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EXECUTIVE OFFICE

May 1, 2002

IN REPLY REFER TO: BPA-KR

**MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY**

**FROM:** Stephen J. Wright  
Administrator and Chief Executive Officer

**SUBJECT:** 30-60-90 Day Report

[REDACTED]

**Work Progresses on Regional Transmission Organization (RTO):** Bonneville and Pacific Northwest investor owned utilities are continuing to work collaboratively with regional stakeholders to develop specifics of RTO West. In March 2002, the filing utilities submitted the Stage-2 filing with Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). The utilities have asked FERC for a declaratory order finding that the RTO West proposal satisfies the minimum characteristics and functions of an RTO per FERC's Order 2000, pending subsequent filings refining RTO West concepts and details. Significant unresolved issues remain to be addressed.

No Secretarial action requested.

**BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION WEEKLY REPORT**

**May 10, 2002**

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**Analysis Says RTO West Could Create Significant New Tax Liability:** An analysis commissioned by Snohomish PUD, a member of the Washington PUD Association, says that formation of RTO West could create significant new tax liability primarily from the transfer of control of Bonneville's transmission assets. The analysis of the Oregon and Washington tax implications of the formation and operation was prepared by attorneys hired by Snohomish PUD. Bonneville fundamentally disagrees with the conclusions of the analysis, and believes that many of the assumptions are flawed. The RTO West filing utilities, including Bonneville, plan to respond to the analysis. The Washington PUD Association is sharing the analysis with regional interests and Northwest Members of Congress.

**Media Interest:** Yes.  
**Program Contact:** Jeff Stier, 202-586-5640.

# BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION WEEKLY REPORT

May 31, 2002

## I. Schedule

**June 3:** Administrator Steve Wright will meet with Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Chairman Pat Wood and the utilities in Regional Transmission Organization (RTO) West in Portland, Oregon. Also on this date, the Administrator will speak at the Department-sponsored conference, Windpower 2002, in Portland, Oregon.

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June 5, 2002

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

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Administrator and Chief Executive Officer



SUBJECT: 30-60-90 Day Report

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**Work Progresses on Regional Transmission Organization (RTO):** Bonneville and Pacific Northwest investor-owned utilities are continuing to work collaboratively with regional stakeholders to develop specifics of RTO West. In March 2002, the filing utilities submitted the Stage-2 filing with Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). The filing utilities are working on an implementation plan that they expect to give to FERC by the end of June.

No Secretarial action requested.

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**BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION WEEKLY REPORT**

**June 7, 2002**

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**Customer Workshops on Regional Transmission Organization (RTO):**  
Bonneville is conducting a series of 10 customer workshops on RTO West around the region through next week. Public system utilities continue to express strong reservations about Bonneville joining RTO West. Bonneville is working diligently with Northwest utilities and regional stakeholders to develop the RTO West proposal in a manner that will assure benefits to Northwest ratepayers.

**Media Interest:** Some.  
**Program Contact:** Jeff Stier, 202-586-5640.

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**BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION WEEKLY REPORT**

**July 26, 2002**

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**V. Press Inquiries**

**Northwest Utilities Take Campaign Against Regional Transmission Organization (RTO) to the Public, Congress:** The Washington Public Utility Association and several public utilities ran newspaper ads last week in several Northwest dailies opposing the formation of RTO West. Pointing to the Enron problems, the ads ask citizens to contact their congressmen asking, "that FERC (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission) stop the process of restructuring the Northwest electricity system" until we know "how to avoid similar problems in the future." Bonneville is beginning to receive letters prompted by the "Northwest Power Works" grassroots campaign. In addition, the Oregon Municipal Electric Utilities sent a resolution to the Northwest Congressional delegation in support of Northwest Power Works' objectives, stating in part "the people of the Northwest will face significant negative impacts if either the FERC vision of Standard Market Design or the current draft of RTO West are forced upon us."

**Media Interest:** Yes.

**Program Contact:** Jeff Stier, 202-586-5640.

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# BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION WEEKLY REPORT

September 13, 2002

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## II. Key Departmental News

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Expected to Consider Pacific Northwest Regional Transmission Organization (RTO) Filing:** RTO West may be on the docket for the FERC commissioner meeting September 18. Filing utilities are waiting to see how FERC responds to their Stage 2 filing before proceeding with their next steps. FERC Chairman Pat Wood has also said the commission wants to use the RTO docket to address regional variations related to the commission's proposed Standard Market Design (SMD) for wholesale electricity markets.

**Media Interest:** Some.

**Program Contact:** Jeff Stier, 202-586-5640.

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# BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION WEEKLY REPORT

September 20, 2002

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## II. Key Departmental News

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Approves Pacific Northwest Regional Transmission Organization (RTO) Filing:** FERC approved RTO West's Stage 2 filing at its commissioner meeting September 18. The filing utilities will review FERC's ruling before deciding on a workplan and next steps for subsequent filings. Of particular interest to Bonneville and other Northwest utilities is the commission's position on regional variations that have been identified for RTO West.

**Media Interest:** Yes.

**Program Contact:** Jeff Stier, 202-586-5640.

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# BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION WEEKLY REPORT

December 13, 2002

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## II. Key Departmental News

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**Western Regional Transmission Organizations (RTO) Sign Agreement to Work Together on Market Design:** In an important step toward their common goal to design a western market that makes the best use of generating and transmission resources, the three developing RTOs in the west signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) last week. The MOU provides a framework for cooperation among and between RTO West, WestConnect (in the Southwest), and the California Independent System Operator (California ISO) through the vehicle of the Seams Steering Group – Western Interconnection



next rate period and want to have access to more low-cost power via public utilities. The public process, which has been postponed several times due to conflicting demands of the rate case modification and other issues, is now expected to conclude with a Record of Decision in early summer 2001.

No Secretarial action requested.

**Events Planned for Fiscal Year (FY) 2002-2006 Rates Modification Proceeding:** Parties will file their direct case in the FY 2002-2006 rates modification proceedings this month (February).

No Secretarial action requested.

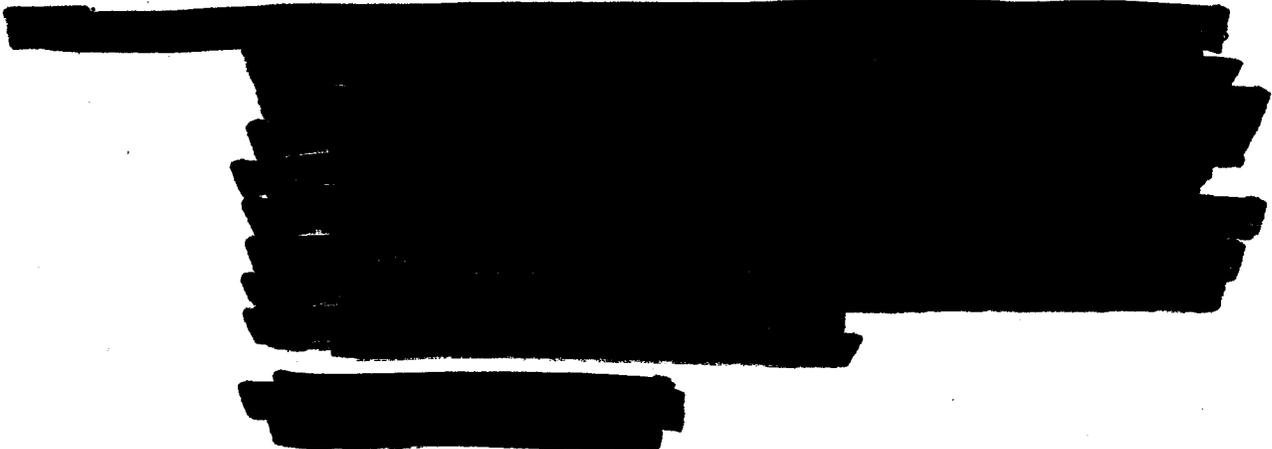
March  
Next 90 Days

**Northwest Power Planning Council (Council) to Recommend Fish Measures for Bonneville Funding:** The Council plans to make its recommendations to Bonneville this month (March) for "early actions" in habitat, harvest, and hatcheries to be funded for fish and wildlife recovery. The Council initiated a process last fall to identify urgent, high priority actions that required startup before the implementation plans required in the recent Biological Opinion are undertaken.

No Secretarial action requested.

**Schedule for Fiscal Year (FY) 2002-2006 Rates Modification Proceeding:** This month (March) in the FY 2002-2006 rates modification proceedings, litigants will file rebuttal to Bonneville's testimony. Cross-examination and oral argument are scheduled for April.

No Secretarial action requested.



