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# BENTON RURAL ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION

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February 28, 2008

Allen L. Burns  
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Bonneville Power Administration  
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Re: Delay of Discussions concerning Benefits to the DSI's

Dear Mr. Burns,

In your February 19, 2008 letter you noted that BPA and the DSI's have been meeting to discuss the future level of DSI benefits.

Benton Rural Electric Association (Benton REA) continues to insist that BPA should **not** provide financial benefits nor power supply to the DSI's subsequent to the current contract expiration.

Having restated our position on service to the DSI's, we believe that the final disposition of service to the DSI's must be resolved soon, well in advance of the deadline imposed on utilities for signing new wholesale power supply contracts for the post FY 2011 period. It is imperative for utilities to understand how DSI's service may affect the service or cost of products they receive under the new long term contracts.

In addition, in the interim, public power customers should have assurance from BPA that any benefits to the DSIs will not reduce the High Water Marks set for post FY 2011 service or increase the cost of Tier 1 power.

Therefore we would propose that BPA should move forward with a decision regarding DSI service so that interested parties will have time to effectively respond.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charles L. Dawsey". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Charles L. Dawsey  
General Manager