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Vickie VanZandt
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Dear Vickie:

Snohomish County Public Utility District wishes to express its support for Bonneville Power Administration's Network Open Season initiative. Although a few of the details remain to be worked out, the overall concept is a good one and will promote needed transmission investment in the Northwest.

It is clear that the existing queue process has not met the needs of the region and has been difficult for BPA and other transmission providers to manage. This Network Open Season effort spearheaded by BPA will give customers an alternative approach for requesting transmission and will better ensure that only cost-effective expansion projects are pursued.

Transmission customers will benefit from the parallel nature of the Network Open Season process. The parallel process is superior to the serial queue in that it enables BPA to look at regional transmission needs holistically and eliminates review of transmission requests that may be premature or duplicative. In addition, the process will provide BPA with reliable data for transmission planning and cost assessments.

Overall, the Network Open Season initiative is a win-win proposal; one that will enable BPA to optimize the transmission system on behalf of and appropriately reflecting the needs of its customer. The District supports the current Network Open Season effort and believes it is the preferred method for determining BPA's future transmission plans.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dana Q. Toulson".

Dana Toulson
Assistant General Manager
Power, Rates and Transmission Management

cc: Steve Klein
Toni Timberman