



## Department of Energy

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In reply refer to: LG-7

Idaho Energy Resources Authority  
ATTN: Ron Williams, Executive Director  
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Dear Ron:

I was very pleased to hear that the IERA successfully closed its first bond sale related to the NIFC VI Takeout transaction under Bonneville's Lease-Purchase Program. The approximately \$200 million in bond proceeds were used by the IERA to acquire certain transmission facilities from NIFC VI that will continue to be lease-purchased by Bonneville through 2028. As the first long-term transaction between the IERA and Bonneville, it demonstrates the maturation of the relationship between our organizations and the evolution of a partnership that is vital to Bonneville's ability to ensure reliable sources of capital funding for transmission facilities in the future.

This transaction was the culmination of many years of hard work by dedicated representatives of both the IERA and Bonneville. I recognize the IERA's significant efforts in securing necessary legislation in the State of Idaho to address concerns over whether the IERA is eligible to be a debtor in a bankruptcy case and its diligence in producing audited financials that comply with its contractual obligations under the model lease-purchase agreements. I also understand that the IERA was ably represented by Chapman and Cutler LLP and this successful transaction was due in no small part to their efforts.

Thank you for the years of hard work and patience through multiple delays and congratulations to all for a job well done. We look forward to a partnership that will continue to bring long-term benefits to the Pacific Northwest.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "E. Mainzer".

Elliot E. Mainzer  
Administrator and Chief Executive Officer

Thanks again!!