## Comments to the BPA Power Function Review Green Mountain Energy Company May 31, 2005

To Whom It May Concern:

As the largest retail provider of less-polluting electricity to residential and commercial customers in the U.S., Green Mountain Energy Company pleased to have the opportunity to provide comment to Bonneville's Power Function Review. Thank you for taking the time to review our feedback.

We would like to keep our comments brief and point out mainly that the leadership of BPA is crucial in the development of more clean sources of energy in the Pacific Northwest. BPA has an opportunity to take a meaningful role in the development of the region's renewable resources, and it should sustain that role. Providing a consistent plan - with budgets, programs, and products that will assist utilities in investing in small and commercial scale renewable resources is vital to moving forward the continued progress the region has seen recently. As you know, these types of renewable resources help stabilize rates for end-use customers, diversify our energy base, and provide local economic development benefits.

Having been a part of the renewable energy market in the Northwest over the past few years, the importance of BPA's leadership position around renewable energy has been apparent. In our partnership with Portland General Electric, we have had the opportunity to purchase renewable energy for approximately 35,000 customers. BPA's leadership in the development of renewable energy projects and ongoing support for renewable energy markets has been an important element contributing to the success of PGE's program, now the second-largest in the country.

We would encourage BPA to continue to provide leadership for renewable energy.

Sincerely,

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May 23, 2005

Paul Norman Bonneville Power Administration PO Box 14428 Portland, Oregon 97293-4428

Dear Mr. Norman:

Mason County PUD No.1 wants to express our position with regard to the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) benefits to the direct service industries (DSI) for the period FY 2007 to FY 2009. Our position is based on the legality of selling preference power to non-preference entities that does not meet the statutory obligation under preference law.

We do not dispute the fact that the DSIs have contributed greatly over the last half century when BPA power was excess to the need of preference customers of BPA. We are now in a new era of preference customer load growth and limited hydro resources of the federal base system (FBS).

Our customers have experienced large power rate increases from BPA since 2001 and are facing even higher rate increases this fall. These rate increases have caused undue hardship to residents and businesses in Mason County. The unemployment in Mason County is one of the highest in Washington State. We simply cannot incur an additional rate increase in order to subsidize the aluminum industry.

Our position, simply stated, is that it is time to give preference power back to preference customers. BPA has no obligation to provide DSIs anything. From the very beginning the power deal was intended to be only temporary. The DSIs have had many years in which to find and develop resources of their own. Therefore, we strongly object to giving up one more kilowatt to them.

We do appreciate our working relationship with BPA over the years and hope to continue this partnership. We also thank you for the opportunity to comment on this very contentious matter.

Sincerely,

Ron Gold President

Jack Janda, Vice-President

Karl Denison, Secretary