**Bonneville and Filing Utilities Continue to Develop Regional Transmission Organization (RTO) Proposal:** After completing a compliance filing at FERC for RTO West, Bonneville and the other Pacific Northwest



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*for* Stephen J. Wright   
Acting Administrator and Chief Executive Officer

SUBJECT:

30-60-90 Day Report

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Ongoing

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Review of Regional Transmission Organization (RTO) Proposal Expected:** FERC is expected to complete review of the Stage One RTO West filing this Spring under Order 2000. In this submittal, Bonneville and the other filing utilities in the Pacific Northwest (including AVISTA Corp., Idaho Power Co., Montana Power Co., Nevada Power Co., PacifiCorp, Portland General Electric, Puget Sound Energy, and Sierra Pacific) requested preliminary guidance from FERC on scope and geography, governance, pricing, a liability agreement, a suspension agreement, and a preliminary transmission operating agreement. The filing utilities are currently conducting an extensive public participation process toward completing the final Stage Two filing, planned to be filed with FERC in July 2001. After FERC and State Public Utilities Commission's approval of the entire package, the filing utilities can proceed to form RTO West.

No Secretarial action requested.



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Next 60 Days

**FERC Review of Regional Transmission Organization (RTO) Proposal Expected:** FERC is expected to complete review of the RTO West filing this month under Order 2000. With FERC approval, Bonneville and the other transmission owners (filing utilities) in the Pacific Northwest (including Avista Corp., Idaho Power Co., Montana Power Co., Nevada Power Co., PacifiCorp, Portland General Electric, Puget Sound Energy, and Sierra Pacific) can proceed with start-up and funding activities. Public workshops are being held and workgroups developing products throughout the next several months in preparation for a Stage 2 filing at FERC in late Spring.

No Secretarial action requested.

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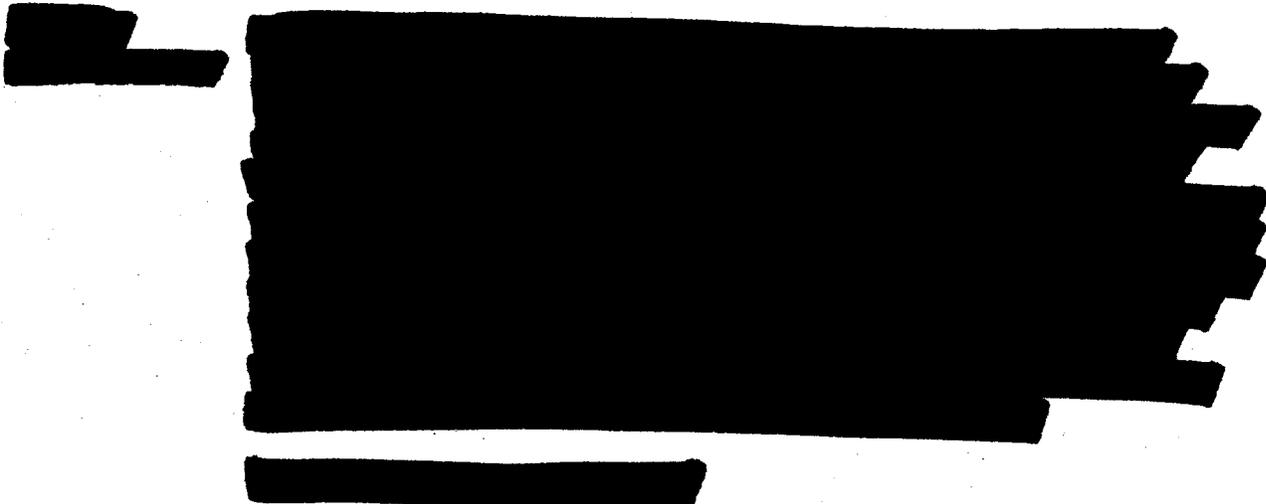
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April 4, 2001

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

FROM:  Stephen J. Wright 

SUBJECT: 30-60-90 Day Report



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No Secretarial action requested.

**BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION WEEKLY REPORT**

**April 27, 2001**

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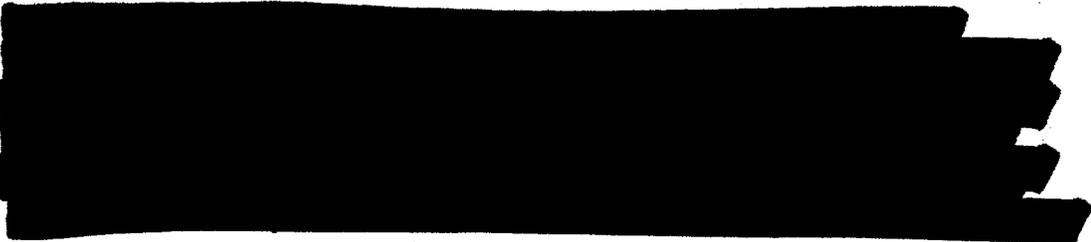
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**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Approves Regional Transmission Organization (RTO) Filing:** FERC this week approved Northwest utilities' submittal under FERC Order 2000, RTO West, with some modifications. FERC commended Bonneville and the eight Northwest utilities (including Avista Corp., Idaho Power Co., Montana Power Co., Nevada Power Co., PacifiCorp, Portland General Electric, Puget Sound Energy, and Sierra Pacific) in RTO West for the extraordinary collaborative process and for finding a solution that includes both public and private utilities. Bonneville and the filing utilities will now develop a work plan for a Stage 2 filing, targeted for later this summer, that addresses FERC's requested modifications and develops the details of the initial filing.

**Media Interest:** Yes.  
**Program Contact:** Jeff Stier, (202) 586-5640.







No Secretarial action requested.

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**Stage II Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Filing.**

Representatives of utilities participating in development of Regional Transmission Organization (RTO) West have set a goal to submit an interim filing to FERC August 31. The remaining portions of the RTO West proposal would be filed at FERC by December 1. The utilities, which include Bonneville and other transmission owners in the Pacific Northwest (Avista Corp., Idaho Power Co., Montana Power Co., PacifiCorp, Portland General Electric, Puget Sound Energy, and Sierra/Nevada Power Co.), are developing remaining portions of the RTO West proposal through a public collaborative process with stakeholders. Bonneville continues to supplement the public process with various briefings and meetings.

FERC approved much of the RTO West proposals submitted last October 23 and December 1, with minor modifications. FERC did not accept the RTO West proposal for a Liability Agreement, and RTO West representatives have since filed for rehearing on those issues. FERC released an Order Granting Rehearing for Further Consideration on June 21.

No Secretarial action requested.

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**BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION WEEKLY REPORT**

**August 3, 2001**

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**Regional Transmission Organization (RTO) Informational Filing Dropped:** RTO West filing utilities, including the Bonneville, have dropped plans for an August informational filing with FERC. Instead, the filing utilities will focus on a comprehensive, Stage II filing, which they hope to complete in December as required by FERC. In April, FERC approved initial RTO West filings, with minor modifications.

**Media Interest:** No.

**Program Contact:** Jeff Stier, 202-586-5640.

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# BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION WEEKLY REPORT

November 2, 2001

## I. Schedule

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**November 15:** The Acting Administrator will participate in the first of a series of Bonneville-sponsored customer roundtables on RTO West (see story in paragraph III below) in Boise, Idaho. Chief Operating Officer Steve Hickok will be acting.

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**BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION WEEKLY REPORT**

**November 9, 2001**

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**Stakeholders Review RTO Filing:** In preparation for a status report filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission on December 1, RTO West representatives have released a draft status report covering seams resolution, participation by Canadian entities, and a framework and timetable for formation of a West-wide RTO. Regional stakeholder comments are due November 21. Three of the potential RTO West investor-owned utility participants have indicated that they cannot support the filing in its current form. The filing utilities will continue to attempt to reach agreement before December 1.

**Media Interest:** No.

**Program Contact:** Jeff Stier, 202-586-5640.

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# BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION WEEKLY REPORT

November 26, 2001

## I. Schedule

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**December 5:** The Acting Administrator will attend a Bonneville Power Administration (Bonneville)-sponsored round table with public utility customers regarding Regional Transmission Organization (RTO) issues in Seattle, Washington. Steve Hickok will be acting.

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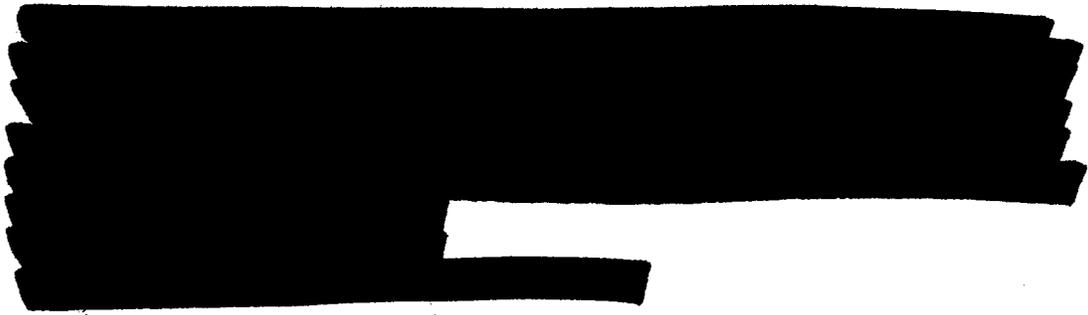
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**Public Customers Discuss RTO Concerns with Bonneville:** Acting Administrator Steve Wright and other Bonneville representatives met with members of the Idaho Consumer-Owned Utility Association on November 15 to discuss RTO West progress. Fifteen public utilities and entities were represented at the meeting. Wright told the group that an RTO must meet Bonneville's principles before it will join. Customers expressed concern about continuing existing contractual rights to transmission services and facilities and keeping costs down under a new RTO. The meetings continue next month in Seattle, Washington, and Portland, Oregon.

