

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the matter of the Petition of

Docket No. U

Bonneville Power Administration
for Declaratory Order
Disclaiming Jurisdiction

DECLARATION OF
BRIAN L. SILVERSTEIN

BRIAN L. SILVERSTEIN declares as follows:

1. I am the Manager of Network Planning for the Transmission Business Line of Bonneville Power Administration (“Bonneville”).

2. Bonneville is a federal power marketing administration within the Department of Energy of the United States of America that markets wholesale electrical power and interstate transmission services and operates transmission facilities in the Pacific Northwest.

3. Bonneville is proposing to design, construct and acquire certain electric transmission facilities to be used exclusively in interstate commerce, including a new transmission line in central Washington (the “Facility”) as part of its infrastructure program.

4. Bonneville has completed design of the Facility, which is defined to consist solely of fixtures, primarily transmission lines and towers associated with a new 64-mile-long 500-kV transmission line. Bonneville expects the design, construction and acquisition of the Facility to cost approximately \$110 million.

5. The line will connect Bonneville’s existing Schultz Substation near Ellensburg to a new substation to be called the Wautoma Substation, which will be built two miles south of

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State Route 24 in Benton County. The line will run through the middle of the Columbia River Basin, cross the Hanford Reach National Monument and cross the U.S. Army's Yakima Firing Range.

6. The Facility is designed to relieve transmission congestion on Bonneville's network transmission grid including the North-of-Hanford Path in central Washington and in the heavily populated Interstate 5 corridor during spring and summer.

7. The Facility is expected to add approximately 400-600 MW of transfer capacity to the North-of-Hanford path.

8. The Facility reduces over-reliance on Remedial Actions Schemes, especially for single contingencies, and it also provides resiliency and margin to the grid, which provides flexibility to take maintenance outages.

9. Bonneville's infrastructure program is intended to prevent events such as the crippling blackout of August 14, 2003, that affected an estimated 50 million people in the United States and Canada.

10. In addition, the Facility will assist Bonneville in providing firm transmission service to proposed new generators locating in the Interstate 5 corridor.

11. The Facility will be used exclusively by Bonneville to provide interstate transmission service and will not be available for use for bundled retail service.

12. The Facility will be constructed on real property easements or similar rights held by Bonneville on land that is owned by a variety of parties, both private and governmental.

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13. Bonneville awarded a contract for major Facility construction work in January 2004, with construction scheduled to start in spring 2004, to be completed by winter 2005 and energized by spring 2006.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct.

Brian L. Silverstein
Manager, Network Planning
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Dated: January 20, 2004

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MARC R. GREENOUGH declares as follows:

1. I am the attorney for Bonneville Power Administration in the above-captioned matter.
2. I have examined the foregoing Declaration of Brian L. Silverstein and have determined that it consists of four pages, including this page, and that it is complete and legible.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct.

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