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SUBJECT: Tacoma Power Comments on TIG and Grid West

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments to the BPA in regard to its imminent decision on participation in Grid West and the Transmission Improvements Group (TIG).

Tacoma Power endorses the Public Power Council's September 2, 2005, comments on TIG and Grid West.

Tacoma Power supports TIG and opposes proceeding with Grid West for two fundamental reasons:

- TIG continues regional control though structures the Northwest has successfully employed historically. These structures provided the Northwest with a reliable, accessible and low cost system. Through regional cooperation, accountability, and control, the Northwest can continue this important heritage
- TIG targets legitimate Northwest transmission system issues and provides improvements for key areas and processes. TIG's incremental and regional approach promotes greater flexibility with its attendant lower risk and cost.

In closing, the BPA it as a crossroad – we urge the BPA to consider its remarkable legacy in the Northwest, and we believe only by choosing TIG will the BPA continue this important role that has brought so much success to Northwest.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Steven J. Klein
Superintendent