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RE: BPA 2008 Open Season Process

Mr. Wright,

Horizon Wind Energy, LLC is the third largest wind energy company in the US with northwest offices in Portland, Oregon and Ellensburg, Washington. We have been active in developing wind projects in Oregon and Washington since 2001. We developed and built the 230MW Wild Horse Wind Power Project and sold it to PSE in 2006. Our first Oregon wind energy facility, the 100MW Elkhorn Valley Wind Power Project recently came online in Union County. Two 100 MW Oregon projects interconnecting to BPA's Jones Canyon substation are slated for construction beginning in the spring of 2008. We currently have over a thousand MW of projects under development in our northwest pipeline.

We would like to express our appreciation for the work the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) has done to forward an Open Season Process for providing long term Available Transmission Capacity (ATC) to requesting entities. Although the details of this policy proposal are still being worked out and it is premature for us to be able to endorse the specifics of the Open Season Policy and the associated Precedent Agreements, we are supportive of the direction in which the present policy is proceeding.

Horizon is hopeful that the Open Season Approach will bring several benefits to the Northwest region. If successful, we anticipate the Process would reduce or eliminate the 11,000 MW currently backlogged in the BPA ATC queue by eliminating many of the speculative requests in the queue and focus the needed transmission construction in those areas with real development potential backed by credit-worthy applicants. We expect the process will result in the construction of the John Day/McNary 500kV line greatly increasing access to cost effective and diverse wind resource areas in eastern Oregon and Washington. Facilitating the development of resources with diverse output profiles will significantly reduce BPA's real time wind integration costs.

These resulting transmission infrastructure investments will also provide greater assurance that BPA's publicly-owned utility customers would have the necessary ATC to move new post-2011 resource acquisitions to their native load. Generally, it would facilitate resource planning by providing greater certainty (with respect both to timing and actual availability) around long term firm transmission capacity.

For all the above reasons, we believe BPA should proceed with its Open Season.

Regards,

Chris Taylor
Northwest Development Director