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8 **Section 1. Introduction**

9 *Q. Please state your name and qualifications.*

10 A. My name is Sarah K. Bermejo. My qualifications are contained in WP-07-Q-BPA-03.

11 A. My name is Rebecca M. Berdahl. My qualifications are contained in WP-07-Q-BPA-02.

12 A. My name is Thomas R. Murphy. My qualifications are contained in WP-07-Q-BPA-42.

13 A. My name is David L. Gilman. My qualifications are contained in WP-07-Q-BPA-13.

14 A. My name is Terrin L. Pearson. My qualifications are contained in WP-07-Q-BPA-54.

15 *Q. Have you previously submitted testimony in this WP-07 rate case?*

16 A. Yes. In the initial proposal, and this supplemental testimony is meant to modify that  
17 initial proposal.

18 *Q. What is the Purpose of your testimony?*

19 A. The purpose of this testimony is to propose to remove the inside the band cost  
20 associated with the AEP methodology for FYs 2008 and 2009 from the generation  
21 cost allocation for Generation Supplied Reactive (GSR) described in the initial  
22 proposal. *See* WP-07-E-BPA-20. This supplemental testimony describes the policy  
23 consideration for proposing this change, the rate impacts associated with the change,  
24 and outlines possible future rate treatment for generation supplied reactive. This  
25 testimony also supports the reactive supplemental documentation, WP-07-E-BPA-29.

26 *Q. How is your testimony organized?*

1 A. Our testimony contains four sections including this first introductory section. The  
2 second section describes the proposed change and addresses the policy considerations  
3 that lead to this supplemental proposal, the third section evaluates the rate  
4 implications of the proposed change, and the fourth section discusses the additional  
5 process that TBL will engage in to evaluate the possible future rate treatment for  
6 GSR.

7 **Section 2. Proposed Changes to Initial Proposal**

8 *Q. What was the initial proposal for generation input cost of GSR?*

9 A. BPA initially forecasted annual revenues of \$24.9 million for generation inputs  
10 associated with GSR for the rate period. One component of this total was based on  
11 the AEP methodology, which allocates a portion of the embedded cost of generation  
12 plant to GSR. The AEP methodology is commonly used by generators to determine  
13 compensation for inside the band operations of GSR. Applying the AEP  
14 methodology resulted in a cost allocation of \$18 million for US Army Corp of  
15 Engineers (COE) and Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) facilities, and \$179,000 for  
16 Columbia Generating Station (CGS). The initial proposal also allocated \$2.15  
17 million to TBL for real power losses associated with GSR. In addition the initial  
18 proposal included \$364,000 for synchronous condenser plant modifications and \$4.1  
19 million for energy consumed by synchronous condensing. *See* WP-07-E-BPA-20 at  
20 2-10.

21 *Q. How has FERC explained inside and outside the band?*

22 A. Inside the band refers to generation operations to produce reactive power, measured  
23 in MVARs, inside a band. Individual generators have a set range of operations in  
24 which they can produce a certain amount of MVARs without significantly  
25 diminishing MW production. This range is determined by the generators' design, as  
26 indicated by its nameplate power factor rating. When the generator is operated inside

1 of this range it is operating inside the band, and if the generator is requested to  
2 produce more MVARs by reducing its real power production, it is operating outside  
3 the band.

4 *Q. Does the AEP methodology include payments for inside the band?*

5 A. The AEP methodology allocates a portion of the generation plant to GSR service  
6 without regard to, or consideration of, inside or outside the band. It is reasonable to  
7 conclude that this methodology includes payments for operations inside the band.  
8 BPA hopes to develop a methodology for determining payment for outside the band  
9 in a future rate case.

10 *Q. What is the proposed change to the initial proposal?*

11 A. BPA is proposing to eliminate inside the band cost and real power losses from the  
12 generation inputs cost allocation for GSR to TBL for FYs 2008 and 2009. This  
13 would result in reducing the \$24.9 million allocated to generation inputs for GSR by  
14 \$20.4 million in each of the latter two years of the rate period to \$4.464 million for  
15 each of those 2 years. The full \$24.9 million would remain for FY 2007.

16 *Q. How are you proposing to account for synchronous condensing costs?*

17 A. The \$4.464 million of plant modification cost and energy consumed by synchronous  
18 condensing would continue to be allocated to generation inputs for GSR in FYs 2008  
19 and 2009.

20 *Q. Why are costs associated with synchronous condensing excluded from this  
21 change?*

22 A. As described in BPA's initial proposal, synchronous condensing requires the  
23 generator to be operated as a motor to provide voltage support to the transmission  
24 system when the generator would otherwise be turned off. These operations consume  
25 real power from the system. *See* WP-07-E-BPA-20 at pages 8-9. BPA does not  
26 consider synchronous condensing as inside or outside the band operation and it is not

1 part of the AEP methodology.

