Montana Intertie Issues Remaining from BP-12 that Need to be Investigated and Developed in BP-14 Workshops¹

- **Issue 4.3.1.11** Whether roll-in of BPA's share of the costs of the Eastern Intertie without roll-in of the Eastern Intertie capacity of the other parties to the Montana Intertie Agreement would be discriminatory.
- Issue 4.3.1.2 Whether roll-in of BPA's share of the costs of the Eastern Intertie would result in additional utilization of the Eastern Intertie and therefore additional Network transmission revenues; and if so what would the level of expected incremental revenues.
 Issue 4.3.1.3 Whether roll-in of BPA's share of the costs of the Eastern Intertie, or setting the IM rate at zero, would result in additional wind generation development in Montana; and if there were such additional wind generation, what amount of expected upgrades would be required to the main grid to accommodate such additional generation.
- Issue 4.3.1.4 Whether the Pacific Northwest would receive wind generation diversity benefits if wind generation from eastern Montana were exported to the Pacific Northwest.
 Issue 4.3.1.8 Whether roll-in of BPA's share of the costs of the Eastern Intertie, or setting the IM rate at zero, would exacerbate overgeneration events.
 Corollary Issue What effect would the importation of different amount of Montana wind generation have on the frequency, duration and magnitude of payments to within-BA generators under proposed Attachment P. What would the impact on costs incurred by BPA pursuant to Attachment P be if the generation were interconnected with the BPA BA at a new Townsend substation?
- Issue 4.3.1.10 Whether NWE's proposal to set the firm long-term and short-term IM rate to \$0 for the FY 2012–2013 rate period would indirectly result in allocation of reduced Eastern Intertie costs to the proposed TGT-12 rate without offsetting revenues from other rates.
- **Issue 4.3.1.1** Whether roll-in of BPA's share of the costs of the Eastern Intertie would be inconsistent with BPA's segmentation methodology.
- **Issue 4.3.1.5** Whether BPA is authorized to support development of wind resources in eastern Montana through its segmentation policy.
- **Issue 4.3.1.6** Whether roll-in of BPA's share of the costs of the Eastern Intertie, or setting the IM rate at zero, would result in an unreasonable cost shift to BPA's Integrated Network.
- **Issue 4.3.1.7** Whether roll-in of BPA's share of the costs of the Eastern Intertie, or setting the IM rate at zero, would send artificially low transmission price signals to future wind developers and hide the true delivered cost from purchasers.
- **Issue 4.3.1.9** Whether roll-in of BPA's share of the costs of the Eastern Intertie could be a precedent for roll-in of other non-Network segments of BPA's transmission system.

¹ All references are to the Final Record of Decision in the BP-12 Rate Case.

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