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SUBJECT: CHINOOK POWER PROJECT

On May 27, 2009, TransCanada initiated the WECC Regional Planning Process for the Chinook Power Project through an invitation letter to PCC and TSS to form a Regional Planning Review Group. The Project consists of a 1,000 mile, 500 kV high voltage direct current (HVDC) electric transmission line from the Harlowton, Montana area to the Eldorado Valley area south of Las Vegas, Nevada with an intermediate converter station in the Borah (American Falls) area of Idaho. The project is to be designed for a 3,000 MW bi-directional path rating and the proposed operating date is the first quarter 2015.

On September 15, 2009, the Regional Planning Project Report for the project was provided to PCC for a 30-day comment period. This comment period allowed PCC members the opportunity to review and comment on the project conformity with the Regional Planning Guidelines. No comments were received during the 30-day comment period. Accordingly, this letter serves as notification that the Regional Planning Project Review has been completed for the Chinook Power Project.

Sincerely,

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