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RE: Open Comment Period - Decision Point 2

Dear Steve:

Douglas County PUD remains convinced that the initiative known as Grid West will be too costly and provide no clear net benefit for Northwest citizens.

Instead we believe that a cooperative planning and expansion effort led by Bonneville and other Northwest utilities is what is most urgently needed for reliable and cost-effective electric service to meet the region's growing needs. We also support a common OASIS for the purpose of facilitating purchase and sale of transmission system capacity.

Our view is that changes to the operational structure of the Northwest transmission system (e.g., merger of major Pacific Northwest control areas, formation of new power and transmission markets) will detract from efforts to operate reliably and further delay making necessary improvements to infrastructure.

In short, we are opposed to seeing control of transmission system planning and operations given up to a new bureaucracy regardless of its governance structure. Based on these views, Douglas County PUD urges you to cease BPA's participation in the Grid West initiative in favor of remaining engaged with the consumer-owned and investor-owned utilities that are seeking to improve the transmission system through coordinated transmission planning and infrastructure development and are approaching near-term operational refinements in an incremental fashion.

Very truly yours,

Michael Doneen  
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