



## Department of Energy

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In reply refer to: TP/Ditt-2

Dear WECC and Northwest Entities:

**SUBJECT:** Transfer of the Northwest Area Coordinator role from BPA to ColumbiaGrid

This letter is to inform you that BPA will begin transitioning its Northwest Area Coordinator role (WECC power flow base case development) to ColumbiaGrid on March 5, 2010. The ColumbiaGrid members determined that the Area Coordinator role would be an appropriate activity for ColumbiaGrid when they adopted the ColumbiaGrid **Planning & Expansion Functional Agreement (PEFA)** in February of 2007. In May of 2009, BPA sent out a notification letter informing Northwest entities that this transition was being planned.

The attached diagram shows the overall base case development process used in the Northwest. Even after the transition of the Northwest Area Coordinator role to ColumbiaGrid, BPA will continue to perform the annual data collection and maintain the Northwest model database as shown in the diagram. ColumbiaGrid will perform the functions shown in the "Base Case Data Coordination" block on the right side of the diagram. During the transition, BPA will complete the area coordination process for cases that began area coordination before March 5. ColumbiaGrid will be responsible for cases beginning area coordination after March 5. The first case in the WECC 2010 study program to be coordinated by ColumbiaGrid will be the 2016LA1-S base case. Since there will be overlapping responsibilities for a period of time, please include both BPA and ColumbiaGrid in your communications concerning base case development until the transition is complete. The appropriate contacts are the following:

ColumbiaGrid Contact: Gordon Comegys (503)943-4956; [AreaCoordinator@ColumbiaGrid.org](mailto:AreaCoordinator@ColumbiaGrid.org)  
BPA Contact: Joe Lo (360) 619-6787; [jlolin@bpa.gov](mailto:jlolin@bpa.gov).

If you have any questions about this transition, please contact one of the above entities. We want to assure you that both ColumbiaGrid and BPA will do everything possible to ensure a smooth and seamless transition.

Sincerely,

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Hardev Juj, Acting VP  
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Enclosure:  
Base Case Overview

cc:

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