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To Regional Customers, Stakeholders and other Interested Parties:

Subject: Request for Comments on Options for Service to Southeast Idaho

The Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) is preparing to complete an initial prioritization at the end of Fiscal Year 2012 of possible service arrangements for certain customer loads located in southeast Idaho. As part of BPA's assessment of the merits of each option, BPA is requesting interested parties and customers to provide comments and feedback on the identified service arrangements for service to southeast Idaho loads.

Background:

Currently six customers in southeast Idaho with preference status under the Bonneville Project Act hold long term Regional Dialogue Power Sales Agreements and Network Transmission Agreements with BPA. Currently, BPA uses contractual rights granted in two agreements with PacifiCorp, the South Idaho Exchange (SIE) and the General Transfer Agreement (GTA), to meet its obligations to deliver power to these southeast Idaho customers. In June 2011, PacifiCorp exercised its contractual right to provide notice of intent to terminate the SIE and GTA, effective five years from notice.

Following receipt of this notice, BPA intensified ongoing work to identify and pursue the best available means to serve the southeast Idaho customers' loads in 2016 and beyond. BPA established, as a first step in this process, an internal team to examine and evaluate possible means of serving the load at a programmatic level. This is the phase of the process BPA is currently engaged in. BPA established the end of Fiscal Year 2012 as a target for completion of this initial screening and prioritization.

Comment Period:

Consistent with BPA's commitment to public processes and engagement, we are seeking input on a proposed range of options identified by the internal team, for the purpose of assisting BPA in prioritizing the options in such a fashion as to achieve the greatest public benefit while meeting statutory and contractual obligations. The options described in the accompanying materials are not meant to be an exhaustive list, and BPA is open to additional ideas and thoughts

on providing service to SE Idaho. In addition, we welcome any comment regarding decision criteria that might be used to weigh the options in the coming months. This public comment period will be open between Aug. 6, 2012 and Aug. 27, 2012. BPA will also host a public meeting on this topic August 16, 2012 from 9am to 11am in the Rates Hearing Room.

All comments received during the comment period will be considered while BPA prioritizes the service options. In addition, any National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) related comments will be considered at such time BPA conducts a NEPA process for decisions that may be made regarding southeast Idaho service.

Comments may be submitted to BPA:

- 1) online at: www.bpa.gov/comment;
- 2) via mail to Bonneville Power Administration, Public Affairs Office – DKE-7, P.O. Box 14428, Portland, OR 97293-4428; or,
- 3) via fax to (503) 230-4019.

All comments will be posted in their entirety with only the author's name and affiliation on BPA's Web site at www.bpa.gov/comment. Materials relevant to the contemplated service arrangements may be viewed at http://transmission.bpa.gov/customer_forums/se_idaho/default.cfm beginning August 6, 2012. If you would like to receive a hard copy of any document, you may also call our toll-free document request line at (800) 622-4520 and leave a message with the name of the project, your complete mailing address and phone number.

If you have questions pertaining to BPA's exploration of options for service to southeast Idaho loads or if you need more information, please contact your Transmission or Constituent Account Executive. Thank you for your interest in this topic.

Sincerely,

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