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**Asotin County Public Utility District**

The Asotin County Public Utility District has reviewed all available information regarding the Grid West and Transmission Improvements Group (TIG) proposals. Based on the available information, we conclude that the TIG approach offers the best ideas developed to date, promises the greatest benefit to consumers in the Northwest at the lowest cost and risk possible, allowing for the retention regional and local control.

The TIG proposal addresses the most important issues facing the Northwest transmission system and is the most cost effective of the proposals submitted. The TIG package would provide nearly all of the benefits of Grid West at a fraction of the cost, and without the risks of an independent board and=FERC jurisdiction.

Asotin County PUD urges BPA to adopt the TIG proposal as the foundation for future improvements to access, planning, expansion, and use of the region transmission system.