

RTO Car Talk – November 16, 2000 Edition

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A. BPA CONFERENCE CALL: Today's (Thursday's) conference call was sparsely attended. Here's the quick summary:

1. The FUs are still at the table and talking. They are going through the materials the filed, page by page: checking cross-references, grammar, whether they really mean to say this or that. They intend to make their 12/1/00 refile date (i.e., refiling a cleaned-up stage 1 filing letter, and adding certain other materials, such as By-laws; Articles of Incorporation; and a few of the exhibits for the Transmission Operating Agreement).

2. Progress is very slow. There appears to be support for pursuing a task-oriented approach to finalizing materials for the stage 2 filing. Tasks would include Load Integration Agreement, Generation Integration Agreement, Tariff, Scheduling Coordinator Agreement, etc. A larger policy group might convene on regular basis as before. More to come after 12/1.

3. BPA, Idaho Power, and PacifiCorp are filing a vanilla Motion to Intervene on the TransConnect filing.

4. The FUs are leaning toward pulling together all RTO West interventions and addressing issues identified in each.

5. BPA received a heads-up draft intervention of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians. BPA said the usual criticisms were there (planning backstop, governance) but there were some atta boys as well, particularly regarding the collaborative regional process.

6. The filing utilities will be meeting 11/27-29 to finalize their refiling. BPA is cancelling our weekly sessions until 12/5 or so.

B. PPC FERC FILINGS: Tomorrow, Friday, we will be fedexing our intervention and protest in both cases -- RTO West, and ITC/TransConnect -- to FERC. If you want copies, pls let me know how you want them (U.S. mail or e-mail attachment). The RTO West document is about 26 pages long, while the ITC/TransConnect document is about 9 pages long.