

DRAFT FORM OF LETTER FOR SOUTH IDAHO GTA CUSTOMERS

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Re: City of Rupert Comments on Regional Dialogue

Dear Mr. Wright:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on BPA's Long Term Regional Dialogue Policy Proposal. I am writing today to underscore some very important issues to my utility, City of Rupert. As you know City of Rupert serves approximately 3000 three thousand consumers in Southern Idaho. As a full requirements customer of Bonneville we are vitally interested in the proposed allocation methodology.

City of Rupert is participating with other entities in drafting comprehensive comments which are being filed separately. However, the issue of transfer service for non-Federal power is so compelling to our future viability that it is necessary for me to write separately in order to emphasize its importance

City of Rupert takes service from Bonneville via a GTA that BPA has with Idaho Power Company. One of the guiding principals of GTA service has always been that such service be comparable to the service provided by BPA to its directly connected customers. If it is BPA's policy to remain faithful to that concept, it is critical that BPA assume the obligation to wheel Tier 2 non-federal power through its transmission agreement with Idaho Power in order to serve City of Rupert's native load. Unfortunately, the Proposal, as currently written, will not accommodate our access to regional power markets other than BPA. This is contrary to the policy guideline in the Regional Dialogue which provides that "BPA should not use transfer service as a leverage to induce customers to buy Tier 2 power from BPA".

Thank you again for this opportunity to comment. We are also a member of and endorse the comments filed by ICUA, IDEA,

Sincerely;
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Dear Mr. Wright:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on BPA's Long Term Regional Dialogue Policy Proposal. I am writing today to underscore some very important issues to my utility, City of Rupert. As you know City of Rupert serves approximately (3,000) three thousand consumers in Idaho. As a full requirements customer of Bonneville we are vitally interested in the proposed allocation methodology.

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City of Rupert is one of only six BPA customers who takes service from Bonneville via an exchange agreement between BPA and PacifiCorp. The Southern Idaho Exchange (SIE) is a unique arrangement that is replicated nowhere else on BPA's system. Historically, one of the guiding principals for transfer service such as the SIE has always been that such service be comparable to the service provided by BPA to its directly connected customers. If it is BPA's policy to remain faithful to that concept, it is critical that BPA assume the obligation to wheel Tier 2 non-Federal power either through the SIE or via a separate transmission agreement with PacifiCorp. Unfortunately, the Proposal, as currently written, will not accommodate our access to regional power markets other than through BPA. This is contrary to the policy guideline in the Regional Dialogue which provides that "BPA should not use transfer service as a leverage to induce customers to buy Tier 2 power from BPA".

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