

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

2016 Wholesale Power and
Transmission Rate Proceeding

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BPA Docket No. BP-16

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

Pursuant to the Federal Register Notice, 79 Fed. Reg. 71984 (December 4, 2014), and rule 1010.4 of Bonneville Power Administration’s (“BPA”) Procedures Governing BPA Rate Hearings, 51 Fed. Reg. 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 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 5th day of December, 2014.

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ATTACHMENT A
NIU UTILITY MEMBERS

Benton Rural Electric Association
Big Bend Electric Co-Op
Columbia Basin Electric Co-op
Columbia Power Cooperative
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Harney Electric Cooperative
Inland Power & Light
Klickitat County PUD
Midstate Electric Cooperative
Mission Valley Power
Nespelem Valley Cooperative
Oregon Trail Electric Co-op
Southside Electric Cooperative
Surprise Valley Electric
United Electric Cooperative
Vigilante Electric Coop
Wasco Electric Cooperative
Wells Rural Electric

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on December 5, 2014, I served, via electronic mail, this Petition to Intervene of Northwest Irrigation Utilities upon the following individuals:

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