

COLUMBIAGRID PROTOCOL
OREGON STATE REGULATORY AGENCIES
COLLABORATIVE INVOLVEMENT

GOAL: To foster the collaborative involvement of States, including agencies responsible for facility siting, utility regulation, and general energy policy, in the Columbia Grid planning and policy process.

Affected States Agencies: Any state agency that is within the Columbia Grid area of influence and with responsibility for transmission policy, reliability, planning and operation. Any state agency outside the general area of influence of Columbia Grid can request inclusion in the protocol requirements if it feels Columbia Grid's activities somehow influence energy management and/or marketing in the state.

Procedures:

- A. **Identification:** Columbia Grid shall maintain an up to date service list of all State Agencies who have indicated rights to or interest in a collaborative involvement in Columbia Grid activities.

- B. **Notification:** Columbia Grid shall provide all Affected State Agencies with no less than two weeks notification of its regular and special meetings along with normal subcommittee, advisory committee and study team meetings. At its regular monthly meetings Columbia Grid shall provide for an agenda opportunity for any Affected State Agency to address the Board

Included in all its procedural notifications of opportunity to comment on proposed activities and proceedings of Columbia Grid shall be an invitation of Affected State Agencies to request a consultation with Columbia Grid on any matters of interest prior to the close of the comment period.

- C. **Collaborative Consultation:** Columbia Grid shall provide the opportunity for direct consultation between the Board and any Affected State Agency whenever requested by the agency. Such requests can be in response to proposed Columbia Grid actions at the discretion of the Affected State Agency, within reasonable budget and time constraints; or at the request of Columbia Grid Board.

Such collaborative consultations shall take place with Affected State Agencies at least once a year unless deemed unnecessary by the agency. Such consultations shall take place at locations selected by the Affected State Agency within reasonable time and budget constraints, and if requested by the Affected State Agency shall be an open public meeting

- D. **Consultation Record:** Minutes of the collaborative consultations shall be prepared and approved by Columbia Grid and the Affected State Agency. Minutes should be

of adequate detail to document any agreements, disagreements and proposed actions resulting from the consultation.

- E. **Consultation Actions:** Actions and/or agreements resulting from the consultations shall be jointly developed by the Board and any Affected State Agencies into an action plan within a reasonable time schedule agreed upon between the parties. Disagreements that cannot be resolved through action plans or other settlement means shall be documented in the minutes and Columbia Grid will provide a report on the reasons for the inability to reach settlement of the disagreement to the Affected State Agency in a reasonable timeframe.

- F. **Protocol:** In endorsing these procedures both the Affected State Agencies and Columbia Grid are documenting their sincere efforts to meet and hopefully exceed reasonable expectations of all parties to provide a coordinated, open, transparent, and participatory process.