



# Grid West

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### **Grid West Board Plans to Dissolve; Participants Look Ahead to New Activities**

**PORTLAND, Ore.** – The Grid West Board of Directors voted today to prepare to dissolve the corporation. “We believe the Grid West proposal encompasses an outstanding operational and market design,” said Chuck Durick, a Board member and President of Grid West. “The approach to governance is balanced and carefully thought out to fit the region. Still, the obstacles for successful implementation at this time have become too great. We need to recognize that and look for other ways to address the region’s transmission issues constructively.”

“We are deeply grateful to the many parties across the region – utilities, independent generators, state regulatory representatives, members of the renewables and environmental communities, tribes – who have been part of Grid West,” said Bud Krogh, facilitator for Grid West over the past several years. “It is their steadfast support, and their generous contributions of time, personnel, and financial resources, that brought so many excellent ideas together in the Grid West process. I believe they will continue to serve the region well in the future.”

Grid West was previously organized as a membership nonprofit corporation. In early November, 2005, Grid West was reorganized as a non-member non-profit corporation for transitional purposes. Grid West continued to hold dues paid by former members in anticipation of a possible return to membership status. As the Grid West organization winds up in the next several weeks, Grid West will refund in full all previously paid membership fees.

Said Cameron Lusztig, Director of Policy and Strategy at British Columbia Transmission Corporation and a Grid West Board member: “We are looking ahead. We hope to use many positive elements from the Grid West process to help us tackle the pressing issues for the region’s transmission system. Whatever approach we take, the time to make real progress is here.”