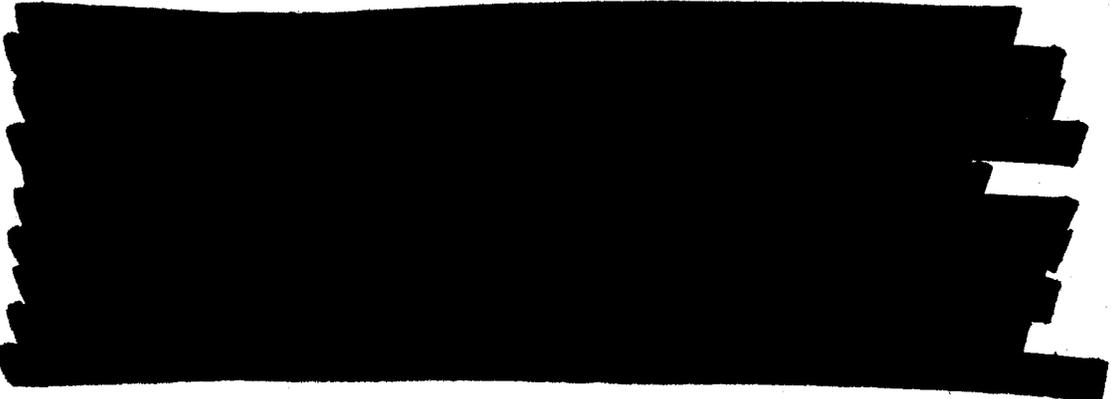
**Media Interest:** Some.

**Program Contact:** Jeff Stier, 202-586-5640.

**Bonneville to Join the New Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC):** Bonneville has served notice to the Northwest Regional Transmission Association (NRTA) that it expects to terminate its relationship with NRTA as soon as the newly formed WECC is up and running. NRTA's two counterparts—Southwestern RTA and a Western RTA—will both dissolve and merge into the new WECC. With WRTA and SWRTA phased out, Bonneville believes Northwest parties will find themselves in an isolationist position unless they also move to WECC. WECC is scheduled to replace the old Western Systems Coordinating Council (WSCC) and take over its functions, including reliability and ratings of new lines. WECC has also agreed to take over alternate dispute resolutions and planning coordination—two important functions that NRTA now performs. As proposed, RTO West would take over planning coordination.

**Media Interest:** No.

**Program Contact:** Jeff Stier, 202-586-5640.

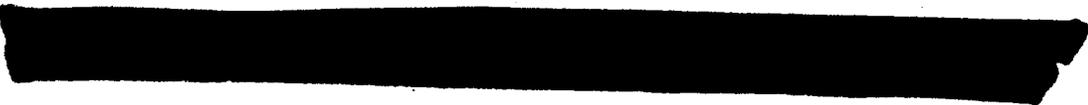
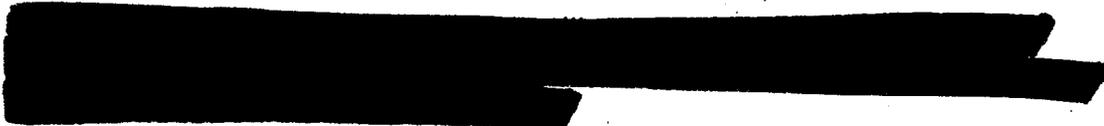


# BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION WEEKLY REPORT

November 30, 2001

## I. Schedule

**December 5:** Acting Administrator Steve Wright will attend a Bonneville Power Administration (Bonneville)-sponsored round table with public utility customers regarding Regional Transmission Organization (RTO) issues in Seattle, Washington. Acting General Counsel Randy Roach will be acting.



**December 12:** The Acting Administrator will speak at the annual meeting of the Oregon Rural Electric Cooperatives in Portland, Oregon. Also on December 12, he will attend a Bonneville-sponsored round table with public utility customers regarding RTO issues.



## II. Key Departmental News



**RTO Status Filing Submitted:** RTO West representatives will file a December 1 status report with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). The status report addresses the four key RTO West issues FERC requested in its April 26 order: a status report on seams resolutions, participation by Canadian entities, a framework for formation of a West-wide RTO, and a timetable for achieving that end. The filing utilities proposes creating three fully operational RTOs in the West

(RTO West, WestConnect, and California ISO), while working together to create single market for transmission services in the West. In the future, the report says, it may be possible to consolidate the initial three RTOs into fewer RTOs.

**Media Interest:** Some.

**Program Contact:** Jeff Stier, 202-586-5640.

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**BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION WEEKLY REPORT**

**March 3, 2000**

**I. Schedule**

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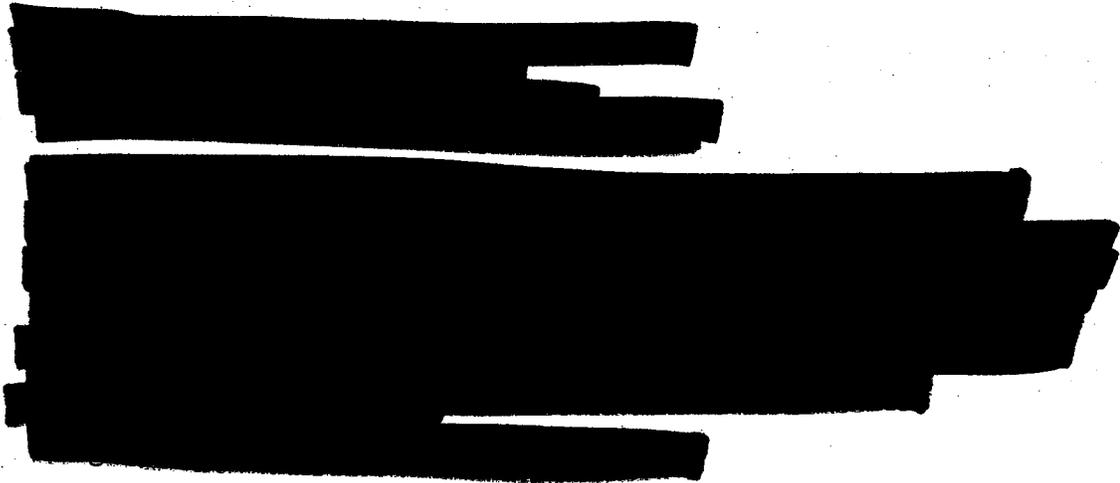
**II. Key Departmental News**

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**III. Work on Secretarial Initiatives**

**Executives Predict Electric Power Industry Trends:** A recently completed survey of Bonneville customers and constituents shows that most (87 percent) think it's likely that FERC will be given the authority within the next five years to mandate transmission owners to participate in a Regional Transmission Organization (RTO). About half (47 percent) believe that national electric utility restructuring legislation will be enacted within five years. Bonneville contracted for the telephone survey of 75 electric industry executives in order to get their predictions on the near-term future of the electricity industry in the Pacific Northwest. The results will be used to evaluate and guide agency future strategic direction.

**Media Interest:** Some.

**Program Contact:** Jeff Stier, (202) 586-5640.

**IV. Press Inquiries**

**V. FOIA Requests**

**VI. Grants, Economic Announcements and Publications**

**VII. Climate Change**

**VIII. Disaster Assistance**

# BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION WEEKLY REPORT

May 17, 2002

## I. Schedule

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## II. Key Departmental News

**Additional RTO West Cost Benefit Analysis Completed:** Tabors Caramanis (TCA) this week released a follow-on study to its February 2002 benefit cost analysis of RTO West. Bonneville contracted with TCA to produce the additional analysis at its customers' request. The new analysis looks at three dimensions: (1) the RTO West impacts on Bonneville and Bonneville customers in aggregate; (2) the impact of moving the Columbia Generating Station outage from August to May/June; and (3) the effect of RTO West on exports out of the region. The new analysis shows an overall net loss to Bonneville of \$35 million, resulting from lower overall wholesale energy prices with RTO West and the expectation that Bonneville will be long on energy in the test year (2004.) Bonneville will not ask TCA to do any cost/benefit work on RTO West-related tax issues at this time. Bonneville expects to pause now in its RTO West cost/benefit analysis work. When the RTO West model is substantially complete, Bonneville and/or the filing utilities may do further analysis. Bonneville will not join RTO West unless it is confident that RTO West will provide benefits to the region.

**Media Interest:** Some.

**Program Contact:** Jeff Stier, 202-586-5640.

**FERC Chairman to Visit Northwest, Hear Northwest Concerns:** FERC Chairman Pat Wood will be in Portland, Oregon, June 3 to meet with the filing utilities in RTO West. The purpose of the meeting is to explore issues related to the RTO West proposal and how it addresses the unique features of the Northwest power system. The Administrator and other key Bonneville staff will attend.