2 *Q. Why are you proposing to eliminate inside the band cost from the initial proposal?*

3 A. In Order 2003-A, FERC stated that generators should not be compensated for inside  
4 the band operation, unless the transmission provider is compensating its affiliate for  
5 inside the band operations. Beginning in 2004, several non-affiliate generators  
6 interconnected to BPA's transmission system filed rates with FERC to enable the non-  
7 affiliate generators to charge TBL for GSR inside the band, based on the AEP  
8 methodology. The costs paid to non-affiliate generators are combined with the costs  
9 allocated from PBL as inputs into TBL's ancillary service rate for GSR. As more  
10 non-affiliate generators have filed for an inside the band rate, TBL's ancillary service  
11 rate has increased. This rate is paid by all TBL transmission customers, including  
12 PBL and its preference customers. At some point the benefits to regional rate payers  
13 of PBL being compensated for an inside the band GSR allocation is outweighed by  
14 the cost all transmission customers would have to pay for compensating non-affiliate  
15 generators for these higher ancillary service rates.

16 *Q. Are there other concerns with inside the band compensation?*

17 A. Yes. Inside the band payments are determined using the AEP methodology, which  
18 allocates a portion of the generator's electrical plant associated with reactive power  
19 production to the GSR rate. *See* WP-07-E-20 at pages 4-8. This results in an  
20 embedded cost methodology that should treat all generators equally. A problem with  
21 this methodology is that it does not take into account the value or amount of reactive  
22 support the generator is providing to the transmission system. Instead, the  
23 methodology is based simply on the depreciated or net plant cost of the generator.  
24 This has resulted in an anomaly, where new peaking generators that may only operate  
25 occasionally and provide little reactive support to the transmission system, receive  
26 significant compensation, while older generators that are necessary to support the

1 reactive needs of the transmission system may receive little or no compensation.  
2 Currently, in the Pacific Northwest generators are being compensated based on this  
3 methodology, but others are not being compensated at all. It is hard to see how this  
4 varying treatment represents an equitable solution. Another problem with the AEP  
5 methodology is that it requires individual FERC filings for each non-affiliate  
6 generator. These filings are expensive and difficult for BPA staff. This creates  
7 uncertainty for BPA and its customers, because we never know when the next filing  
8 will occur.

9 *Q. Are you aware of any guidance from FERC regarding inside the band reactive*  
10 *payments to non-affiliate generators?*

11 A. Yes. As described above in Order 2003-A, FERC stated that transmission providers  
12 are only required to pay non-affiliate generators for inside the band GSR if the  
13 transmission provider is compensating its affiliate for inside the band. In a more  
14 recent opinion, issued just prior to BPA's initial proposal in this rate case, FERC  
15 granted a declaratory order to Entergy recognizing that by foregoing revenues from  
16 its own generators' operations inside the band, Entergy would not be obligated to  
17 compensate unaffiliated generators for this service. *See Entergy Service, Inc.*, 113  
18 FERC ¶ 61,040 at p.24 (2005).

19 *Q. What are the concerns of BPA as a whole that are driving this proposal to change the*  
20 *initial proposal?*

21 A. BPA is concerned that TBL is at risk of incurring uncertain and potential high costs to  
22 compensate many additional generators for GSR inside the band. BPA anticipates  
23 that generators currently receiving compensation will file for increases in reactive  
24 payment after the current TBL settlement with certain non-affiliate generators  
25 expires. This could create a significant impact on the total cost of delivered power for  
26 all rate payers. Allocating GSR costs for inside the band to TBL has benefited PBL

1 preference customer power rates, but that benefit has declined significantly as more  
2 non-affiliate generators have filed rates to charge TBL for GSR inside the band  
3 increasing power preference customer transmission rates. BPA is also interested in  
4 compensating generators that provide valuable GSR to the system through an outside  
5 the band methodology.

6 *Q. Why is this change being proposed in the PBL rate case instead of the TBL rate case?*

7 *A.* In the WP-02 Rate Case and in this WP-07 rate case, PBL has priced all the  
8 generation inputs for ancillary services and TBL uses these cost allocations to  
9 establish its ancillary service rates in their transmission rate case. The change  
10 proposed in this supplemental testimony is consistent with that practice. TBL will be  
11 using the outcome of this rate case, as well as other factors, when it establishes its  
12 ancillary services rates for FY 2008 and 2009.

