

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY  
BEFORE THE  
BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION

2012 RATE ADJUSTMENT PROCEEDING      )  
  )  
  )      Docket Number      BP-12

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**ORDER GRANTING BPA MOTIONS TO AMEND**  
**PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE - POWER**

On March 8, 2011, Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) filed a motion<sup>1</sup> requesting that the procedural schedule be amended to allow surrebuttal on specified issues raised in BPA's rebuttal testimony. On March 10, 2011, BPA filed another motion<sup>2</sup> requesting that the procedural schedule be amended to allow surrebuttal on specified issues raised in the rebuttal testimony of Northwest Requirements Utilities (NR). BPA proposes that parties have until March 23, 2011 to file surrebuttal testimony in response to BPA's and NR's rebuttal testimony on the specified issues.

The Hearing Officer issued orders requiring that any objections to BPA's motions must be filed no later than 4:30 p.m., Pacific Time, on Friday, March 11, 2011.<sup>3</sup> No objections to BPA's motions were filed by the deadline.

BPA filed rebuttal testimony on March 8, 2011. In that testimony, BPA proposed certain changes to its Initial Proposal based on the direct testimony filed by the parties. BPA requests that the procedural schedule in the power portion of this proceeding be amended to allow for surrebuttal on specified issues related to the new proposals in BPA's rebuttal testimony. BPA further asks that it be allowed to respond to any surrebuttal filed on those issues through oral testimony at the beginning of the cross-examination of each of the applicable panels.

Specifically, BPA asks that surrebuttal be limited to the following issues and testimony:

1. Committed Intra-Hour Scheduling Pilot
  - a. Surrebuttal limited to responding to BPA's rebuttal testimony on the Committed Intra-Hour Scheduling pilot in BP-12-E-BPA-46 - Simpson *et al.*, BP-12-E-BPA-47 - Jackson *et al.*, and BP-12-E-BPA-47 - Mainzer *et al.*

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<sup>1</sup> BP-12-M-BPA-15.

<sup>2</sup> BP-12-M-BPA-16.

<sup>3</sup> BP-12-HOO-49 and BP-12-HOO-50.

2. VERBS Supplemental Service
  - a. Surrebuttal limited to responding to BPA's rebuttal testimony on VERBS Supplemental Service in BP-12-E-BPA-45 - Kitchen *et al.*, BP-12-E-BPA-47 - Jackson *et al.*, and BP-12-E-BPA-42 - Mainzer *et al.*
3. Study of Quality of Service Levels in Excess of 99.5 Percent of 99.7 Percent
  - a. Surrebuttal limited to responding to the study assumptions, analysis, and results in BP-12-E-BPA-43 - Puyleart *et al.*, and BPA rebuttal testimony regarding how the results of this study may be used by the Administrator in BP-12-E-BPA-42 - Mainzer *et al.*
4. DERBS Rate Design
  - a. Surrebuttal limited to responding to BPA's rebuttal testimony on DERBS in BP-12-E-BPA-47, Section 2 - Jackson *et al.*, and BP-12-E-BPA-42 - Mainzer *et al.*
5. Solar Rate
  - a. Surrebuttal limited to responding to BPA's rebuttal testimony in BP-12-E-BPA-47, Section 3.4 - Jackson *et al.*
6. VERBS Billing Factor Adjustment
  - a. Surrebuttal limited to responding to BPA's rebuttal testimony on the VERBS billing factor in BP-12-E-BPA-47, Section 3.5 - Jackson *et al.*

Additionally, on March 8, 2011, NR filed rebuttal testimony including new proposals related to the manner in which the Irrigation Rate Discount (IRD) is determined. BPA states that errors in its initial calculation of the IRD rate were discovered and explained to parties after the deadline for direct testimony. These circumstances led NR to raise, in its rebuttal testimony, fundamental changes in the way the IRD is calculated.<sup>4</sup> BPA asks that surrebuttal testimony to NR's rebuttal testimony be allowed so that other parties will have opportunity to respond to the new material. BPA states that this motion mirrors the changes to the procedural schedule proposed in BP-12-M-BPA-15.

### **Decision.**

BPA's motions are granted. The amended schedule for the power portion of this rate proceeding is attached to this order.

SO ORDERED, March 13, 2011.

/s/ Samuel J. Petrillo  
Samuel J. Petrillo  
BP-12 Hearing Officer

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<sup>4</sup> BP-12-E-NR-02.

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**AMENDED SCHEDULE - POWER**

**I. BPA Docket Number BP-12**

The following procedural schedule is adopted for that portion of BPA's 2012 Rate Adjustment Proceeding that applies to power rates and the ancillary and control area services rates included in the November 18, 2010 Federal Register Notice:

**A. Prehearing Stage**

1. BPA Initial Proposal/Prehearing Conference: November 19, 2010
  - a) Clarification: December 6-8 and 10, 2010
  - b) Motions to Strike: December 15, 2010
  - c) Data Request Deadline: December 15, 2010
  - d) Answers to Motions to Strike: December 22, 2010
  - e) Data Response Deadline: December 22, 2010\*
2. Parties File Direct Cases:(Prehearing brief optional) January 21, 2011
  - a) Clarification: February 1-4, 2011
  - b) Motions to Strike: February 9, 2011
  - c) Data Request Deadline: February 9, 2011
  - d) Answers to Motions to Strike: February 16, 2011
  - e) Data Response Deadline: February 16, 2011
  - f) Close of Participant Comments: February 18, 2011
3. Litigants file Rebuttal Cases: March 8, 2011
  - a) Clarification: March 10-11, 2011
  - b) Motions to Strike: March 16, 2011
  - c) Data Request Deadline: March 16, 2011
  - d) Answers to Motions to Strike: March 23, 2011
  - e) Data Response Deadline: March 23, 2011

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\* The Data Response Deadline for any Data Requests filed on December 14, 2010 or December 15, 2010 is January 5, 2011.

**4. Litigants file Surrebuttal Testimony on specified issues raised in BPA and NR Rebuttal: March 23, 2011**

**B. Hearing Stage**

1. Parties Give Notice of Intent to Cross Examine: March 24, 2011
2. Cross-Examination/**Oral Response to Surrebuttal on Specified Issues:** March 28-April 1, 2011

**C. Briefing and Decision Stage**

1. Initial Briefs filed: May 2, 2011
2. Oral Argument: May 12, 2011
3. Draft Record of Decision Issued: June 14, 2011
4. Briefs on Exceptions: June 24, 2011
5. Final Record of Decision – Final Studies: July 25, 2011

All documents must be uploaded to the 2012 Rate Adjustment Proceeding Secure Website by 4:30 p.m., Pacific Time, or sent via email, as appropriate, by the date and time stated above.