**Media Interest:** Some.  
**Program Contact:** Jeff Stier, 202-586-5640.

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**III. Upcoming Events or Matters of Secretarial Interest (7-day advance)**

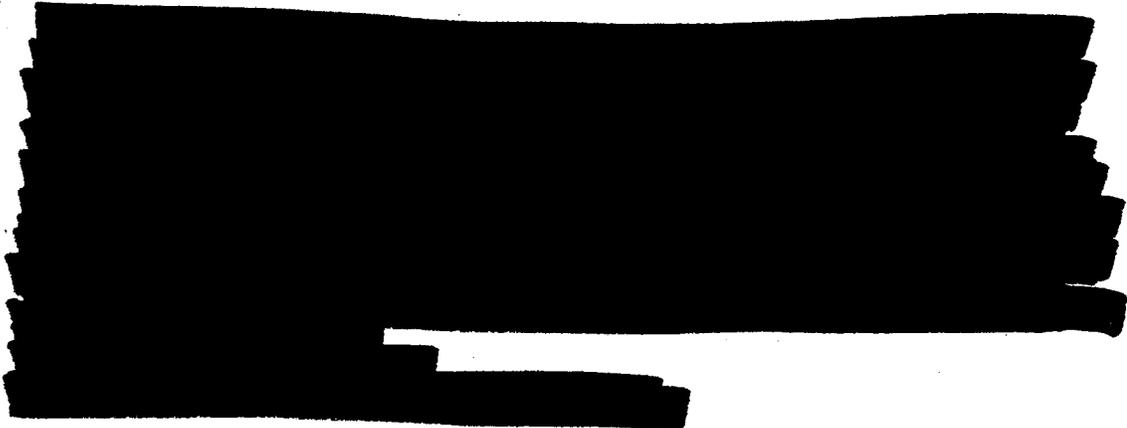
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**IV. Work on Secretarial Initiatives**

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**V. Press Inquiries**

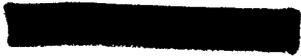
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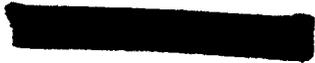
**VI. FOIA Requests**



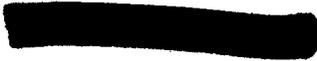
**VII. Grants, Economic Announcements and Publications**



**VIII. Climate Change**



**IX. Disaster Assistance**



# BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION WEEKLY REPORT

February 4, 2000

## I. Schedule

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## II. Key Departmental News

### **Workshop Will be the Catalyst for Further Regional Transmission**

**Organization (RTO) Development:** About 150 utility executives are expected to attend a workshop on regional transmission issues February 14 in Portland. The workshop, which is the sixth in a series sponsored by Northwest utility interests and Bonneville Power Administration (Bonneville), is intended to set the stage for the next phase of the effort to develop a Northwest RTO. Senior Federal Energy Regulatory Commission staff will also attend.

**Media Interest:** Yes.

**Program Contact:** Jeff Stier, (202) 586-5640.

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**III. Work on Secretarial Initiatives**

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**IV. Press Inquiries**

**V. FOIA Requests**

[REDACTED]

**VI. Grants, Economic Announcements and Publications**

**VII. Climate Change**

**VIII. Disaster Assistance**

# BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION WEEKLY REPORT

February 18, 2000

## I. Schedule

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## II. Key Departmental News

**Northwest Utilities Work on Developing an RTO:** Representatives of Northwest Utilities, including the Bonneville Power Administration (Bonneville), attended a Regional Transmission Organization (RTO) workshop February 14. The representatives agreed it is time to give serious thought to designing and implementing a Northwest RTO. The workshop was the sixth in a series on RTOs sponsored by Northwest utilities. The purpose of the workshops was to try to reach consensus on objectives and a process for moving forward with RTO development. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) is holding its own workshops on RTOs around the country starting in March. Northwest utilities expect to attend a FERC workshop in Las Vegas March 23-24.

**Media Interest:** Yes.

**Program Contact:** Jeff Stier, (202) 586-5640.

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III. **Work on Secretarial Initiatives**

IV. **Press Inquiries**

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**BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION WEEKLY REPORT**

**March 10, 2000**

**I. Schedule**

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**II. Key Departmental News**

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**III. Work on Secretarial Initiatives**

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**Regional Transmission Organization (RTO) Discussions Begin in Earnest:** Northwest transmission owners, including Bonneville, have initiated a series of weekly meetings to discuss a process for developing and submitting a plan for a Northwest RTO to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). The Northwest transmission owners are responding to FERC's request under its Order 2000 for transmission owners to submit plans for RTOs by October 15, 2000. The group intends to submit a straw proposal to FERC at its regional RTO workshop

in Las Vegas, Nevada, on March 23-24.

In addition, Bonneville staff attended a Transmission Workshop in Denver last week organized by the National Wind Coordinating Committee. Participants developed principles to be advocated by generation interests during the RTO formation process.

**Media Interest:** Some.

**Program Contact:** Jeff Stier, (202) 586-5640.



**IV. Press Inquiries**

**V. FOIA Requests**

**VI. Grants, Economic Announcements and Publications**

**VII. Climate Change**

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**BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION WEEKLY REPORT**

**March 17, 2000**

**I. Schedule**

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**II. Key Departmental News**

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### III. Work on Secretarial Initiatives

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**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Chairman Acknowledges Bonneville's Support for Regional Transmission Organization (RTO):** The Administrator has received a letter from FERC Chairman James Hoecker expressing the commission's support for the region's collaborative effort toward development of an RTO. Hoecker said that he viewed Bonneville's own commitment of time and effort as "particularly significant." Northwest transmission owners are meeting weekly to develop a filing by FERC's deadline of October 15, 2000.

**Media Interest:** No.

**Program Contact:** Jeff Stier, (202) 586-5640.

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**IV. Press Inquiries**

**V. FOIA Requests**

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**VII. Climate Change**

**VIII. Disaster Assistance**

# BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION WEEKLY REPORT

March 24, 2000

## I. Schedule

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## II. Key Departmental News

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**Northwest Transmission Owners Present Ideas to Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC):** On March 23-24, a group of nine Northwest transmission owners--including Bonneville--will present draft principles, an issues list and a preliminary concept for a Northwest Regional Transmission Organization (RTO) to FERC and regional utilities throughout the Western Interconnection. The filing utilities participating in this effort are: AVISTA, Bonneville, Idaho Power Company, Montana Power Company, PacifiCorp, Puget Sound Energy, Portland General Electric, Nevada Power Company, and Sierra Pacific. FERC is holding a public workshop in Las Vegas, Nevada, March 23-24. This meeting is one of five Spring Collaborative 2000 Workshops FERC is holding around the nation to gather status reports and air details on RTO development.

**Media Interest:** Some.

**Program Contact:** Jeff Stier, (202) 586-5640.

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**III. Work on Secretarial Initiatives**

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**IV. Press Inquiries**

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**BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION WEEKLY REPORT**

April 14, 2000

**I. Schedule**

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**II. Key Departmental News**

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### III. Work on Secretarial Initiatives

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**Public Involvement Proposed for Regional Transmission Organization (RTO) Development:** The RTO filing utilities group (which includes Bonneville and other regional transmission owners) this week proposed a public involvement process to support development of an RTO filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). The effort calls for formation of a 20-member Regional Representatives Group to review issues and seek regional consensus. Nine of the seats would go to the eight filing utilities and Bonneville. The remaining seats would go to representatives for the states, Canada, other transmission owners and customers, environmental interest groups, and tribes. Meetings of this group will be open and comprehensive notes of closed-door utility meetings would be

publicly available.

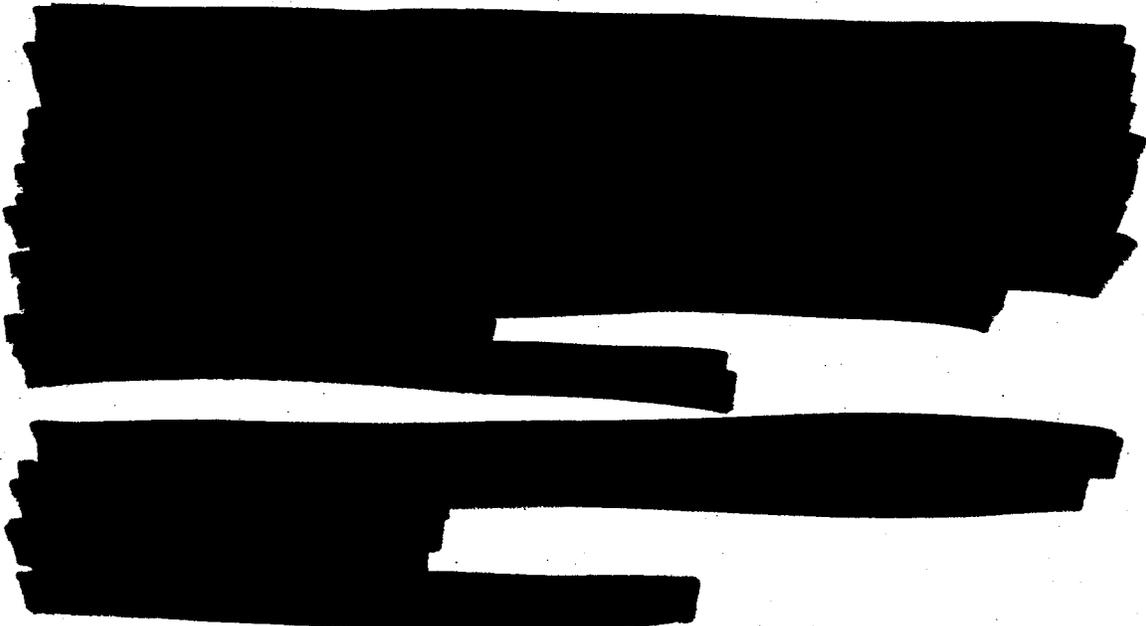
**Media Interest:** No.

