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Subject: Canada-Northern California Transmission Project Granted Phase 2 Status

On December 19, 2008, the Project Sponsors¹ submitted the Phase 1 Comprehensive Progress Report (CPR) for the Canada-Northern California (CNC) Transmission Project. The Project consists of 500 kV HVAC and +/- 500 kV HVDC segments in British Columbia, Washington, Oregon and California. This Project is scheduled to be operational by the end of 2015.

The CPR presents (1) a Preliminary Plan of Service (POS) for the Project, and (2) the power system studies demonstrating a North-to-South path rating² of 3000 MW for the HVAC and HVDC Project Segments based on that POS.

During the 60-day review period, comments on the Phase 1 CPR were received from one entity. Specific questions relating to the CPR raised by this entity were addressed prior to issuance of this letter. Additionally, the Project Sponsors have committed to address specific questions relating to simultaneous interaction between the CNC Transmission Project and specific Western Interconnection transmission paths during the Phase 2 study process. Additionally, the Project Sponsors have solicited interest in forming a Project Review Group for the Phase 2 study process.

In accordance with the WECC Overview of Policies and Procedures for Regional Planning Project Review, Project Rating Review, and Progress Reports, this letter confirms that the Canada-Northern California Transmission Project has achieved Phase 2 status for the North-to-South direction.

Sincerely,

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Doug Little, BCTC
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¹ Current Project Sponsors include: Avista Corporation, British Columbia Transmission Corporation (BCTC), PacifiCorp, and Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E).

² A WECC Phase 1 rating is currently being developed for the South-to-North direction.