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In reply refer to: PS

Dear Customers, Constituents, Tribes, and Other Regional Stakeholders:

Recently you received a letter from Paul Norman summarizing the comments received during BPA's Regional Dialogue public comment period. In that letter, dated October 5, 2004, Paul states that the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) may engage in further discussions on certain Regional Dialogue issues prior to making final policy decisions. The purpose of this letter is to inform you as to how we plan to proceed with those additional discussions.

We have completed our initial review of comments received during the July 7 – September 22 Regional Dialogue public comment period. Through this initial review process, we identified four issue areas that we believe would benefit from further regional discussions given the diversity of comments we received. These issue areas include Service to Direct Service Industries, Future Service to Customers with Five-Year Purchase Commitments that Do Not Contain the Lowest PF Rate Guarantee, Product Availability and New Publics. To that end, we are opening a very short window for additional discussions.

We are available to meet with you if you are interested in further discussions on these four issues. These additional discussions will become part of the Regional Dialogue public record. Discussions will be documented with notes made available on our website at: www.bpa.gov/power/regionaldialogue. We have set a deadline of Friday, November 12, 2004, for concluding these discussions. We are open to additional thoughts and ideas. However, if you have already provided us with comments during the public comment period, there is no need to repeat them. At the conclusion of these discussions, BPA will focus on completing its analysis and finalizing its Regional Dialogue policy decisions. We are on course to issue a final policy and a Record of Decision on Regional Dialogue issues in December 2004.

I also would like to note that BPA received a large number of comments on Conservation and Renewable Resources, and we are continuing to work with interested parties on these issues. For example, BPA recently formed a working group to help design a proposed Conservation program for post-2006.

I want to thank everyone once again for your insightful comments on the Regional Dialogue issues. Your input is valued, and final Regional Dialogue decisions will be better informed because of your interest and participation in the process.

If you are interested in meeting to discuss any of the four identified issues, please contact your Customer Account Executive, Tribal Account Executive, Constituent Account Executive, or me. I can be reached at 503-230-3129.

Sincerely,

/s/

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