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Subject: Renewable Northwest Project's Comments on BPA's Proposal to
Address Congestion

Renewable Northwest Project (RNP), a regional non-profit renewable energy advocacy organization whose members include environmental and consumer groups, and energy companies, writes in support of Bonneville Power Administration's (BPA) proposal to address congestion on its transmission system. RNP appreciates the opportunity we had to participate in the strong open process where the three proposed solutions were developed over the past several months. We encourage BPA to commit the staff time necessary to have these systems up and running by summer of 2007, and to continue a public process to develop longer term solutions.

We believe the redispatch pilot, and the effort to use a new OATI system to proactively limit non-firm sales based on hourly ATC analysis can help manage congestion on the grid in 2007. In addition, these efforts have the potential to be expanded so that they will provide more effective congestion management in the future. At this point, BPA and its stakeholders should be focused on getting these systems up and running to serve the region by summer of 2007 and simplicity should be a priority on this first round of implementation.

However, BPA and the region must not lose sight of the need for more robust congestion management tools in the long term. We recommend development of a clear plan for future assessment of these first efforts, and a continued public process for development of additional tools that can help BPA address congestion in a more proactive and tariff compliant manner. RNP looks forward to participating in these future discussions.

Sincerely,

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