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Southwestern Power Administration (Southwestern) has received several inquiries from customers about our activities regarding year 2000 (Y2K) readiness. This letter is sent as a response to those requests for information.

Y2K readiness is a top priority for Southwestern. Southwestern's management has provided significant resources to assure readiness of both the administrative and technical systems. Southwestern's compliance team is accomplishing the tasks necessary to assure Y2K readiness and is continuing a process of evaluating all systems, both critical and noncritical, and verifying compliance. Southwestern has contacted its suppliers and partners in the electric utility industry to encourage, as much as possible, their success in becoming Y2K ready. Also, since most utilities have similar types of equipment, we are actively involved in utility forums that address Y2K issues in order to share information and stay informed about other systems.

Our two mission critical systems are the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition/Energy Management System (SCADA/EMS) and the Integrated Accounting System (IAS). All systems and components have been thoroughly evaluated. Although there are no guarantees in such a complex process, we believe our equipment will not be a problem in the Y2K transition.

Finally, Southwestern has a continuity and contingency plan for use if external events cause interference in its control area.

Southwestern has a web site www.swpa.gov where additional information can be obtained.

If you require further information please contact me at (918) 595-6628.

Sincerely,

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