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Vickie A. VanZandt - T/Ditt2
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Re: Support of BPA's Open Season Process

Dear Vickie,

Avista is writing this letter in support of BPA's Open Season Process currently underway.

This initiative will provide the following benefits to BPA and the customers of the Northwest:

- Will allow BPA to work through its currently unmanageable transmission queue.
- It is expected that BPA will grant currently available transmission to customers.
- Promotes needed cost effective transmission additions.
- Will allow BPA to study transmission needs on a holistic regional basis.
- Provides BPA with reliable data for transmission planning and cost assessment.
- Optimizes BPA's transmission system for the benefit of the Northwest customer.

BPA has been doing an excellent job of encouraging customer input and involvement throughout project development. Avista would like to thank BPA for taking appropriate action to develop such a successful regionally supported process that deals with such a complex issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dennis P. Vermillion".

Dennis P. Vermillion
VP Energy Resources