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**RE: PPC Comments on BPA's Resource Program**

Dear Mr. Cook:

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the Bonneville Power Administration's (BPA) recent completion of a draft Resource Program. This two-year effort came at the request of preference power customers wanting a more accurate, robust and repeatable approach to BPA's resource planning. BPA has made excellent progress on improving its inputs such as the load forecast, conservation potential, and demand response potential, as well as delivering on a more accurate needs assessment. Customers appreciate this valuable work. We also recognize that this was the first effort at revamping the Resource Program and that subsequent iterations of the process will lead to further improvements and refinements.

Improved analysis and information is only valuable, however, if it is used to advance decision making. We look forward to working closely with BPA to apply the findings from its newly redesigned Resource Program analysis to improve resource strategy. We are optimistic that this recalibration and update will result in better budgeting, program design, and resource acquisition decisions.

Better resource decisions will ultimately lead to better budgeting and rate setting. Changes made in the recently redesigned Resource Program should create a more accurate resource strategy that results in more value to customers and the agency, as well as potentially lower rates.

PPC appreciates the work of BPA staff in responding to customer needs by revamping the Resource Program. We understand that the application of the Resource Program analysis will be just as critical as the reworking itself and we look forward to working with the agency on this important effort.

Sincerely,



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