13 *Q. What effect would this proposed change have on various regional stakeholders?*

14 *A.* As described in Section 2, Table 1 of WP-07-E-BPA-29, the affect on the cost of  
15 delivered power will be different for different customer groups. For PF customers,  
16 there is a slight rate increase for delivered power at the current level of compensation  
17 to non-affiliate generators. However, if TBL payments to non-affiliate generators  
18 increase in the future, as expected, this proposal will ultimately result in a benefit to  
19 PF customers. In addition, any payments PBL may receive for outside the band GSR  
20 would also offset costs to the preference customers. IOUs and other transmission  
21 only customers will realize a significant benefit from this proposal, because it will  
22 lead to a lower ancillary service rate. If TBL is successful in the necessary FERC  
23 filings, non-affiliate generators could be exposed to a significant loss in revenues they  
24 currently receive under their FERC approved rates for GSR inside the band.

25 *Q. Please explain why this proposed change will potentially benefit preference*  
26 *customers?*

1 A. Preference customers pay for GSR through TBL's ancillary service rate and PBL pays  
2 this same rate when it purchases transmission for surplus sales. When the only cost  
3 allocated to TBL's ancillary services rate were inputs from federal generation,  
4 preference customers were receiving the benefit of lower delivered power rates  
5 because the cost of GSR was spread to all transmission customers. Once TBL had to  
6 start paying non-affiliate generators for GSR, TBL's ancillary service rate increased  
7 and there was no associated benefit in preference customer's power rates. The  
8 proposed change is the first necessary step to eliminating this upward pressure on the  
9 ancillary service rate.

10 Q. *This proposed change is only for FYs 2008 and 2009. How are costs for GSR*  
11 *proposed to be treated in FY 2007?*

12 A. For FY 2007, BPA is proposing to treat cost allocation of GSR consistent with the  
13 initial proposal, including compensation for inside the band operations based on the  
14 AEP methodology.

15 Q. *Why is the change in methodology proposed to take effect one-year into the rate*  
16 *period?*

17 A. BPA is proposing the change for FYs 2008 and 2009, because TBL has committed to  
18 pay certain non-affiliate generators that have filed rates with FERC for GRS inside  
19 the band until September 30, 2007. This commitment was made in a FERC approved  
20 settlement agreement, and neither BPA nor the non-affiliate generators can request a  
21 rate change from FERC until the end of FY 2007. BPA's objective is to enable TBL  
22 to avoid paying generators for GSR inside the band, and it hopes to accomplish this  
23 on the same date for all generators. Therefore, it is reasonable to propose changing  
24 the PBL cost allocation at the same time that TBL hopes to end its obligation to pay  
25 the non-affiliate generators.

26 Q. *In the initial proposal, it was explained that GSR is an important service used by TBL*

1 *to maintain reliability. Please explain why you are now proposing that federal*  
2 *generators should not be compensated for GSR inside the band?*

3 A. BPA still believes that generators providing GSR is an important service, but BPA  
4 has calculated that compensating generators for inside the band under the AEP  
5 methodology is not a benefit to regional rate payers. FERC has stated that generators  
6 do not need to be compensated for inside the band operations, and these operations  
7 can be a requirement of all generators in order to be interconnected to the grid  
8 reliably. FERC has also stated that all generators should be compensated when the  
9 transmission provider requests that they operate outside of the band. BPA has not yet  
10 developed a methodology for compensating generators for outside the band  
11 operations, but BPA is hopeful that an outside the band methodology can be  
12 developed that compensates generators based on the actual cost the generator incur to  
13 supply outside the band reactive to the transmission system.

14 **Section 3. Rate Impacts of Proposed Change**

15 *Q. How would this proposal be incorporated into the final rate studies?*

16 A. The final rate studies for the WP-07 rate case will make appropriate adjustments to  
17 reflect reduced revenues from inside the band generation supplied reactive and  
18 voltage control that reduces the revenue credit used to set the final firm power energy  
19 rate and slice rate over the rate period consistent with the Administrator's decision  
20 based on the supplemental record developed on this issue.

21 *Q. What impacts will this proposal have on the PF rate?*

22 A. Although this proposal will not take effect until FY08, the base PF rate is proposed to  
23 be set based on assumptions over the three-year rate period. Thus, this proposal will  
24 slightly increase the base PF rate by approximately 0.18 mills that will be spread  
25 proportionally to the firm power energy rate and slice rate. *See* Section 3, Table 1  
26 WP-07-E-BPA-29.

