

DC Study

Two customers, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power and Southern California Edison asked BPA Transmission Business Line to consider their request for BPA to make a commitment to keep the DC Intertie at 3100 MW's for an additional 30 years. They would like our answer as soon as possible. The BPA Transmission Business Line initiated a two-month long public process to respond.

As part of that public process, Transmission Business Line, Customer Account Executive, Kip Moxness, Mark Wilczewski (analyst) and Wayne Litzenberger (engineer with special expertise on the DC intertie) in the Transmission Business Line will be working periodically during the next two months with Audrey Perino (economist and analyst) in the BPA Power Business Line to help provide the Power Business Line with technical information about the DC Intertie to support a Power Business Line Societal Benefits Study recommended by VP's Steve Wright and Paul Norman.

TBL has produced a business case from the Transmission Business Line perspective as part of a public process BPA will conduct through October and November 2000. The Power Business Line will be working on a separate Societal Benefits Analysis of the DC Intertie which will help frame the issue from a BPA perspective with input from both business lines. It is early in the process so the exact scope of the Power Business Line societal Benefits Study is not known at this time.

Obviously BPA will be considering a broad range of actions it might take in response to the customers request and between the TBL's Business Case Study and PBL's Societal Benefits Study we hope to address the issues of costs and benefits, reliability, impact on customers of the DC Intertie at various ATC levels and other relevant contract, operational, reliability, legal or safety factors.

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