**Program Contact:** Jeff Stier, (202) 586-5640.

**Bonneville to Report to Congress on RTO Progress:** At the end of this month, Bonneville will send a letter to members of the Northwest congressional delegation to update them on its progress toward the FERC filing. In February, several members of the delegation wrote to the Administrator asking that Bonneville help foster regional discussions toward development of an RTO. In her reply, the Administrator said that Bonneville would provide an interim report on progress of regional RTO discussions by April 30 and a final report by September 1.

**Media Interest:** No.

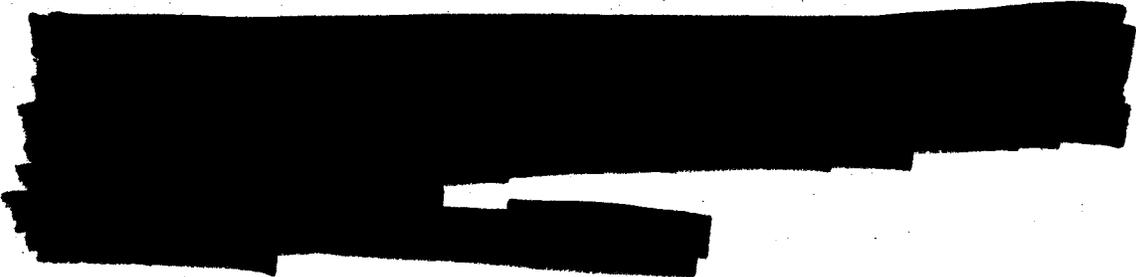
**Program Contact:** Jeff Stier, (202) 586-5640.



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MAY 02 2000

In reply refer to: BPA-A

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

FROM:

Judith A. Johansen  
Administrator and Chief Executive Officer

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SUBJECT:

30-60-90 Day Report

May  
Next 30 Days

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**Regional Transmission Organization (RTO).** Bonneville will meet weekly with regional transmission owners throughout the spring and summer in preparation for filing a proposal for a Northwest RTO with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. The region's investor-owned

utilities and Bonneville have developed a consensus proposal for an RTO and will continue to negotiate and flesh out specifics of the filing, as well as consult with interest groups in a public process.

No Secretarial action requested.

# BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION WEEKLY REPORT

May 5, 2000

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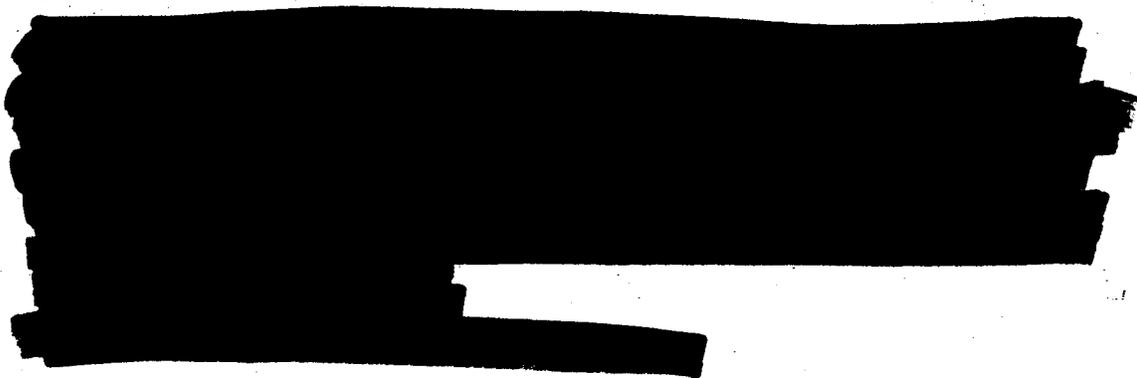
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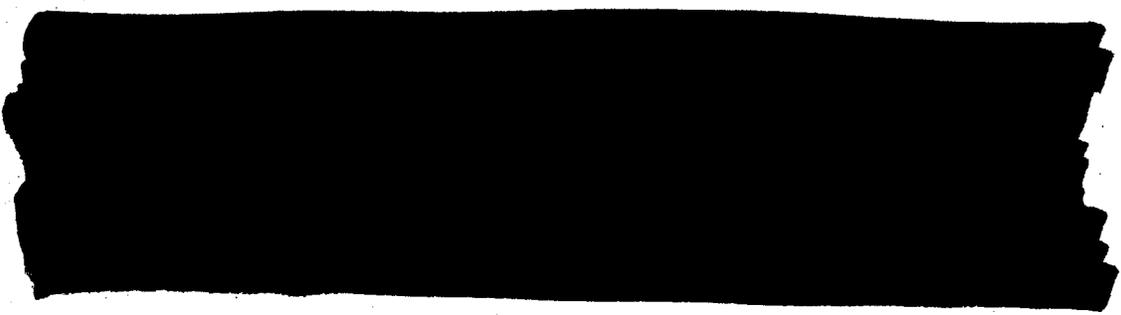
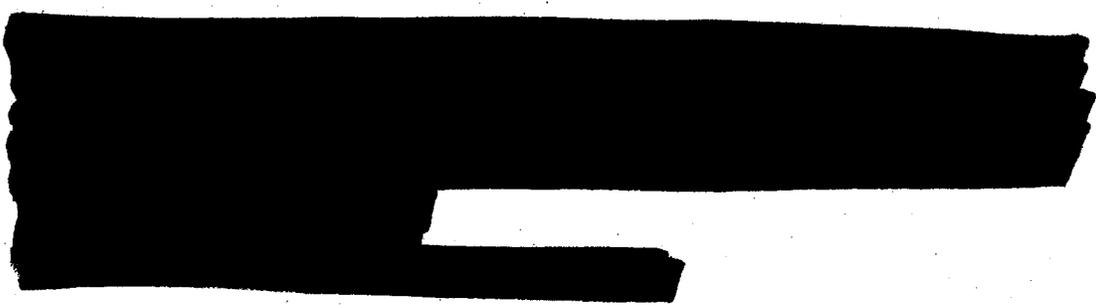
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**Regional Transmission Organization (RTO) Utilities Incorporate:** Eight Northwest utilities and Bonneville have filed articles of incorporation for a company called RTO West. The filing utilities describe RTO West as a shell corporation of limited legal scope set up to manage contracts with certain consultants and other startup costs needed to complete the filing. The utilities and Bonneville are working to file a plan by Oct. 15 with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to form a Northwest RTO. The filing utilities include Avista Corporation, Bonneville, Idaho Power Company, Nevada Power Company, Montana Power Company, PacifiCorp, Portland General Electric Company, Puget Sound Energy and Sierra Pacific Power Company. The May 3 meeting of the Regional Representative Group kicked off the collaborative public process that will take place between now and October. In addition, six of the Northwest private utilities are discussing a proposal to form an independent transmission company that would, essentially, pool the transmission assets of these companies into a single, for profit organization. This organization would not include Bonneville's transmission assets. The organization, just as any other single transmission asset owner, would join the Northwest RTO as planned.

**Media Interest:** Yes.

**Program Contact:** Jeff Stier, (202) 586-5640.



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**III. Work on Secretarial Initiatives**

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**BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION WEEKLY REPORT**

**May 12, 2000**

**I. Schedule**

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**II. Key Departmental News**

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**III. Work on Secretarial Initiatives**

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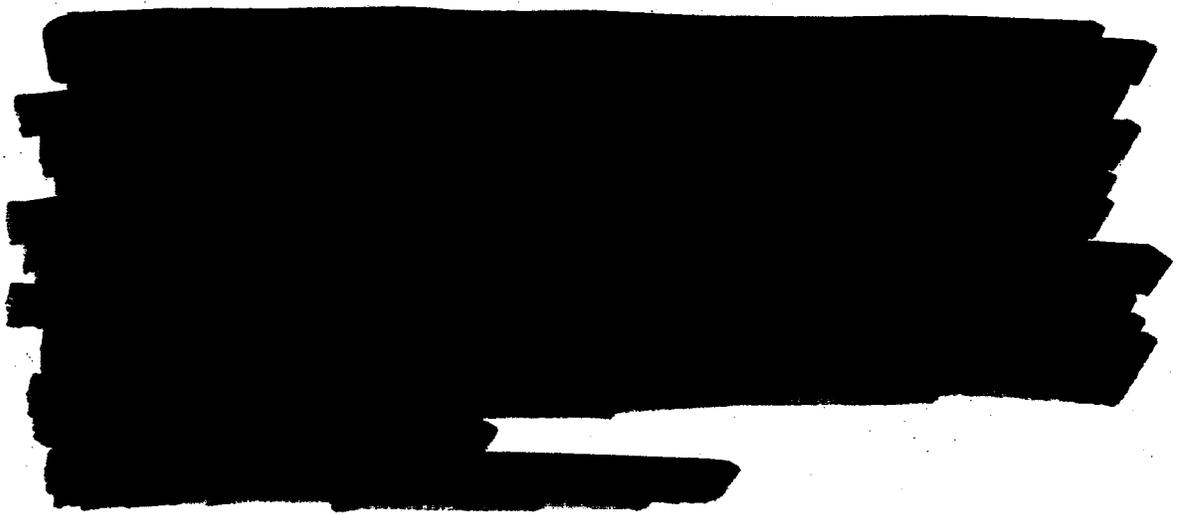
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**Regional Transmission Organizations (RTO) Representatives Meet Again:**  
The Regional Representatives Group for the Northwest (RTO) held its second meeting Tuesday. The 25 "seats at the table" were nearly full, as well as the back bench of interested observers. The group waded through a long list of current and proposed issues identified as needing consensus, ranging from fixed transmission costs to state tax issues to risk management to treatment of renewable energy. The project management consultant will receive issue priorities from each of the representatives to make assignments to specific work groups at next week's