1 *Q. Are there any other rates that would be impacted by the proposed change?*

2 A. Yes. The proposed change will have a slight impact on per unit generation input  
3 costs for Operating Reserves and Regulating Reserves. The net power revenue  
4 requirement specific to each of these per unit costs reflects a revenue offset equal to  
5 the total annual costs of generation inputs to provide reactive power and voltage  
6 control to TBL. This revenue offset will be reduced, which increases the revenue  
7 requirement that establishes the total costs to be recovered for provision of Operating  
8 Reserves and Regulating Reserves service. The net impact is an increase to the per-  
9 unit generation input costs for Operating Reserves and Regulating Reserves,  
10 respectively.

11 *Q. What are the impacts to the Operating Reserves and Regulating Reserves generation  
12 input cost?*

13 A. Operating Reserves per unit costs will increase by approximately \$0.17 kw-month  
14 and Regulating Reserves will increase by about \$0.19 kw-month. These per unit  
15 costs will then be multiplied by an unchanged quantity of PBL supplied generation  
16 inputs estimated to be 420 and 150 annual hourly average megawatts respectively, for  
17 Operating Reserves and Regulating Reserves, which will yield higher annual revenue  
18 forecasts of approximately \$900,000 and \$360,000, respectively.

19 *Q. Are there any other risks associated with the proposed change?*

20 A. Yes. If the expected value of revenues received from TBL associated with provision  
21 of reactive and voltage control service is not recovered due to FERC rejection of an  
22 outside the band reactive compensation or for some other unanticipated reason, then a  
23 small revenue under-recovery problem will arise. If this occurs, BPA expects to  
24 make any appropriate adjustments in subsequent rate cases, wherever appropriate.  
25 For this rate period, BPA will reflect in the planned net revenue for risk an expected  
26 range of \$4 million to \$20 million annual of estimated outside the band reactive

1 payments for FYs 2008 and 2009 each.

2 *Q. Why is the expected risk proposed to be modeled at \$4 million to \$20 million?*

3 A. BPA is proposing to continue to allocate the cost of synchronous condensing to TBL  
4 in FYs 2008 and 2009 and this represents the floor amount of \$4 million. BPA is  
5 hopeful that an outside the band methodology can be developed for FYs 2008 and  
6 2009. PBL believes the \$4 to \$20 million is a conservative estimate of what total  
7 compensation might be under an outside the band methodology, but it is not meant as  
8 a cap or limitation for future rate proceedings.

9 **Section 4. Future of Generation Supplied Reactive**

10 *Q. How will the proposed change affect TBL's ancillary service rate for generation  
11 supplied reactive and voltage control?*

12 A. In the 2006 transmission rate case, TBL developed formula rates to reflect, among  
13 other things, changes in PBL generation input allocations established in the 2007  
14 power rate case. The TBL will use the results of the 2007 power rate case, when it  
15 sets transmission and ancillary service rates for FY 2008-2009.

16 *Q. What additional steps will TBL need to take to eliminate inside the band payments to  
17 non-affiliate generators?*

18 A. TBL is bound by the FERC approved settlement agreement to pay certain non-  
19 affiliate generators through the end of FY 2007. Depending on the outcome of this  
20 WP-07 rate proceeding, TBL would have to file with FERC and request that the non-  
21 affiliate generators' rate schedules be suspended beginning in FY 2008, reflecting the  
22 fact that TBL will no longer be compensating its affiliate for GSR inside the band.

23 *Q. Do you anticipate any further rate development regarding generation supplied  
24 reactive in the future?*

25 A. Yes. The FERC Staff Report dated February 4, 2005, on "Principles for Efficient and  
26 Reliable Reactive Power Supply and Consumption" suggests that pricing principles

1 and regulatory policy are evolving. BPA expects that any such change in FERC  
2 policy on reactive compensation, for either inside or outside the band, will be  
3 considered in upcoming rate cases and will inform BPA policy on GSR  
4 compensation. Additionally, BPA expects to pay close attention to all legal activity  
5 surrounding this matter that may help inform internal policy on rate treatment. BPA  
6 will be investigating appropriate rate methodologies for compensating generators for  
7 outside the band operations.

8 *Q. Is there any FERC precedent to support an outside the band methodology?*

9 A. Yes. FERC has stated that generators are entitled to compensation when a  
10 transmission provider requests the generator to operate outside the band to supply or  
11 absorb reactive power, but FERC has only accepted an outside the band methodology  
12 for the New York Independent System Operator. However, recently FERC has  
13 indicated that opportunity costs and marginal costs are reasonable methods to  
14 consider for outside the band compensation.

15 *Q. What is the anticipated timing for developing an outside the band rate methodology?*

16 A. BPA hopes to have an outside the band rate methodology developed to include in the  
17 upcoming transmission rate case for FY 2008 and 2009.

