



April 26, 2004

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Dear Bud,

The Northwest Independent Power Producers Coalition (NIPPC) supports the Grid West Regional Platform Proposal (Regional Proposal) created through the Regional Representatives Group (RRG) process. The Regional Proposal was explicitly crafted to address regional problems and issues with the Northwest's transmission system. It is a truly indigenous product rather than a response to federal mandate.

We support the Regional Proposal because it provides the foundation for Grid West while addressing the region's problems and concerns several parties raised with the earlier RTO West and IndeGO efforts. The Regional Proposal will provide the region with significant benefits because it:

- is regionally accountable;
- will enhance the reliability of the Northwest's transmission system;
- provides fair treatment for all grid users and assures that the transmission system will be operated for the collective good of the Northwest, rather than to advance of any single interest;
- will improve the efficiency of the current transmission system and enhance the region's ability to invest in new infrastructure;
- offers real time pricing and transactional transparency;
- preserves existing contracts and agreements to use the system;
- phases implementation with clear check points along the way.

The Regional Proposal is a comprehensive solution to the Northwest's transmission problems that balances competing regional interests. While every party may have issues with one aspect of it or another, when taken collectively, this proposal has earned the broad support it enjoys.

While we would like to see the proposal move faster to the "end state", we support the workable, comprehensive compromise embodied in the Regional Proposal. Our support is contingent upon participants continuing to move forward within the terms of the compromise in creating an "independent entity" tasked with operating the Northwest's transmission system.

The Northwest Independent Power Producers Coalition (NIPPC) represents 11,000 megawatts of operational and permitted thermal generation. Independent Power Producers represent a significant share of the Northwest's current and projected electric capacity.

The Independent Power community remains committed to participating in the hard work that remains ahead. We share the expectation that the development of the operational and market structure envisioned by the Regional Proposal will reinvigorate the Northwest tradition of reliable, low cost electricity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Kahn", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Robert Kahn  
Executive Director