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In reply refer to: PL-6

Dear Customers and Interested Parties:

On December 15, 2000, Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) announced it would re-examine a portion of its New Large Single Load (NLSL) policy. Our original schedule called for a public comment process to begin by the end of February 2001 with publication of the policy proposal in the Federal Register. However, the Federal Register Notice will now be issued in the middle of April. This additional time will allow us to consolidate BPA's current NLSL policy into one document. BPA's NLSL policy is a combination of contract and policy decisions recorded in several documents. The consolidation will aid the public as background for the public review of the issues BPA will address. Elements of the existing policy will be collected in a single document.

The scope of the policy review is limited. BPA is not reviewing its entire NLSL policy and is not inviting comment on the entire policy. Only the issues identified in our December letter will be addressed for comment. We still expect to finalize a Record of Decision by the end of June 2001, which is the same as our original schedule outlined in the December letter.

BPA did receive a few comments in response to our December letter. Some of these comments were specific to the policy, while others were suggestions on the scope of the policy issues to be reviewed. All comments received to date on scope will be considered as the policy proposal is prepared for the Federal Register, or comments on the issues will be addressed in the Record of Decision at the close of comment.

The estimated timeline for this review process is as follows:

Date	Activity
Mid-April 2001	NLSL draft policy published in the Federal Register and comment period opens
Late April/Early May 2001	Public Meeting(s) Scheduled
Mid-May 2001	Comment Period Closes
Late June 2001	Record of Decision signed.

We will send you a copy of the NLSL policy proposal once it has been published in the Federal Register and the comment period has opened. Please call Dave Fitzsimmons at 503-230-3685 if you have questions on this process.

Sincerely,

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