

Appendix C

COMMENT BY BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATOR CHARLES F. LUCE ON THE PROPOSED NEW INTERCONNECTION BETWEEN PACIFIC POWER & LIGHT COMPANY AND PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY:

The plans of Pacific Power and Light Company and Pacific Gas and Electric Company for a 110-mile 500-kv California intertie are consistent with engineering recommendations of our Task Force report on a Pacific Northwest-Pacific Southwest intertie.

The companies' proposal could provide an important link in a full length extra high-voltage common carrier intertie between the generating plants of the Northwest and California. Pacific Power has expressed willingness to lease capacity in the intertie to Bonneville and other northwest utilities.

In view of our region's concern for protecting its power supply, BPA will make no commitment to export surplus Bonneville power outside the region until Congress has acted upon regional preference legislation. Announcement of the companies' plans makes it imperative that our entire region get behind the enactment of such legislation.