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RE: Comments on ColumbiaGrid's October 25, 2006, Draft for Public Comment, Planning and Expansion Functional Agreement Thank you for the opportunity to comment on whether the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) should sign an agreement with ColumbiaGrid in substantially the same form as the October 25, 2006, draft-for-public-comment Planning and Expansion Functional Agreement. Public Utility District No. 2 of Grant County (District) supports BPA's signing of the Functional Agreement (FA). Over the past several years, Grant, BPA and other regional entities have been working through the TIG process, the convergence discussions, and finally, through ColumbiaGrid to craft a solution to support one-utility planning, increase reliability, and improve processes in the region. This FA is the first step in moving in that direction by implementing a mechanism to coordinate transmission planning and expansion in the region under the oversight of an independent Board. This FA will also facilitate compliance with FERC mandated Open Access Transmission Tariff requirements. Both are important to the region as we move into the future with additional pressure on the transmission system from growth, as well as rapid development of distant renewable resources to facilitate the various states' renewable portfolio standards. We look forward to continuing work with you on implementing this FA, as well as completing the other pieces that are vital to improving the operation of the northwest transmission system.