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Ms. Pam O. Inmann, Executive Director  
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Dear Ms. Inmann:

Thank you for your letter dated December 5, 2005, requesting a voluntary contribution to fund collaborative activities among the states and provinces to enable reliable and affordable power for the growing Western economy. Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) strongly agrees that participation by the states and provinces is critical.

On August 19, 2005, BPA responded to a letter from the Western Governors' Association on the same topic dated July 21, 2005. At that time we suggested that funding be included as part of the budget for the expanded Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC) planning process. The initiative has since been approved by the WECC Board. We continue to believe that funding through WECC ensures prioritization of the funding as part of the planning initiative, equitable allocation of costs among all WECC members, and appropriate coordination between the activities of WECC and the Western Governors' Association. BPA would support funding through WECC, but declines to make a unilateral contribution at this time.

We appreciate your attention to the importance of collaboration among the Western states, provinces and industry to meet the growing demand for electricity in the West.

Sincerely,

*Paul S. Bennett*

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Stephen J. Wright  
Administrator and Chief Executive Officer

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