18 *Q. In Section 3 of this testimony you described a range of risk for FYs 2008 and 2009 as*  
19 *\$4 to \$20 million. Would this range act as a limit on the amount that could be*  
20 *collected under an outside the band methodology?*

21 A. No, the rate treatment for outside the band GSR is an issue for a future BPA rate case.  
22 The reasoning behind the \$4 to \$20 million range is to reflect potential revenue and  
23 an expected range of risk around that revenue, including synchronous condensing  
24 costs, to set power rates.

25 *Q. On pages 6 and 7 of your initial proposal testimony, WP-07-E-BPA-20, you described*  
26 *the power factor used in the AEP methodology and explained why BPA was*

1            *proposing to use the 0.95 power factor. Would this same power factor be used for an*  
2            *outside the band methodology?*

3    A.    Not necessarily. BPA believes it is premature to make any assumptions regarding an  
4            outside the band methodology and will look to FERC for guidance as well as how the  
5            system is planned and operated to determine an appropriate methodology.

6    Q.    *Does this conclude your testimony?*

7    A.    Yes

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## ACRONYMS

| ACRONYM          | Definition   |
|------------------|--|
| AANR             | Audited Accumulated Net Revenues                                 |
| AC               | Alternating Current  |
| AER              | Actual Energy Regulation   |
| AFUDC            | Allowance for Funds Used During Construction                     |
| AGC              | Automatic Generation Control                                     |
| aMW              | Average Megawatt   |
| ANRT             | Accumulated Net Revenue Threshold                                |
| AOP              | Assured Operating Plan   |
| APS              | Ancillary Products and Services (rate)                           |
| ASC              | Average System Cost  |
| BASC             | BPA Average System Cost  |
| BO               | Biological Opinion   |
| BPA              | Bonneville Power Administration                                  |
| Btu              | British Thermal Unit   |
| C&R              | Cost and Revenue   |
| C&R Discount     | Conservation and Renewables Discount                             |
| California PX    | California Power Exchange  |
| CBP              | Columbia Basin Project   |
| CCCT             | Combined-Cycle Combustion Turbine                                |
| CEC              | California Energy Commission                                     |
| Cfs              | cubic feet per second  |
| COB              | California-Oregon Border   |
| COE              | U.S. Army Corps of Engineers                                     |
| Con/Mod          | Conservation Modernization Program                               |
| COSA             | Cost of Service Analysis   |
| CRAC             | Cost Recovery Adjustment Clause                                  |
| CRC              | Critical Rule Curves   |
| CSPE             | Columbia Storage Power Exchange                                  |
| CT               | Combustion Turbine   |
| CY               | Calendar Year (Jan-Dec)  |
| DC               | Direct Current   |
| DDC              | Dividend Distribution Clause                                     |
| DOE              | Department of Energy   |
| DSIs             | Direct Service Industrial Customers                              |
| ECC              | Energy Content Curve   |
| EIA              | Energy Information Administration                                |
| EIS              | Environmental Impact Statement                                   |
| Energy Northwest | Formerly Washington Public Power Supply System (Nuclear) Project |
| EPP              | Environmentally Preferred Power                                  |
| F&O              | Financial and Operating Reports                                  |
| FBS              | Federal Base System  |

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|-------------------|---|
| FCCF              | Fish Cost Contingency Fund                                    |
| FCRPS             | Federal Columbia River Power System                           |
| FCRTS             | Federal Columbia River Transmission System                    |
| FELCC             | Firm Energy Load Carrying Capability                          |
| FERC              | Federal Energy Regulatory Commission                          |
| Fourth Power Plan | NWPPC's Fourth Northwest Conservation and Electric Power Plan |
| FPS               | Firm Power Products and Services (rate)                       |
| FSEA              | Federal Secondary Energy Analysis                             |
| FY                | Fiscal Year (Oct-Sep)   |
| GEP               | Green Energy Premium  |
| GI                | Generation Integration  |
| GRI               | Gas Research Institute  |
| GRSPs             | General Rate Schedule Provisions                              |
| GSP               | Generation System Peak  |
| GSU               | Generator Step-Up Transformers                                |
| GTA               | General Transfer Agreement                                    |
| GTRSPs            | General Rate Schedule Provisions                              |
| GWh               | Gigawatthour  |
| HELM              | Hourly Electric Load Model                                    |
| HLH               | Heavy Load Hour   |
| HNF               | Hourly Non-Firm   |
| IJC               | International Joint Commission                                |
| IOUs              | Investor-Owned Utilities                                      |
| IP TAC            | Industrial Firm Power Targeted Adjustment Charge              |
| IP                | Industrial Firm Power (rate)                                  |
| ISC               | Investment Service Coverage                                   |
| ISO               | Independent System Operator                                   |
| KAF               | Thousand Acre Feet  |
| kcfs              | kilo (thousands) of cubic feet per second                     |
| ksfd              | thousand second foot day                                      |
| kV                | Kilovolt (1000 volts)   |
| kW                | Kilowatt (1000 watts)   |
| kWh               | Kilowatthour  |
| L/R Balance       | Load/Resource Balance   |
| LDD               | Low Density Discount  |
| LLH               | Light Load Hour   |
| LME               | London Metal Exchange   |
| LOLP              | Loss of Load Probability                                      |
| m/kWh             | Mills per kilowatthour  |
| MAF               | Million Acre Feet   |
| MC                | Marginal Cost   |
| MCA               | Marginal Cost Analysis  |
| MCS               | Model Conservation Standards                                  |
| MIP               | Minimum Irrigation Pool                                       |
| MMBTU             | Million British Thermal Units                                 |
| MOP               | Minimum Operating Pool  |

