

**REQUEST FOR CUSTOMER COMMENT CONCERNING A
POTENTIAL MAJOR WEST OF HATWAI OUTAGE**

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"BPA has cancelled the outage on the Lower Granite-Hatwai #1 500kV Line planned for September 15-23. This cancellation is due to other more pressing work."

Background:

BPAT is seeking customer comment on a continuous outage to the Lower Granite-Hatwai 500 kV Line which is proposed for September 15, 2001, through September 23, 2001. This time period is being proposed due to the availability of personnel (we bring in multiple line crews), other work to be accomplished by the crews, and weather conditions. The area is mountainous and does not dry out until early summer. An outage of this line has a major impact on the transfer capability of the Montana-PNW and West of Hatwai paths. The outage is needed in order to continue the repair of spacer hardware that is cutting into the conductor and which could eventually lead to failure of the conductor if left unattended.

An outage of the Lower Granite-Hatwai line will have the following impact on transfer capability (**all transfers are approximations and system conditions could affect these numbers, including further de-rates**):

Montana/PNW - 1400 MW east to west

West of Hatwai - 1210 MW

Northern Intertie Eastside Scheduling Limit - 0 MW north to south

To meet these transfers, the following generation considerations need to be met:

Dworshak Powerhouse - Less than 200 MW

Western Montana Hydro (Libby, Hungry Horse, Cabinet Gorge and Noxon; only Libby and Hungry Horse will be adjusted) - Less than 900 MW

Please send your written comments to bpaoutage@bpa.gov by close of business on **Friday, December 29, 2000**. This outage will still go through the normal 45-day outage coordination process.

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