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Please be advised that Hood River Electric Cooperative, a BPA NT customer subject to Utility Delivery Changes and GTA Delivery Charges, supports the comments filed jointly by NRU, PNGC and WPAG.

HREC previously purchased one low voltage PoD, BPA Woody Guthrie Substation [now Willard Johnson Substation], and considered purchase of two others -- Parkdale Substation & Hood River Substation. Parkdale Substation exists on the BPA transmission corridor between Troutdale and The Dalles and has 230 KV high-side switching and equipment. It is an isolation point for one circuit of 230 KV while other 230 & 500 KV circuits pass through. HREC is not equipped to work with 230 KV and it is unlikely we could feasibly meet WECC/NERC requirements. Hood River Substation is not located within our service area and has other features that make it unattractive for purchase by HREC.

We are open to considering proposals with “more imagination and flexibility than has been heretofore required” as suggested in the NRU/PNGC/WPAG comments.

Thanks for the opportunity to submit these remarks.

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