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|---------------------|--|
| MORC                | Minimum Operating Reliability Criteria                         |
| MPC                 | Montana Power Company  |
| MT                  | Market Transmission (rate)                                     |
| MW                  | Megawatt (1 million watts)                                     |
| MWh                 | Megawatthour   |
| NEPA                | National Environmental Policy Act                              |
| NERC                | North American Electric Reliability Council                    |
| NF                  | Nonfirm Energy (rate)  |
| NFRAP               | Nonfirm Revenue Analysis Program (model)                       |
| NLSL                | New Large Single Load  |
| NMFS                | National Marine Fisheries Service                              |
| NOB                 | Nevada-Oregon Border   |
| NORM                | Non-Operating Risk Model                                       |
| Northwest Power Act | Pacific Northwest Electric Power Planning and Conservation Act |
| NR                  | New Resource Firm Power (rate)                                 |
| NT                  | Network Transmission   |
| NTP                 | Network Integration Transmission (rate)                        |
| NTSA                | Non-Treaty Storage Agreement                                   |
| NUG                 | Non-Utility Generation   |
| NWPP                | Northwest Power Pool   |
| NWPPC C&R           | Northwest Power Planning Council Cost and Revenues Analysis    |
| NWPPC               | Northwest Power Planning Council                               |
| O&M                 | Operation and Maintenance                                      |
| OMB                 | Office of Management and Budget                                |
| OY                  | Operating Year (Aug-Jul)                                       |
| PA                  | Public Agency  |
| PBL                 | Power Business Line  |
| PDP                 | Proportional Draft Points                                      |
| PDR                 | Power Discharge Requirement                                    |
| PF                  | Priority Firm Power (rate)                                     |
| PFBC                | Pressurized Fluidized Bed Combustion                           |
| PMDAM               | Power Marketing Decision Analysis Model                        |
| PNCA                | Pacific Northwest Coordination Agreement                       |
| PNRR                | Planned Net Revenues for Risk                                  |
| PNUCC               | Pacific Northwest Utilities Conference Committee               |
| PNW                 | Pacific Northwest  |
| POD                 | Point of Delivery  |
| PSW                 | Pacific Southwest  |
| PTP                 | Point to Point   |
| PUD                 | Public or People's Utility District                            |
| PURPA               | Public Utilities Regulatory Policies Act                       |
| RAM                 | Rate Analysis Model (computer model)                           |
| Reclamation         | Bureau of Reclamation  |
| REP                 | Residential Exchange Program                                   |
| RFP                 | Request for Proposal   |
| RiskMod             | Risk Analysis Model (computer model)                           |

|         |   |
|---------|---|
| RiskSim | Risk Simulation Model                                   |
| RL      | Residential Load (rate)                                 |
| RMS     | Remote Metering System                                  |
| ROD     | Record of Decision                                      |
| RPSA    | Residential Purchase Sale Agreement                     |
| SCCT    | Single-Cycle Combustion Turbine                         |
| SS      | Share-the-Savings Energy (rate)                         |
| TAC     | Targeted Adjustment Charge                              |
| TACUL   | Targeted Adjustment Charge for Uncommitted Loads        |
| TBL     | Transmission Business Line                              |
| tcf     | Trillion Cubic Feet                                     |
| TCH     | Transmission Contract Holder                            |
| TPP     | Treasury Payment Probability                            |
| TRL     | Total Retail Load                                       |
| UDC     | Utility Distribution Company                            |
| URC     | Upper Rule Curve  |
| USFWS   | U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service                          |
| VOR     | Value of Reserves                                       |
| WEFA    | WEFA Group (Wharton Econometric Forecasting Associates) |
| WPRDS   | Wholesale Power Rate Development Study                  |
| WSCC    | Western Systems Coordinating Council                    |
| WSPP    | Western System Power Pool                               |
| WY      | Watt-Year   |

## 1. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this study is to describe the reasons for the proposed changes needed to remove the inside the band cost allocation associated with the AEP methodology for FYs 2008 and 2009 from the generation cost allocation for Generation Supplied Reactive and Voltage Control (GSR). *See* WP-07-E-BPA-28. This study contains three sections including this first introductory section. The second section provides a table and description of the potential impacts the proposed policy change should have on the various regional stakeholders and the third section outlines possible future rate treatments for GSR based on planned net revenues for risk.

