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To Parties Interested in the Residential Purchase and Sale Agreements (RPSA) Exchange Load Public Process:

The Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) is opening a 3-week public comment period to receive feedback on the calculation of Residential Exchange Loads for consumer-owned utilities that hold a Contract High Water Mark (CHWM) Contract. The Regional Dialogue Long-Term RPSA for the period 2012-2028, under Section 20, said the amount of Exchange Load a consumer-owned utility could use to calculate its Residential Exchange Program benefits would be determined in a future public process or 7(i) rate setting process. BPA is now initiating a public process and proposing language that would clarify how to calculate this Exchange Load.

The language proposes to limit the Exchange Load to the same percentage of the utility's Total Retail Load that is expected to be served by Tier I purchases from BPA and Existing Resources for CHWM. This percentage will be calculated during each Rate Period High Water Mark (RHWM) process for the applicable rate period. Participants will then apply this percentage to their actual monthly Exchange Loads in order to calculate monthly REP benefits.

This public process will run concurrent with the Exchange Clarification for Consumer-Owned Utilities public process.

How to Comment

BPA is requesting your comments on the RPSA Exchange Load language enclosed. This language can also be found at BPA's website at <http://www.bpa.gov/corporate/finance/ascm/letters.cfm>.

Comments on this language must be received by 5:00 p.m., Pacific Standard Time, on February 23, 2009. Comments can be submitted on-line at: www.bpa.gov/comments; via e-mail to comment@bpa.gov; via mail to: Bonneville Power Administration, Public Affairs Office-DKC-7, P.O. Box 14428, Portland, OR 97293-4428; or faxed to 503-230-3285. You can also call us with your comments, toll free at 1-800-622-4519. Please reference "RPSA Exchange Load" with your comments. Please note all comments will be posted on BPA's external web site.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact your Power Account Executive.

Sincerely,

/s/ **Tina Ko**

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Enclosure: Contract Language