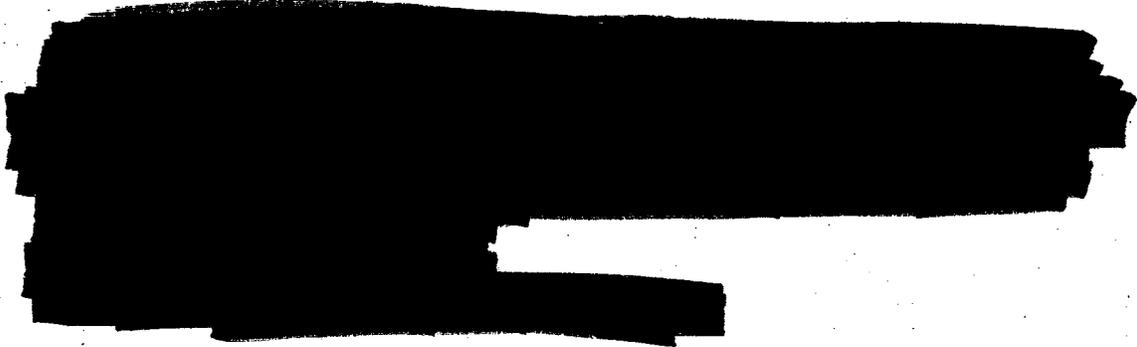
all-day meeting. The group is pushing itself to do more, faster. One statement heard again and again was that with the very short time frame to create a filing by October 15, 2000, work groups need to get going sooner than currently scheduled, to allow enough time to flesh out all the issues. The group is anticipating a very busy summer.

**Media Interest:** No.

**Program Contact:** Jeff Stier, (202) 586-5640



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June 7, 2000

IN REPLY REFER TO: BPA-A

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

FROM: *J. Johansen* Judith A. Johansen *[Signature]*  
Administrator and Chief Executive Officer

SUBJECT: 30-60-90 Day Report

June  
Next 30 Days

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August  
Next 90 Days

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**Work Continues Toward Regional Transmission Organization (RTO) Filing.** Workshops will continue through the summer toward developing an RTO filing at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission on October 15, 2000. Individual workgroups have convened on the issues of congestion management, ancillary services, transmission planning, transmission pricing, market monitoring, seams, and legal issues. The Regional Representatives Group, with representatives from eight transmission-owning private utilities, Bonneville, interest groups, and stakeholders, will meet to review workgroup products. The group has incorporated under Washington State law and has developed a joint funding agreement for startup costs.

No Secretarial action requested.

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**BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION WEEKLY REPORT**

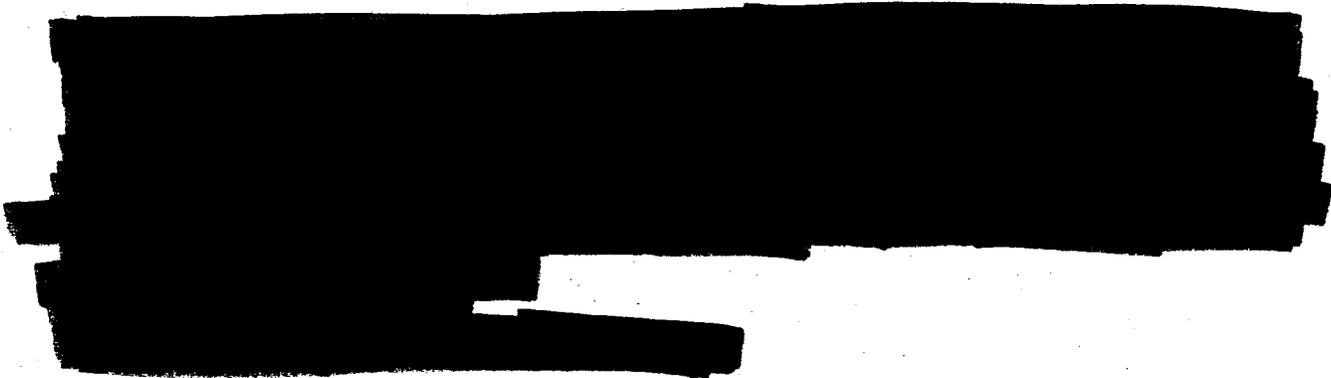
**June 9, 2000**

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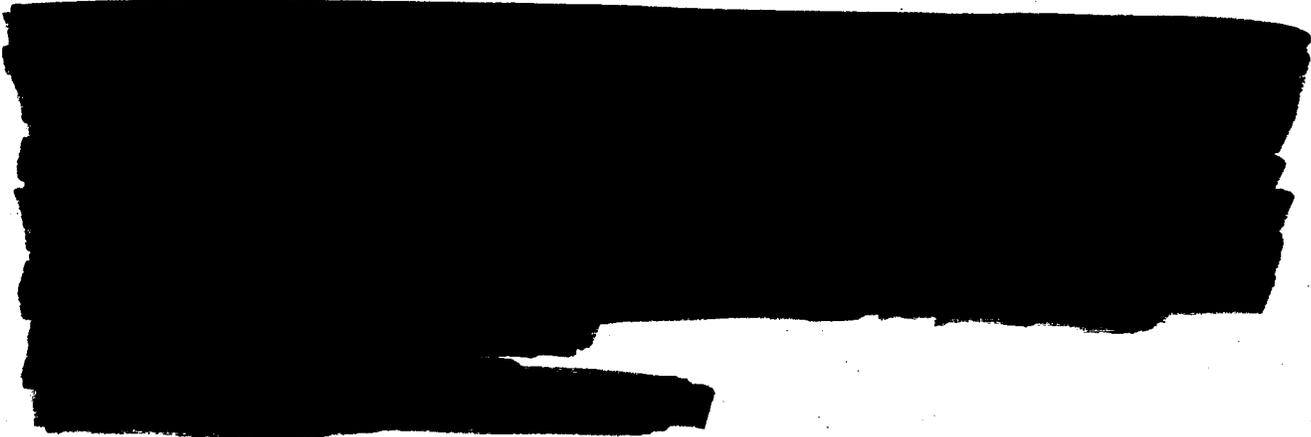


**Regional Transmission Organization (RTO) News:** The workgroup spearheading development of a Northwest RTO last week agreed on Bonneville's main control center, Dittmer in Vancouver, Washington, as the first choice for the control center for the RTO. Bonneville would probably shift its own operations to its backup control center, Munroe, outside of Spokane, Washington. Bonneville transmission business line staff were in Washington, DC, this week briefing the FERC and the Office of Management and Budget on the RTO workgroup's progress toward FERC's October 15, 2000, RTO filing requirement.

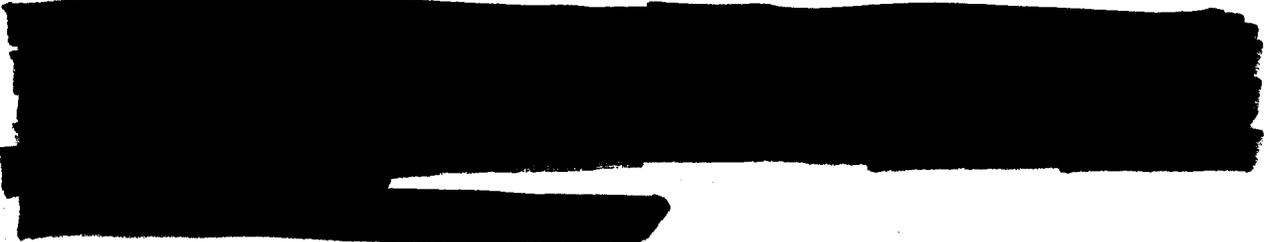
**Media Interest:** No.

**Program Contact:** Jeff Stier, (202) 586-5640.

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July 3, 2000

In reply refer to: BPA-KR

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

FROM:

*for* Judith A. Johansen *Stephen Wright*

SUBJECT:

30-60-90 Day Report

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August  
Next 60 Days

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**Issue Papers to be Produced Toward Regional Transmission Organization (RTO) Filing.** This month (August), individual workgroups involved in the RTO West effort will produce white papers on issues such as congestion management, ancillary services, transmission planning, and transmission pricing. The Regional Representatives Group, with representatives from eight transmission owning private utilities and Bonneville, interest groups and stakeholders will use the papers to develop an RTO filing at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) by October 15, 2000.

