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TRANSMISSION BUSINESS LINE

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In reply refer to: TMC/DITT2

To Interested Parties and Customers:

During the Bonneville Power Administration Transmission Business Line (TBL) Rate Case Settlement process, all involved parties agreed there would be benefit in continued technical discussions on business practices and systems issues. In response, the TBL is sponsoring Business Practices Technical Forums to provide opportunities for the thoughtful, comprehensive exchange of information and ideas to resolve common technical issues and concerns. Such issues currently include operating reserves, real power losses, real-time curtailment, and scheduling practices for intermittent/wind resources.

New Date and Location

Because of scheduling conflicts with other customer meetings, the date and location for the first forum have changed to:

December 11, 2002
12:00 noon – 5:00 p.m.
Clark County Public Utility District Auditorium
1200 Fort Vancouver Way, Vancouver, WA

Directions:
From I-5, take Washington Highway exit 501 to E. Mill Plain Blvd. At the first light turn right on to Fort Vancouver Way. It is on the right.

Forum Structure

For this kick-off, we are seeking your input on the structure of future meetings. We want to discuss how to best shape the processes and procedures we will use for future forums, and address the technical issues raised during the TBL Rate Case Settlement process. Technical representatives from your organization are encouraged to attend for the full agenda. TBL technical representatives and key managers will also be present.

In addition, because the TBL's automated systems will have a large impact on many of the issues raised by its customers, the TBL will also provide a technical overview of the

capabilities of its current and planned systems as they relate to the TBL Rate Case Settlement issues.

The TBL intends to host a minimum of three additional forums dedicated to technical discussion of operating reserves, real power losses, real-time curtailment, and scheduling practices for intermittent/wind resources. Those discussions will occur according to the priorities developed at this first meeting. Future meetings will be technical discussions of business practices requiring the attendance of customer technical representatives.

In preparation for the December 11, 2002 forum, the following materials are enclosed:

- Agenda
- Summary of TBL Rate Case Settlement Technical Issues

A phone bridge is also available at (360) 418-8001. Enter 2969 anytime during or after the welcome message. *(Note: The phone bridge is set up for a maximum of 20 callers. If more lines are needed, please dial (360) 418-8888 for assistance. The system will not allow access into the bridge until five minutes prior to the start time of the conference. Callers can mute or un-mute their lines by pressing *6.)*

If you have any comments or written materials relevant to the agenda, please provide them in advance of the meeting to Linda Harris-Proctor at llharris@bpa.gov, or (360) 418-8232.

Any other related questions may be directed to your TBL Account Executive.

Sincerely,

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