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United States Department of Energy –  
Bonneville Power Administration  
Docket No. NJ08-5-003

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Attention: Charles H. Combs, Esq.  
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Dear Mr. Combs:

1. On September 14, 2009, Bonneville Power Administration (Bonneville), a federal power marketing administration, submitted revisions to Attachment K, Transmission Planning Process, to its Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT), in response to the Commission's July 2009 order conditionally granting Bonneville's petition for a declaratory order.<sup>1</sup>

2. Notice of this filing was published in the *Federal Register*, 74 Fed. Reg. 48,526 (2009), with protests and interventions due on or before October 5, 2009. No protests were filed. Renewable Northwest Project and the American Wind Energy Association filed comments in support of Bonneville's commitment in its compliance filing to participate in the Multi-System Open Season scoping effort, as facilitated by ColumbiaGrid.

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<sup>1</sup> See *United States Department of Energy – Bonneville Power Administration*, 128 FERC ¶ 61,065 (2009) (July 2009 Order).

3. In its filing, Bonneville modifies its Attachment K, Transmission Planning Process to: (1) explain how it will evaluate alternative solutions when determining what facilities will be included in its local transmission plan; (2) add language to the local planning process to identify when customers or interested persons may suggest alternatives to the local plan; (3) address comparable treatment of transmission, generation and demand resource alternatives in the ColumbiaGrid transmission planning process; and (4) establish a default cost allocation to be recommended by ColumbiaGrid for transmission projects in the event that parties are unable to reach agreement. Bonneville also amends its tariff to correct a ministerial error.

4. We find that Bonneville has satisfied the Commission's concerns raised in the July 2009 Order. We find, therefore, that Bonneville's OATT revisions are acceptable for its reciprocity tariff with respect to the Transmission Planning Requirements of Order No. 890.<sup>2</sup>

By direction of the Commission.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,  
Deputy Secretary.

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<sup>2</sup> Bonneville must amend its tariff in response to the remaining requirements of Order No. 890 if it wishes to qualify for safe harbor treatment. Until Bonneville has amended its tariff in such a manner, it does not qualify for safe harbor treatment.