## 2. REGIONAL STATKEHOLDER IMPACTS

Table 1 illustrates the effect this proposed change would have on various regional stakeholders' cost of delivered power. The table represents the distribution of costs and benefits of the proposed policy eliminating GSR payments inside-the-band. More specifically, Line #1 of the table identifies the inside the band compensation paid by TBL to PBL. The actual compensation in 2005 through 2006 is \$23 million annually. Based on BPA's initial testimony, this annual payment would be \$20.4 million in FYs 2007 through 2009. Lines # 2 and #3 identify the current and projected payments to non-affiliated generators. The annual value of \$7.6 million in 2006 (Column B) is based on non-affiliate generator GSR filings that have been accepted for filing by FERC. The values in Column C are based on an assumption that the existing non-affiliate generators will file to increase their GSR rates to \$11.2 million when the TBL Settlement expires in FY07, but that no additional non-affiliate generators will file GSR rates with FERC. Column D assumes that additional non-affiliate generators will propose GSR filings totaling \$4.6 million and IOU generators will also propose GSR filings totaling \$9.2 million. Lines #4 through #7 identify the net cost of BPA GSR policy by customer group. Net cost is defined as total compensation for GSR (if any), less costs paid for GSR through TBL GSR rate. Column A shows the actual distribution of costs and benefits in 2005 when all the net benefits accrued to Preference Customers. In 2006 (Column B), Preference Customer benefits have declined and non-federal generators began receiving a net benefit. Net costs to DSI/IOU and extra-regional customers will increase over 2005. With the expected increase in GSR payments by 2008 (Column D), all customer groups will incur net costs except for the Marketers/non-federal generators. Column E reflects the expected result of the proposed policy to stop compensating all generators for GSR service inside the band and indicates that all customer groups will benefit except for the unaffiliated generators. *See* Section 2, WP-07-E-BPA-28.

**Table 1  
COSTS OF CURRENT AND PROPOSED REACTIVE PAYMENT POLICY ON CUSTOMER GROUPS**

|  | A               | B                | C  | D   | E                                  |
|--|-----------------|------------------|--|---|------------------------------------|
|  | \$ Millions     |                  |  |   |                                    |
|  | 2005<br>ACTUAL  | 2006<br>EXPECTED | 2008 EXPECTED<br>WITH CURRENT<br>NON-FEDERAL<br>GENERATORS | 2008 ESTIMATE<br>WITH ADDITIONAL<br>NON-FEDERAL<br>GENERATORS | ESTIMATED<br>IMPACT OF<br>PROPOSAL |
| 1 TBL compensation to PBL for reactive "within the band"   | \$ 23           | \$ 23            | \$ 21.0  | \$ 21.0   | \$ (21.0)                          |
| 2 Payments to non-affiliated Generators                    | \$ -            | \$ 7.6           | \$ 13.0  | \$ 17.6   | \$ (17.6)                          |
| 3 Payments to IOU Generators                               | \$ -            | \$ -             | \$ -   | \$ 9.2  | \$ (9.2)                           |
| <b>Net Cost By Customer Group 1/</b>                       |                 |                  |  |   |                                    |
| 4 Preference Customers                                     | \$ (10.3)       | \$ (6.1)         | \$ (2.2)   | \$ 5.4  | \$ (5.4)                           |
| 5 IOU/DSI  | \$ 5.4          | \$ 7.1           | \$ 7.9   | \$ 1.9  | \$ (1.9)                           |
| 6 Extra-regional customer                                  | \$ 2.5          | \$ 3.4           | \$ 3.7   | \$ 5.2  | \$ (5.2)                           |
| 7 Marketers/non-federal generators                         | \$ 2.4          | \$ (4.4)         | \$ (9.4)   | \$ (12.6)   | \$ 12.6                            |
|  |                 |                  |  |   | \$ -                               |
| <b>8 Net Cost to Regional Ratepayers (Line A + Line B)</b> | <b>\$ (4.9)</b> | <b>\$ 1.1</b>    | <b>\$ 5.7</b>  | <b>\$ 7.3</b>   | <b>\$ (7.3)</b>                    |

1/ GSR compensation less incremental increase in cost of GSR transmission purchases

### 3. REACTIVE REVENUE RISK ANALYSIS

Table 2 below illustrates the planned net revenue for risk model output from an expected range of \$4 million to \$20 million of revenues received over the entire power rate period. These are estimates for the purpose of proposing to set final power rates. See Section 3 WP-07-E-BPA-28.

