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Subject: Comments on Proposed Grid West Bylaws

The Renewable Northwest Project (RNP), and Tom Foley representing renewable resources, would like to offer support for the proposed single set of Operational Grid West bylaws presented at the meeting on December 6, 2005 and updated on December 19, 2005. We participated in the Dec. 6th meeting as well as the general discussion of potential bylaw modifications on November 17, 2005.

We endorse the shift from two sets of bylaws to one set of operational bylaws. This should make the formation and functioning of the organization more efficient and eliminate unnecessary process. A clear delineation between developmental and operational stages is no longer necessary to accommodate Bonneville Power Administration's public decision process. In all cases where "checks" on the Board were removed, there remain ample opportunities for member consultation and review in other provisions of the bylaws. We support all of the recent proposed changes.

RNP is glad to see that section 7.17 and related sections have been maintained in the latest update of the bylaws. RNP hopes that maintaining this particular provision related to accountability may help keep the door open for Bonneville Power Administration to join as a Grid West participant in the future. We also support raising the voting requirement in section 7.17 from 18 MRC votes to 20 before an action proposed or approved by the Board of Directors must be treated as a "Special Issue."

In addition, we support the clarifications on membership in the "Generators, Power Marketers, Large Generating End-Use Consumers, and Others" member class agreed to by members of the "sellers" class.

We applaud the utilities still working to develop Grid West, and commend their efforts to make the bylaws more efficient during GW's development and operation. We feel that the proposed changes strike the right balance between independence and regional accountability, which has been so important in the development of Grid West.

Sincerely,

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