



Transmission Services

Subject: Customer Comments on the 2009 Network Open Season Precedent Transmission Service Agreement (PTSA)

Customer: Northwest Requirements Utilities (NRU)

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Northwest Requirements Utilities would like to express support for the comments of PPC submitted on May 8, 2009 on the topic of the Network Open Season process.

In particular we would like to emphasize the following important points made by PPC:

1. In terms of studying the available transmission capacity impacts of transmission service requests, we agree with PPC that: "Most customers cannot say with certainty which existing resource would be displaced by a new resource in the future. We recommend that BPA require no more than a good faith declaration of the customer's expectation of the resources that would be reduced and the amount of those reductions."
2. With regard to the reinforcement of the LaGrande transmission path, BPA needs to "involve customers in these discussions, particularly as they can be informed by the customers' resource choices under the new, long-term, federal power contracts."
3. As noted by PPC: "BPA should focus its attention and capital on projects needed to deliver power to load over the Network. Any investigation of intertie needs should be secondary to this effort."
4. Also, "The costs of existing and any future interties should remain segmented and their costs should continue to be recovered through separate rates. Rolling intertie costs into the network will not be an acceptable outcome."

We appreciate the opportunity to participate in this important process.