Table 2

|                         | Initial<br>Proposal | Proposed<br>Policy Change | Difference   |
|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| <b>Avg. Annual PNRR</b> | \$97 million        | \$108 million             | \$11 million |
| <b>3-Year Avg. Rate</b> | 30.34 mills         | 30.52 mills               | 0.18 mills   |
| <b>Annual Avg Rates</b> |                     |                           |              |
| <b>FY 2007</b>          | 32.22 mills         | 32.45 mills               | 0.23 mills   |
| <b>FY 2008</b>          | 30.52 mills         | 30.64 mills               | 0.12 mills   |
| <b>FY 2009</b>          | 28.29 mills         | 28.48 mills               | 0.19 mills   |

1. For this analysis, we assumed that it was equally likely that annual revenues from TBL could be any value between \$4 and \$20 million for FY 2008-9.
2. As the table shows, this increases the annual PNRR by an average of \$11 million, with a corresponding average annual rate increase of 0.18 mills/kwh. The rate effect is largest in FY 2007.

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**WITNESS QUALIFICATION**

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1 QUALIFICATION STATEMENT OF

2 TERRIN L. PEARSON

3 Witness for the Bonneville Power Administration

4 *Q. Please state your name, employer, and business address.*

5 A. My name is Terrin L. Pearson. I am employed by the Bonneville Power Administration,  
6 5.11 NE Hwy 99, Vancouver, WA 98666

7 *Q. In what capacity are you employed?*

8 A. I am a Public Utilities Specialist in the Transmission Contracts, Strategy and Assessment  
9 Group in the Transmission Business Line.

10 *Q. Please state your educational background.*

11 A. I received a Bachelor of Science degree in Physics from University of Washington in  
12 1971. My fields of concentration were quantum physics and mathematics. I am also a  
13 member of Phi Beta Kappa.

14 *Q. Please summarize your professional experience.*

15 A. In June 1970, I began work at BPA in the Engineering pool. In April 1972, I completed a  
16 variety of assignments required in the pool and was placed in the Division of Power  
17 Supply. My first assignment was in the Hydrometeorology section where I completed  
18 work on a stream flow forecasting computer model. While there, I also calculated  
19 Variable Energy Content Curves and Flood Control Elevation, and coordinated  
20 operations with the Reserve Control Center at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

21 In November 1980, I began working in the Operations Planning branch where I  
22 was on the negotiating team for the Regional Act Power Sales Contract negotiations,  
23 represented BPA at the Centralia Owners' Meeting and the Trojan Fuels Subcommittee,  
24 and monitored compliance under the Computed Demand Contracts and the Service  
25 Exchange Agreements.

1 I moved to the Power Scheduling branch in July 1982. My principle duties in that group  
2 were to deal with the Pacific Northwest Coordination Agreement (PNCA) operational  
3 transactions and Hourly Coordination transactions. In addition, I provided scheduling  
4 procedures for contracts being negotiated.

5 In March 1992, I moved to the Contracts branch where I monitored studies of  
6 expected surpluses and deficits and made recommendations on economic actions to take  
7 to handle the surpluses and deficits. I was also Power Supply's representative to the  
8 Direct Services Industries.

9 In April 1994, I moved to the Resource Optimization Branch as a technical team  
10 lead for the groups which handle the Assured Operating Plan and the Detailed Operating  
11 Plan under the Canadian Treaty, the PNCA firm planning and operational scheduling,  
12 including the 30-day and 90-day forecasts. I was selected for a detail to head the BPA  
13 Trading Floor in March 1996.

14 When the detail ended in September 1996, I went to the Mid-Term Planning  
15 group where I analyzed and made recommendations on handling surpluses and deficits  
16 associated with the Federal Systems generation.

17 In June 1998, I came to Generation Scheduling to manage the training of new  
18 scheduler trainees and was on the negotiating team for the Slice Contract negotiating  
19 team.

20 I came to my current job in the Contracts, Strategy and Assessment Group of the  
21 Transmission Business Line in July 2003. I deal with FERC and Tariff Issues with FERC  
22 staff in Washington DC.

23 *Q. Please state your experience as a witness in previous proceedings.*

24 *A. I was an expert witness in the 2002 PBL Rate Case where I dealt with questions relating*  
25 *to the Slice Rate.*

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