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Western Area Power Administration
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Dear Pacific Northwest-Pacific Southwest Intertie Customers and Interested Parties:

On June 11, 2012, Western Area Power Administration (Western) initiated a public process, via publication of notice in the *Federal Register*, to adjust the transmission service rates for the Pacific Northwest-Pacific Southwest Intertie Project (Intertie Project). Publication of the Notice in the *Federal Register* began a 90-day consultation and comment period, which officially ended September 10, 2012.

As part of the public process, Western held a Public Information Forum on June 28, 2012, and a Public Comment Forum on July 10, 2012. Western responded to questions not answered at the Public Information Forum and posted a copy of the responses to Western's website at <http://www.wapa.gov/dsw/pwrmt/INTERTIE/RateAdjust.htm>.

On August 14, 2012, Western received a data request concerning purchase power. On August 31, 2012, Western sent a compact disc with the requested information. On September 10, 2012, Western received requests to extend the comment period to allow sufficient time to analyze the data and respond accordingly.

Western's rate adjustment processes are governed by 10 CFR 903. Section 903.14 states Western's Administrator "...may by appropriate announcement postpone any procedural date..." In order to give customers the opportunity to fully consider potential impacts of the proposed rate adjustment to their individual entities and to have ample time to submit comments, Western hereby extends the consultation and comment period through October 8, 2012.

This notice of extension of the consultation and comment period will be sent to the Intertie Project Customers and Interested Parties and posted to Western's website listed above and to Western's OASIS at <http://www.westtrans.net/OASIS.htm>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anita J. Decker".

Anita J. Decker
Acting Administrator