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Re: Support for Western's Implementation of MSTR Rate

September 7, 2004

Dear Mr. Carlson,

As a potential customer, we wish to go on record as being supportive of Western's effort to create a Multi-System Transmission Rate ("MSTR") concept so that expenses of pancaking rates for differing Western transmission system use can be minimized or avoided in the coming years. We believe that such an effort will help protect Western customers.

The issues are complicated. However, the use of a single transmission rate when it is appropriate to initiate such a rate may be very helpful to our system in the future

This is our public comment in support of the proposed MSTR rate concept implementation.

Sincerely,

Sidney B. Smith
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