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Re: Comments on draft rules to implement the Climate Commitment Act (CCA) Program,  
Chapter 173-446 WAC

Washington Department of Ecology,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft CCA rules. Big Bend Electric is a small rural utility in eastern Washington providing electrical service to farmers, ranchers and homes in mainly non-urban areas of Adams and Franklin counties. As a cooperative we strive to care for our communities with democratic controls, open membership, education, cooperation and with independence. We serve less than 10,000 meters serving about 5,000 members over 2,500 square miles with fewer than 40 employees. Big Bend Electric purchases most of its power from Bonneville Power Administration (BPA). However, we have had need in recent years to purchase small amounts of market power.

Big Bend Electric is in support of the comments and edits proposed in the joint letter from **NRU, WPUDA, WRECA and PNGC**. The members of BBEC need the CCA rules to ensure that our preference power purchases from BPA do not result in compliance obligations and the carbon program aligns with California and Oregon in order to aid in efficient electric market purchases.

Big Bend Electric appreciates the Department's willingness to work with everyone in an iterative manner to accomplish the goals laid out by our legislators.

Respectfully,

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