



## Department of Energy

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POWER SERVICES

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In reply refer to: PGPR-5

Re: Bonneville Power Administration's *Pacific Northwest Loads and Resources Study* (also known as The White Book):

To Interested Persons:

The White Book is the Bonneville Power Administration's (BPA) annual snapshot of both the Federal system and the Pacific Northwest region loads and resources for the upcoming ten year period, providing BPA a planning basis for supplying electricity to customers. BPA is proposing changes to the annual publication of the White Book document and is providing an opportunity for public review and comment. These changes are described in Attachment 1, White Book Publication Proposal.

### **How to Comment**

BPA is requesting your comments on the White Book Publication Proposal attached in this letter.

Comments on the proposal must be received by 5:00 p.m., Pacific Standard Time, on July 13, 2012. Comments can be submitted via e-mail to Tim Misley at [tcmisley@bpa.gov](mailto:tcmisley@bpa.gov); or via mail to: Bonneville Power Administration, Resources & Loads Analysis – PGPR-5, P.O. Box 3621, Portland, OR 97208-3621.

If you have any questions regarding this proposal, please feel free to contact Tina Ko at 503.230.3555.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Stephen R. Oliver*

Stephen R. Oliver  
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## **Attachment 1: White Book Publication Proposal**

### Publication Schedule

- Starting with the 2012 White Book, BPA will only publish the document every other year (even years). This document will be similar to traditional White Books and will describe the planning context, major assumptions and conclusions from the analysis.
- BPA will publish a biennial summary update during the off years that contains only major changes from the last White Book publication.
- All information currently contained in the Technical Appendices will continue to be available electronically.

### Changes to the Document

- Starting with the 2012 White Book (and every even year thereafter), BPA will include a Needs Assessment study that forecasts the timing and amount of resources BPA may need to acquire or plan for to reliably meet its obligations.