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In reply refer to: P

Dear Customers and Interested Parties:

Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) intends to re-examine portions of its New Large Single Load (NLSL) policy. BPA is examining this issue as a follow-up to comments made by customers during the Subscription process. BPA's policy on NLSL must remain viable in the emerging deregulated wholesale electricity market.

Early next year BPA will issue a draft proposal for its NLSL policy. The scope of this policy review will be limited to the following areas:

1. Public Agency service to Direct Service Industrial loads not served by BPA at the IP, or any other, rate.
2. Close out of the Administrator's Contracted For / Committed To (CF/CT) determinations under section 3(13)(A) of the Northwest Power Act, including determinations of:
 - A. Whether a load which was a CF/CT load of one public customer should continue to have that status if its service is transferred to another public customer.
 - B. Whether making new CF/CT determinations of loads that existed or were committed to on or before September 1, 1979, now faces the practical problems of records surviving longer than 20 years. BPA proposes to invite any customers who believe they may yet have such loads to make applications for a determination on CF/CT status and then BPA will close this load class.

The formal comment period on the proposed NLSL policy will begin once the proposal is published in the Federal Register. However, if you have ideas on the policy areas outlined above that you would like us to consider as the proposal is drafted, please contact your BPA Account Executive. There will be ample opportunity for you to review and comment on the draft proposal. The tentative schedule for this NLSL review process is as follows:

Date	Events/Schedule
February 2001	Draft policy proposal published in the Federal Register and comment period opens.
March 2001	Public Meeting(s) scheduled
April 2001	Comment Period Closes
June 2001	Record of Decision signed

We look forward to working with you as we begin re-examining portions of BPA's NLSL policy. We will send you a copy of the draft proposal once it is published in the Federal Register along with a more definite timeline for the review process. We will also provide you with a document summarizing the current policy.

Sincerely,

/s/

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