utilities for initial steps that would precede further work on regional transmission solutions (page 1), and a proposed process for carrying out the initial steps (page 2). The attachment is also posted on the RTO West website at http://www.rtowest.com/Stage2RRG_Upcoming.htm.

We anticipate that more than one meeting will be necessary to complete discussions on the region's transmission problems and opportunities, as well as proposed follow-on key questions in the attached straw proposal.

All interested parties are invited to attend the RRG meetings.

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