



September 24, 2004

VIA E-MAIL

Madonna Radcliff
Senior Financial Analyst
Programs in Review – T-Ditt2
Bonneville Power Administration
PO Box 491
Vancouver, Washington 98666
tblfeedback@bpa.gov

Re: PPC Comments on TBL's 2004 Programs in Review relating to BPA's
Sub-115 KV Transmission System.

Dear Ms. Radcliff:

Thank you for extending the comment period for one week so that we could further investigate BPA's forecasted expenditures for operations and maintenance of BPA's transmission equipment that operates at voltages of less than 115 kV. We appreciate the time that you and TBL staff have devoted to this issue.

We have been told that the actual expenditures in FY2003 for maintenance of this equipment were \$384,000; that amount represents approximately 9.3 percent of the total maintenance expenditures during FY2003. We have also been told that, of the total equipment in BPA's transmission system, 17.5 percent is sub-115 kV and 17 percent of the total hours of backlogged maintenance for the whole of the system is attributable to equipment that is below 115 kV.

Given this information, we are now more comfortable with BPA's proposal to set forecasted expenditures for FY2006-2007 at the level of FY2003 actuals plus an additional amount to cover inflation. The maintenance and reliability of the low-voltage equipment owned and operated by BPA are important to many of PPC's members. Our goal is to ensure that those lower-voltage, but still critically important, parts of the transmission system continue to receive adequate maintenance.

Thank you again for providing us with the supplemental information and the time to review it.

Sincerely,

/s/

C. Clark Leone
Manager
Public Power Council

/s/

John D. Saven
CEO
Northwest Requirements Utilities

cc: PPC Executive Committee