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BPA files reciprocity tariff

Portland, Ore. – After a year-long extensive and collaborative public process with customers and stakeholders, the Bonneville Power Administration today filed its proposed tariff for granting open and non-discriminatory access to its transmission system with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

“This is a product that is based on transmission expertise throughout the Pacific Northwest,” said Cathy Ehli, BPA vice president, Transmission Marketing and Sales. “We began with many areas of disagreement but have been able to substantially narrow the differences. We are grateful to the participants in this process for the time and effort they have invested. We are committed to our customers, our relationship with FERC, as well as consistent and transparent rules.”

FERC issued an order in July 2009 approving most provisions of BPA’s previously filed tariff, but required modifications to other parts of BPA’s proposed tariff. FERC denied BPA what is known as reciprocity status until the agency made an appropriate compliance filing. Reciprocity status means BPA grants open access to its transmission system under FERC approval, which entitles BPA to receive open access transmission service from other transmission providers.

Today’s filing responds to FERC’s July 2009 order and incorporates the provisions BPA discussed with customers over the past year. This filing demonstrates BPA’s commitment to open access and to continue working with customers.

BPA’s filing is made under voluntary provisions established by FERC that BPA has used since 1996. Some have argued that a December 7, 2012 FERC order should be interpreted to mean that BPA must file under mandatory provisions. BPA has filed a clarification request with FERC on this matter to clarify that BPA’s voluntary approach continues to be appropriate.

FERC does not have a prescribed schedule for review of BPA’s reciprocity filing. The filing is available at the [link](#).

BPA is a nonprofit federal agency that markets renewable hydropower from federal Columbia River dams, operates three-quarters of high-voltage transmission lines in the Northwest and funds one of the largest wildlife protection and restoration programs in the world. BPA and its partners have also saved enough electricity through energy efficiency projects to power four large American cities. For more information, contact us at 503-230-5131 or visit our website at www.bpa.gov.

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