

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION**

2014 Wholesale Power and
Transmission Rate Proceeding

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BPA Docket No. BP-14

**PETITION OF NORTHWEST IRRIGATION UTILITIES
TO INTERVENE AS A PARTY**

Pursuant to the Federal Register Notice, 77 Fed. Reg. 66966 (November 8, 2012), and rule 1010.4 of Bonneville Power Administration’s Procedures Governing Bonneville Power Administration Rate Hearings, 51 FR 7611, 7615 (March 5, 1986), Northwest Irrigation Utilities (“NIU”) submits this Petition to Intervene as a Party in this docket. In support of its Petition, NIU states the following:

1. NIU is a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the state of Oregon to represent the interests of its utility members in all power supply, transmission, contract, and rate matters respecting the Bonneville Power Administration (“BPA”). NIU’s members are rural electric utilities that have significant agriculturally based electrical loads and rely upon BPA as their primary or exclusive provider of power and transmission services. These utilities are “public body and cooperative” customers of BPA and, therefore, entitled to purchase power supplies from BPA on a preferential basis pursuant to section 5(b) of the Pacific Northwest Electric Power Planning and Conservation Act. 16 U.S.C. § 839c(b). The names of the utilities NIU will represent in this proceeding are attached as Attachment A to this Petition.

NIU’s utility members have a substantial interest in this docket because they pay power and transmission rates that are subject to revision as a result of this wholesale

power and transmission rate case. The interests of NIU members are thus directly affected by the outcome of this docket, and no other party may adequately represent NIU's interests.

2. Service of documents in this proceeding should be made upon the following individuals at the following addresses:

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3. WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, NIU respectfully requests that it be allowed to intervene in the above-captioned proceeding as a party.

DATED this 14th day of November, 2012.

FOR NORTHWEST IRRIGATION
UTILITIES:

/s/ Betsy Bridge

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**ATTACHMENT A
NIU UTILITY MEMBERS**

Benton REA
Big Bend
Columbia Basin
Columbia Power
Columbia REA
Harney
Inland
Klickitat PUD
Midstate
Mission Valley
Nespelem
Oregon Trail
Southside
Surprise Valley
United
Vigilante
Wasco
Wells

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on November 14, 2012, I served, via electronic mail, this Petition to Intervene of Northwest Irrigation Utilities upon the following individuals:

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