## **RESOLUTION NO. 911**

## A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION (BPA) TO SET A TARGET RATE OF \$27/MWh.

WHEREAS, the Bonneville Power Administration and its ability to historically deliver low cost power to the Northwest has been a cornerstone of economic success; and

WHEREAS, the Bonneville Power Administration, which provides nearly half the electricity used in the Northwest, is contemplating a power rate structure that increases its wholesale power rates above the current high rates for the upcoming 2007-2009 rate period; and

WHEREAS, regional economic stability in the Northwest depends upon reliable and affordable power; and

WHEREAS, a power rate structure that increases rates above current record prices will have serious and negative implications on the economy, jobs and competitiveness in our region; and

WHEREAS, prior to the 2001 West Coast energy crisis, BPA's average wholesale rates were less than \$23 per megawatt hour; and

WHEREAS, today's current wholesale average rate of \$31 per megawatt hour far exceeds historical averages for power rates in the Northwest and represents an increase of almost 50 percent in less than five years; and

WHEREAS, with the effects of the West Coast energy crisis behind us, customers expect BPA to lower rates substantially from their current high levels; and

WHEREAS, the proposed rate structure represents a continuation of record high rates and places the region on a path to permanently higher rates for the foreseeable future; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Customers group, who represent *all* facets of BPA's public and private customers, unanimously agree that regional economic stability depends on reduced power rates; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Customers have requested BPA to set and meet a \$27 per megawatt hour rate target for the next wholesale power rate period; and

WHEREAS, a \$27 per megawatt hour rate would represent an approximate 10 percent reduction from the record rates of today;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Canby requests the Bonneville Power Administration to establish a rate target of \$27 per average megawatt hour for wholesale power rates for the 2007-2009 rate period.

**ADOPTED BY THE CANBY CITY COUNCIL** at a regular meeting thereof on October 19, 2005.

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ATTEST:

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City Recorder, pro-tem