No Secretarial action requested.

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**BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION WEEKLY REPORT**

**July 21, 2000**

**I. Schedule**

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**II. Key Departmental News**

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**RTO Filing Group to Brief Congressionals:** The Administrator and executives from Northwest investor-owned utilities will be in Washington, DC, next week to brief the congressional delegation on their progress toward filing a plan for a Northwest RTO at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in October.

**Media Interest:** No.

**Program Contact:** Jeff Stier, (202) 586-5640.

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**III. Work on Secretarial Initiatives**

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**BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION WEEKLY REPORT**

**July 28, 2000**

**I. Schedule**

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**II. Key Departmental News**

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**III. Work on Secretarial Initiatives**

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**Bonneville Seeks Public's Views on Regional Transmission Organization (RTO):** As part of a public process on formation of a RTO, Bonneville will take public comments August 7 through September 8 on the major issues associated with the development of the RTO as they relate to Bonneville and whether all issues have been captured. Bonneville will host two public meetings, one in Spokane, Washington, on August 22 and the second in Portland, Oregon, on August 25. Bonneville's Business Plan Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Business Plan Record of Decision (ROD) documented a decision strategy for subsequent business decisions. Consistent with that tiered decision strategy, Bonneville will conduct this public process to make sure that all relevant issues related to Bonneville participation in an RTO have been considered. Bonneville will then review the Business Plan EIS to ensure that any environmental issues have been adequately covered, before proceeding with a ROD on whether or not to join RTO West.

**Media Interest:** Some.  
**Program Contact:** Jeff Stier, (202) 586-5640.

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JUL 31 2000

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

FROM: Judith A. Johansen *Judi Johansen*  
SUBJECT: 30-60-90 Day Report

August  
Next 30 Days

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Public Comment Requested on Regional Transmission Organization (RTO) Proposal. As part of a public process on formation of a RTO, Bonneville will take public comments August 7 through September 8 on the major issues associated with the development of the RTO as they relate to Bonneville and whether all issues have been captured. Bonneville will host two public meetings, one in Spokane on August 22 and the second in Portland on August 25.

No Secretarial action requested.

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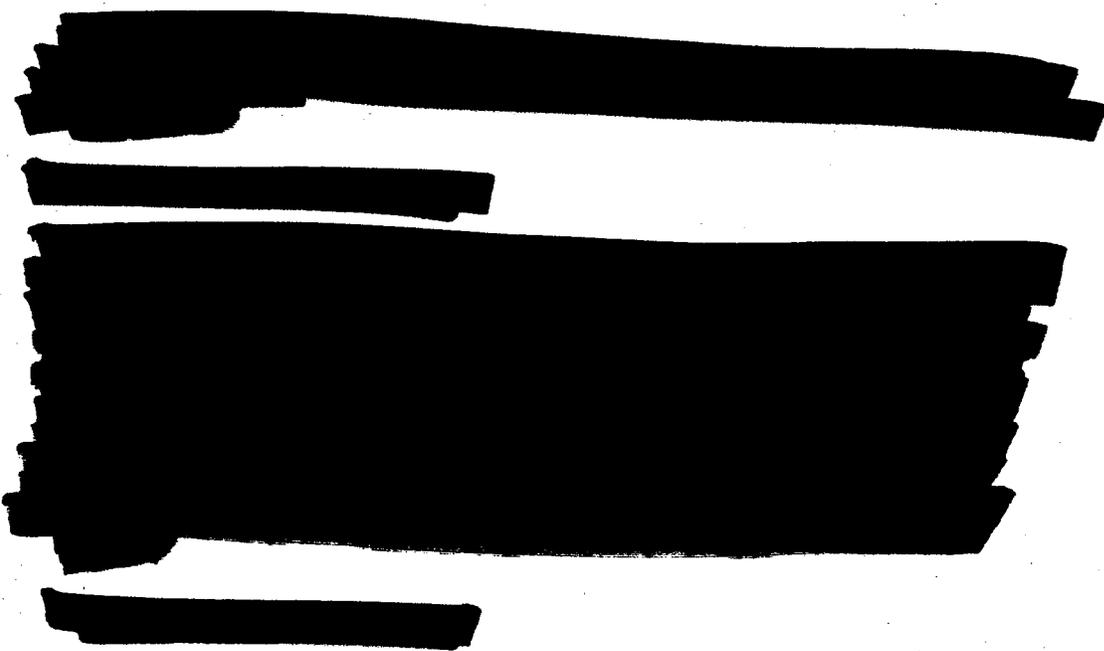
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**Bonneville, Utilities File RTO Proposal.** Bonneville and eight Northwest utilities plan to file an RTO proposal with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by October 15. The filing utilities have formed RTO West, a Washington State non-profit corporation to fund and develop an RTO proposal. Over time, with amended articles, this entity may become the RTO for the region. RTO West has determined the RTO structure will be an independent system operator (ISO) that will not own "wires and poles" and shall be governed by an independent board of directors or trustees with a stakeholder advisory board to give recommendations to the board of directors. Bonneville will turn over control of its transmission system to the ISO, but Bonneville will continue to own and maintain the system.

No Secretarial action requested.

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**BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION WEEKLY REPORT**

**September 22, 2000**

**I. Schedule**

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**II. Key Departmental News**

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**III. Work on Secretarial Initiatives**

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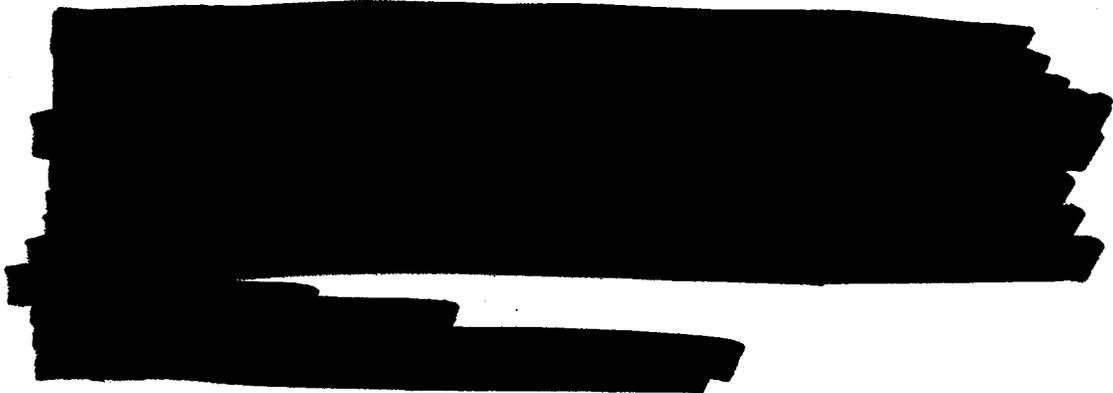
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**Northwest Transmission Owners Will Share Details on Regional Transmission Organization (RTO) Filing:** Representatives from Bonneville and the transmission filing utilities will be in Washington D.C., September 28 and 29 to brief Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) staff, the Department and members of the Northwest congressional delegation on the details of the RTO filing, which the group will make October 15. Regional transmission owners believe that a reasonable timeline for getting the RTO West operational is sometime in 2002. FERC has told the utilities that the December 31, 2001,

startup date is flexible, provided a detailed plan is submitted with the filing that shows a strong commitment to forming an RTO.

**Media Interest:** No.

**Program Contact:** Jeff Stier, (202) 586-5640.



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October 6, 2000

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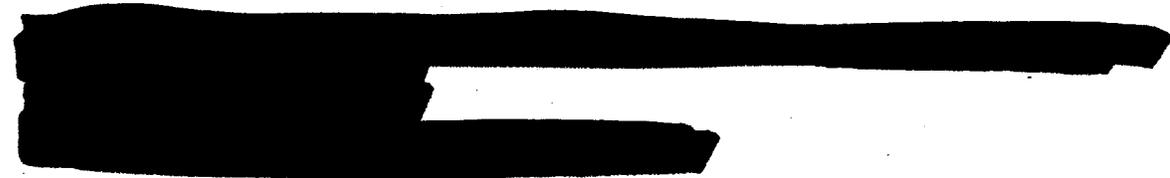
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**Bonneville Files Regional Transmission Organization (RTO) Proposal:**  
Bonneville and the other filing utilities for RTO West will file a proposal with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) on Oct. 16. The filing utilities are Bonneville, Avista, Idaho Power Company, Montana Power Company, PacifiCorp, Puget Sound Energy, Portland General Electric, Nevada Power Company, and Sierra Pacific.

**Media Interest:** Some.

**Program Contact:** Jeff Stier, (202) 586-5640.

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**BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION WEEKLY REPORT**

**October 13, 2000**

**I. Schedule**

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**II. Key Departmental News**

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**Regional Transmission Organization (RTO) Filing Extended.** Bonneville and the other participants in RTO West have notified FERC that the filing will be delayed one week until October 23. On October 16, RTO West will submit a status report to FERC. The draft Transmission Operating Agreement and other more detailed documents will be submitted October 23, with the final 30 days later contingent on comments from the regional consensus group. The filing group is working very hard to pull all of the pieces together in order to make a substantial filing on October 23.

