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MEMORANDUM

TO: Power Committee

FROM: Terry Morlan

SUBJECT: Regional Dialogue Comment Deadline Extended

On September 19, Bonneville posted a letter extending the comment deadline for the Long-Term Regional Dialogue Policy Proposal from September 29 to October 31. The extension was done at the request of public and investor-owned utilities. These parties have apparently been making some progress in reaching an agreement on the residential exchange settlement and requested some additional time to try to complete their discussions and hopefully reach agreement.

The Bonneville letter is attached for your information.

Attachment

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POWER BUSINESS LINE

September 19, 2006

In reply refer to: PS-6

To: Parties Interested in the Long-Term Regional Dialogue Policy Proposal:

At the request of several parties, we are extending the public comment period on our Long-Term Regional Dialogue policy proposal by 1 month, from the current deadline of September 29, 2006, to October 31, 2006. This request was made by representatives of public power and the investor-owned utilities who are attempting to reach agreement on future Residential Exchange Program benefits.

This group has indicated it is making progress in its discussions but needs more time. The time before new resource commitments must be made for the post-2011 period is becoming critically short and this extension puts additional pressure on the current timeline. However, an agreement on the Residential Exchange Program could allow us to avoid implementing the fallback proposal described in our July 2006 policy proposal. Primarily for this reason, we have agreed to extend the comment period.

We urge that all parties use this time to continue to work toward regional consensus on remaining outstanding issues in the Long-Term Regional Dialogue. BPA staff continues to be available to answer questions and participate in meetings upon request.

The new close of comment applies to all parties and to comments on all issues in the Regional Dialogue policy proposal. We would, nonetheless, encourage early submission of comments to allow more time for our review and consideration as we prepare to make final decisions.

The comment period is open through October 31, 2006. Comments can be submitted online at <http://www.bpa.gov/comment>; via e-mail to comment@bpa.gov; via mail to Bonneville Power Administration, Public Affairs Office - DKC-7, P.O. Box 14428, Portland, OR 97293-4428; or by fax at (503) 230-3285. You also can call us toll free with your comment at (800) 622-4519. Please reference Regional Dialogue with your comments. Please note that all comment letters will be posted on BPA's Web site at http://www.bpa.gov/corporate/public_affairs/Comment_Listings/.

Sincerely,

/s/ Mark O. Gendron

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