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Subject: Request for existing transmission expansion plans

As you know, the ColumbiaGrid Planning and Expansion Functional Agreement (PEFA) became effective on April 4, 2007. The FERC in its order accepting the PEFA stated, "The Commission supports this effort to coordinate planning activities on a regional basis and, in particular, implementation of a single planning process for both public and non-public utility transmission providers. The increased coordination and transparency contemplated by the Planning Agreement have the potential to improve reliability, operational efficiency and expansion of the transmission grid."

As indicated in Appendix A, Section 11 of the PEFA, the initial step of this effort is to assemble the planning participants' existing transmission expansion plans. After the participants have provided their respective plans to ColumbiaGrid, we will compile the plans and post the compilation on the ColumbiaGrid website (www.columbiagrid.org) where it will be available for public viewing.

Based on the language in the PEFA, ColumbiaGrid is now requesting each PEFA planning participant to provide its existing transmission expansion plans **via email by June 12th**, in an electronic format, to myself, Paul Arnold (arnold@columbiagrid.org), and cc to John White (jpwhite@cai-engr.com).

In order to assist the compilation of the plans ColumbiaGrid is asking that you include the information shown on the attachment.

- Include transmission expansion plans for the next ten (10) years that will significantly change the physics of the integrated bulk transmission system at voltages of 100 kV or higher.
- Include all applicable construction underway, construction scheduled and construction in planning stage.
- Identify the current status of each project.
- Identify projects considered to be urgent or fast-track.
- Do not let the formatting or requested details get in the way of a timely submittal.
- If your plans have any Critical Energy Infrastructure Information references in them remember to take into consideration the public nature of posting on the web.

ColumbiaGrid is hosting a meeting on June 19th at the Portland Airport's Conference Center. Each planning participant will provide an overview of their previously submitted projects at that meeting. ColumbiaGrid is particularly interested in knowing if your firm could benefit from *immediate or near term action* by ColumbiaGrid, so indicate that in your submittal and in your overview at the meeting. ColumbiaGrid will make every effort to begin the necessary coordination of the projects in order to assure timely completion of the transmission additions. Identification of your urgent projects as part of the assembly of existing plans will help ColumbiaGrid prioritize its work and seek any necessary assistance during these busy start-up months.

- The details about the time and location of the June 19th meeting will be sent out soon in a separate notice.
- If your company's representative is unable to attend the June 19th meeting it is still important that you provide the plan information by June 12 so it can be included in the information packet for that day's meeting.
- If for any reason you are unable to submit your plans by the requested June 12 date, please contact me to make arrangements to provide your plans before the June 19 meeting.
- After this meeting, ColumbiaGrid intends to complete the collection, assembly, compilation and posting of the plans by July 20th.

It is ColumbiaGrid's intention to ask for voluntary participation by other sub-regional planning entities to share information which could benefit regional planning coordination efforts, especially in the next 1-2 year time frame. Please contact me via telephone (503) 867-5720 or email arnold@columbiagrid.org if you have any questions about the request for the plans, the nature of fast track plans or the June 19th meeting.

ColumbiaGrid appreciates your support in this effort. We believe that by working together to resolve the issues facing the region's electric grid we can build a stronger and more robust system and that the customers taking service from the grid will benefit.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Paul Arnold

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Attachment: ColumbiaGrid Request for 10 year Plans - Submission Details

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Grant PUD No. 2: Kevin Conway
Puget Sound Energy: Bob Harshbarger, John Phillips, Chris Reese
Seattle City Light: Franklin Wu
Tacoma Public Utilities: Catherine Leone-Woods, Francis Tong

ColumbiaGrid Request for 10 year Plans – Submission Details

- **Expansion Plans of interest:** those which will significantly change the physics of the integrated bulk transmission system at voltages of 100 kV or higher
- **Time frame:** Expansion for next 10 years

Send Project Plans to ColumbiaGrid via email by June 12:

Paul Arnold (arnold@columbiagrid.org) and copy John White (jpwhite@cai-engr.com)

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Prepare plan information summary to present at June 19th Meeting.

Requested Plan Details:

For large projects, >200-kV, 300 MW

Two pages maximum

- Project Name
- Project Description
- Sponsor
- Commitment Level (Required, High, Med, Low)
- Scheduled Completion Date(s)
- Indicate if “fast track”
- Indicate stage: Planning, Construction Scheduled, or Construction Underway
- Location Map/Drawing
- Cost Estimate for Project (if known)
- Project Need/Driver
- Project One-Line
- Considered alternatives (if known)
- Required construction outages (if known)

For small projects, 100-kV to 200-kV

- Project name
- Project description
- Sponsor
- Commitment level (Required, High, Med, Low)
- Scheduled Completion Date(s)
- Indicate if “fast track”
- Indicate stage: Planning, Construction Scheduled, or Construction Underway
- Location Map/Drawing
- Project One-Line