**Media Interest:** No.

**Program Contact:** Jeff Stier 202-586-5640.

**III. Work on Secretarial Initiatives**

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**BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION WEEKLY REPORT**

**October 20, 2000**

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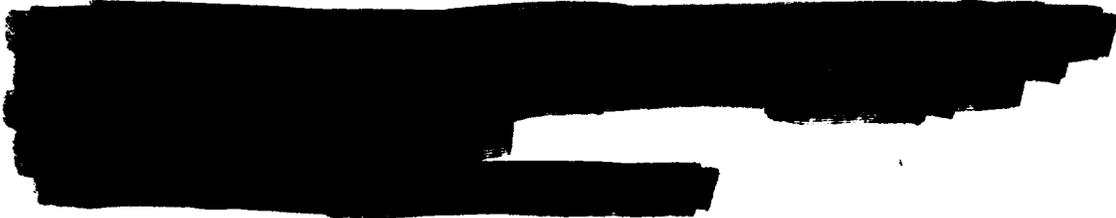
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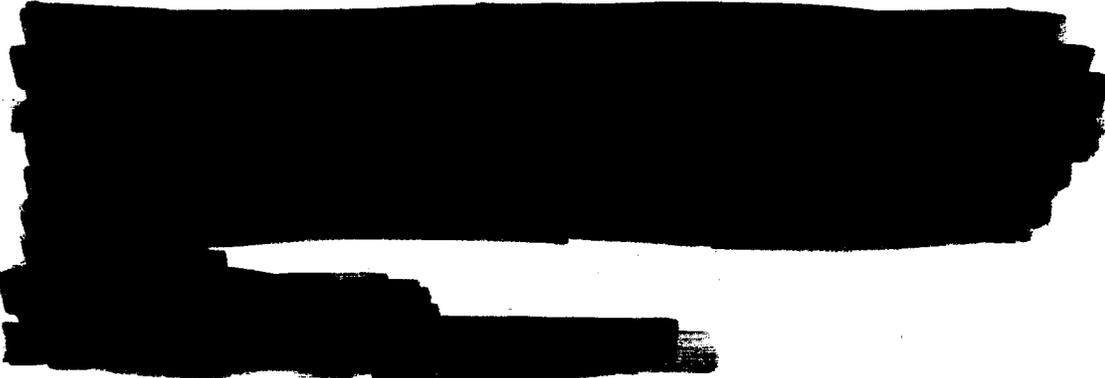


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**Regional Transmission Organization (RTO) Filing Submitted:** In an October 16 compliance filing to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), the RTO West filing utilities briefly described their efforts to develop an RTO proposal through a collaborative process and stated their intent to submit a more comprehensive filing on October 23. The filing utilities include Bonneville, Avista Corp., Idaho Power Co., Montana Power Co., Nevada Power Co., PacifiCorp, Portland General Electric, Puget Sound Energy, and Sierra Pacific. Six of the nine filing utilities filed a proposal for a for-profit Independent Transmission Company called "Transconnect." The group intends to combine transmission assets and participate in RTO West.

**Media Interest:** Yes.

**Program Contact:** Jeff Stier, (202) 586-5640.



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# BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION WEEKLY REPORT

October 27, 2000

## I. Schedule

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## II. Key Departmental News

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## III. Work on Secretarial Initiatives

**Regional Transmission Organization (RTO) Costs and Benefits Estimated:** The RTO West Benefits and Costs report was completed and forwarded to the RTO consensus group this week. The report estimates the value of improved reliability from the RTO in the range of \$33 to \$328 million annually. By managing and operating the entire regional grid, the RTO should reduce the likelihood of cascading or system-wide power outages and provide more rapid restoration following an outage. Additional reliability benefits come from RTO West's authority to ensure system investments are made where needed to provide reliable service to load. The annual costs of implementing RTO West are estimated to be between \$63 million and \$89 million. These costs include

computer systems, communications, support contracts, facilities, staffing about 277 employees and capital for operating contingencies. Projected qualitative benefits include more appropriate market signals, increased trading, and the savings and efficiencies customers gain by shopping at one open access same time information system (OASIS) for reservations and purchases of RTO transmission services.

**Media Interest:** Some.

**Program Contact:** Jeff Stier, (202) 586-5640.

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**BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION WEEKLY REPORT**

**November 17, 2000**

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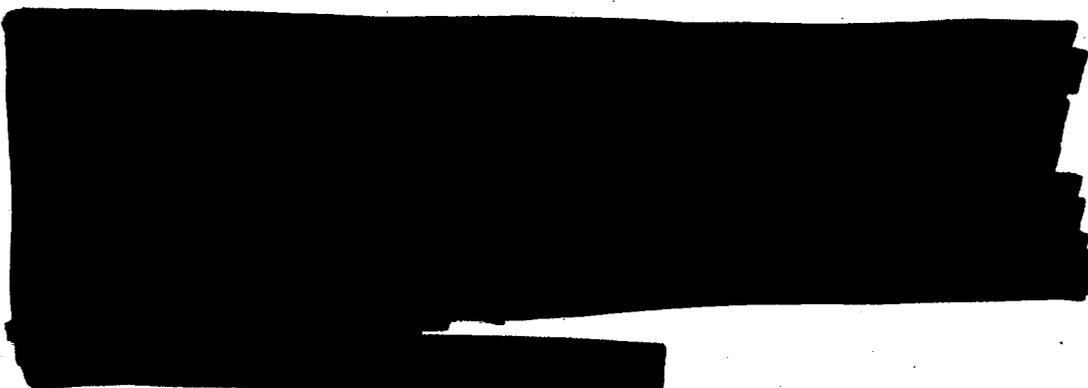
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### III. Work on Secretarial Initiatives

#### **Expert Praises Pacific Northwest Utilities' Regional Transmission**

**Organization (RTO) Filing:** The executive director of the Electricity Consumers Resource Council told utilities attending an Edison Electric Institute conference that RTO West is foremost among RTO filings for compliance with Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Order 2000. Dr. John A. Anderson rated all of the RTO filings on four characteristics and eight functions that FERC specified. He found the Pacific Northwest utilities' filing for RTO West the best on all four characteristics and six of the eight functions.

**Media Interest:** No.

**Program Contact:** Jeff Stier, (202) 586-5640.

**RTO Benefits Costs Report Continues to Receive Scrutiny:** Bonneville continues to confer with regional parties on the working group's benefits and costs study completed in support of the FERC filing. The report estimates savings from improved grid reliability in the range of \$33 to \$328 million per year and annual costs of about \$63 million assuming a non-profit RTO. Public utilities, who were represented on the work group that produced the report, have questioned the report's assumptions and conclusions and issued dissenting opinions. Bonneville has approached the North American Electric Reliability Council and the Electric Power Research Institute for existing studies and findings that would corroborate the report's valuation of reliability. Bonneville is

also working with the public utilities to address their concerns as they prepare to file comments to FERC on the RTO West filing by the November 20 deadline.

**Media Interest:** Some.

**Program Contact:** Jeff Stier, (202) 586-5640.

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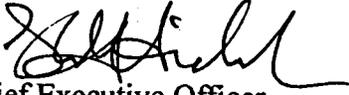
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

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Acting Administrator and Chief Executive Officer

SUBJECT: 30-60-90 Day Report

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**Bonneville and Filing Utilities Continue to Develop Regional Transmission Organization (RTO) Proposal.** After completing a compliance filing at FERC for RTO West, Bonneville and the other Pacific Northwest transmission owners (filing utilities) continue to work with the region's stakeholders to develop the details of the proposal. Public workshops are being held and workgroups developing products throughout the next several months in preparation for a stage-two filing at FERC in late spring.

No Secretarial action requested.

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**I. Schedule**

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**II. Key Departmental News**

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**III. Work on Secretarial Initiatives**

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**Regional Transmission Organization (RTO) Filing Attracts Numerous Intervenor:** More than 95 parties, from Northwest utilities to environmental groups, have formally intervened before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) in the Regional Transmission Organization (RTO) West filing submitted by Northwest transmission utilities. The number of intervenors is not unexpected, given that RTO West is a significant and groundbreaking effort, with numerous

details yet to be worked out. The RTO West Filing Utilities are using the intervention comments to help frame concepts for their stage-two agreements. Among the issues most often raised: cost/benefit questions; filing is incomplete and should not be approved until finished; RTO's authority over facilities would be too limited; and, too many Firm Transmission Rights will be captured by those with existing contracts and load service obligations, while others will be frozen out. Meanwhile, the North American Electric Reliability Council (NERC) has agreed to review the RTO West benefit cost report. NERC has promised a 30-day turnaround on its review.

**Media Interest:** No.

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#### **IV. Press Inquiries**



#### **V. FOIA Requests**

#### **VI. Grants, Economic Announcements and Publications**

#### **VII. Climate Change**

#### **VIII. Disaster Assistance**