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OASIS NOTICE RE COLUMBIAGRID ACTIVITIES

[[*Avista/Bonneville/Puget*]] is a Member of ColumbiaGrid, an entity formed for the purpose of entering into and carrying out Functional Agreements with its Members and Qualified Non-Member Parties to accomplish the following objectives: improve reliability of the transmission grid and efficiency in its use; provide cost-effective transmission planning and expansion; develop and facilitate the implementation of solutions relating to improved use and expansion of the interconnected Northwest transmission systems; and support effective market monitoring within the Northwest and within the Western Interconnection.

Currently, a Planning and Expansion Functional Agreement is being executed by a number of regional utilities and ColumbiaGrid. That agreement will become effective on April 4, 2007. On February 22, 2007, ColumbiaGrid released a draft Developmental and Staffing Reliability Functional Agreement for public comment, and anticipates that the agreement will be finalized and offered for signature on March 21, 2007. The target date for the offer of a ColumbiaGrid OASIS Functional Agreement is June 20, 2007, and the target date for the offer of a more expansive second reliability functional agreement is September 19, 2007.

All of the ColumbiaGrid development process meetings are open to the public. The Board of Directors meets in person the third Wednesday of each month, from 9:30 – 5 at the Portland Airport Sheraton Hotel (1-877-295-7895, guest code 8000). In any week where there is not an in-person Board Meeting, the Board has a working session via conference call on Tuesday morning at 9:00 (1-877-295-7894, guest code 8000).

Here is a link for further information regarding ColumbiaGrid meetings and other activities – www.columbiagrid.org. For more detailed information regarding meeting logistics you should click on the calendar. [[*Avista/Bonneville/Puget*]] participates in some or all of these activities.