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Dear RTO West Presenters and Participants:

On behalf of the states and provinces in the RTO West footprint, we want to thank you for participating in our May 29 meeting in Boise. The presentations and discussions helped the states and provinces assess important issues and launched what we hope will be productive discussions of RTO West issues with the filing utilities.

As a result of the meeting, we are interested in pursuing at least three topics:

1. Definition of cost/benefit and risk analysis that needs to be done by RTO West;
2. The timeline of events in the evolution of the RTO West proposal, including expectations regarding the completion of the Transmission Operating Agreement (TOA) and the idea of filing with state and provincial commissions for approval prior to filing with FERC; and
3. Contingencies that might be addressed in the TOA, such as conditions under which a utility can withdraw from the RTO, allowances for changes in operating procedures, and automatic price mitigation strategies.

There may be other subjects for later collaboration, but our group felt that the three topics mentioned would be most fruitful right now.

The opportunity to improve transmission management, planning, and operations in a way that meets the needs of the region is important. But, to be successful, any such improvements will require broad regional support. We urge the filing utilities to take advantage of this opportunity to build a consensus of support as expeditiously as possible. We are willing to work with you on these issues and encourage you to re-engage other important parties in the region, including non-jurisdictional utilities, in the development of the RTO West proposal.

Sincerely,

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