



## Department of Energy

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POWER SERVICES

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In reply refer to: PTL-5

**SUBJECT:           REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ("RFI")  
New Renewable Generation**

### Interested Parties:

The Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), based in Portland, Oregon is a federal power marketing agency that transmits and markets wholesale power from 31 federal dams and one nuclear power plant in the Pacific Northwest. BPA also purchases power from seven wind projects. BPA is interested in determining the feasibility of acquiring the output of renewable resources to meet BPA's future electrical power needs. We are issuing this Request for Information (RFI) to solicit information on the potential availability, type and price range of new renewable generation that parties (Respondents) may be willing to offer.

This RFI is intended to gather information about resources available to meet customer load growth and RPS requirements. BPA intends to use this information to assess the availability of renewable resources. Subject to confidentiality provisions outlined in Attachment 1, BPA will not disclose information provided pursuant to this RFI which is marked "Proprietary" or "Confidential." However, it is BPA's intent to share aggregated information with our public utility customers. These customers should find such information valuable as many of them are now subject to state-mandated renewable portfolio standards (RPS). We expect to disclose a summary of available megawatts (MWs), resource types and price ranges that may be available. In addition, to the extent that general suggestions or comments are submitted to BPA pursuant to this RFI, BPA intends to summarize such suggestions or comment for use in public discussions.

BPA anticipates a subsequent acquisition process, via a Request for Proposal, within the year. Alternatively, depending on circumstances and on the information received as a result of this process, BPA may elect to move ahead of that process and enter into a bilateral resource acquisition(s).

Instructions for submitting responses to the RFI are included in Attachment 1. In addition, an outline of the information BPA seeks under this RFI is included in Attachment 1. BPA invites general comments or information, as well as the specific information described in the attachment.

Responses due: February 27, 2009

This RFI consists of the following Attachment 1, Renewable Generation – Request for Information

BPA requests that you e-mail any questions regarding this RFI to [bpa.renewable.rfi@bpa.gov](mailto:bpa.renewable.rfi@bpa.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Allen L. Burns".

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Vice-President, Bulk Marketing