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Mr. Stephen J. Wright,
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RE: ColumbiaGrid's Planning and Expansion Functional Agreement GR-3

Snohomish County PUD No. 1 (The District) wishes to express its strong support for BPA's participation in ColumbiaGrid and, specifically, for BPA's participation in the proposed Planning and Expansion Agreement.

The District relies on BPA's northwest transmission infrastructure to meet its electrical loads. As the region grows, it is critical that utilities engage in coordinated planning efforts to ensure the transmission system expands and operates effectively to meet demand. The District agrees with BPA that a one-utility planning approach provides the best opportunity for the region to ensure continued reliability.

While not a formal ColumbiaGrid member, the District has been an active contributor to ColumbiaGrid working groups. The District intends on signing the Planning and Expansion Agreement as drafted. The principles underlying ColumbiaGrid are consistent with the District's belief that transmission planning is best accomplished through collaborative efforts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven J. Klein".

Steven J. Klein
General Manager

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