

October 9, 2008

Planning Coordination Committee  
Technical Studies Subcommittee

Subject: WECC Phase I Project Rating Review Process for Walla Walla – McNary 230 kV Line Project

Dear PCC and TSS Members:

The purpose of this letter is to announce the initiation of Phase 1 of the WECC Project Rating Review Process for the Walla Walla – McNary 230 kV line Project (the Project). The Project begins at PacifiCorp's existing Walla Walla substation near Walla Walla, Washington and is proposed to terminate at BPA's McNary substation near Umatilla, Oregon. The proposed new 230 kV transmission line is estimated to be approximately 56 miles in length with a midpoint connection to PacifiCorp's existing Wallula substation. The Project will utilize, to the maximum extent possible, existing transmission line corridors. Figure 1 shows a conceptual routing of the Project.



Figure 1: Proposed Walla Walla - McNary 230 kV Line

The regional planning process for the Project was initiated on November 21, 2007 with written notice to the WECC Planning Coordinating Committee (PCC) and Technical Studies Subcommittee (TSS). PacifiCorp on July 9, 2008 conducted a public meeting and solicited participation and input for a technical study review group for the Project. With our letter dated October 1, 2008, PacifiCorp filed its Regional Planning Project Report with the PCC and the TSS.



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PacifiCorp has also worked with seven other utilities, non-utilities, and stakeholders through a Transmission Coordination Work Group (TCWG) in order to study the interactions of the regional projects such as this Project in order to determine benefits, impacts, solve problems and resolve issues together. The kick-off meeting for this group was held on December 4, 2007. The regional planning activities conducted for the Project also fulfilled the Regional Planning requirements applicable under PacifiCorp's OATT and current Attachment 'K' filings.

Due to the success of the TCWG since its inception in December 2007, it was agreed that the TCWG would function as the Regional Planning Review Group (RPRG) for WECC Regional Planning purposes for the Project. The objective of the Phase I studies will be to determine a preliminary plan of service and the non-simultaneous ratings for the Project based on analysis to be prepared through the work group. If your company is interested in participating in the Phase I Rating Study Group for the Project, please contact Tom Tjoelker at (503) 813-6887.

Sincerely,

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