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This message is being sent on behalf of Les Teel, CEO, Columbia Rural Electric Association regarding the Transmission Rate Case:

Columbia REA has three facilities (Burbank, Stateline and Sun Harbor) that are served by BPA at below 34.5 kV. For service over these facilities we pay BPA's Utility Delivery charge. Columbia REA has purchased a number of facilities in the past (for example most recently Dayton) and we are well aware of the time it takes to accomplish this task. While the threat of major rate increases for service over these facilities has loomed for many years, these remaining facilities have special circumstances that must be addressed in order for Columbia REA to consider the purchase of these facilities. In addition, Columbia REA faces many issues on its own system that are major priorities. We need time and rate certainty in order to resolve these issues. The NRU/PNGC/WPAG proposal provides for the time and rate stability to see whether this purchase makes sense for the CREA. Therefore, we support the NRU/PNGC/WPAG UDC proposal.

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