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## SE Idaho Load Service Update

### Background

On October 2, 2012, the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) announced that it had completed an initial prioritization of potential service arrangements to serve customer loads located in southeast Idaho. BPA identified the option of Boardman-to-Hemingway (B2H) with Transmission Asset Swap as its top priority for pursuit in Fiscal Year (FY) 2013 and beyond.

In the event that BPA swaps transmission assets with Idaho Power as part of the "Boardman-to-Hemingway with Transmission Asset Swap" service arrangement, BPA would be a participant in B2H as a joint owner and acquire partial ownership in existing transmission facilities currently owned by PacifiCorp and Idaho Power sufficient to give BPA ownership of transmission in whole or in part between the FCRPS and the PODs of the SE Idaho Customers. In return, PacifiCorp and Idaho Power would receive partial ownership in transmission assets currently owned by BPA for the purpose of serving native load. BPA assets located in the Mid-C to Boardman area would be incorporated into the proposed asset swap. No portion of an asset that is currently used to provide service to a third party, or which would be needed to provide service to a third party that has already requested use of those assets (e.g. by submission of a Transmission Service Request to BPA) would be included in an asset swap.

### BPA Queue

There is currently no Available Transmission Capacity (ATC) on BPA's system between Mid-C and Boardman. Given this situation, it is necessary for BPA to seek additional capacity and establish a position in its transmission queue to reserve the capacity necessary for a Transmission Asset Swap.

BPA will hold a queue position for 500 MW of transmission capacity from VANTAGE230MIDC/MIDCREMOTE to the new point near Boardman where B2H would begin. This queue position will not be held through a Transmission Service Request (TSR) since neither BPA nor Idaho Power is seeking transmission service under BPA's Open Access Transmission Tariff and, therefore, will not be submitting a TSR. Instead, on the date of this posting, BPA will create a Transmission Service Number (TSN) that will eventually identify the queue position in BPA's Long-Term Pending Queue tool.

Currently, BPA's Long-Term Pending Queue tool recognizes only TSRs, not TSNs. BPA will modify its systems to accommodate TSNs in the next 9-12 months. The impacts on TSRs that enter the queue after the date of this posting will be visible using the Long-Term Pending Queue tool at this point. **The TSN created for the Asset Swap will be positioned in the queue based on the date of this posting to ensure that no customers currently in BPA's queue are disadvantaged.**

More information on the Boardman-to-Hemingway with Transmission Asset Swap option, as well as the five other options, is posted on BPA's website for Southeast Idaho Load Service at [www.bpa.gov/goto/SoutheastIdahoLoadService](http://www.bpa.gov/goto/SoutheastIdahoLoadService).

