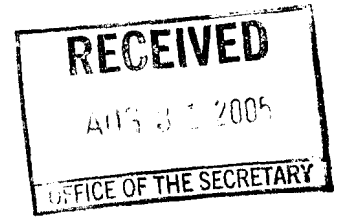


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**NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF CROSS-PETITION FOR REVIEW OF  
THE NATIONAL RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION  
AND THE AMERICAN PUBLIC POWER ASSOCIATION**

The National Rural Electric Cooperative Association and the American Public Power Association hereby withdraw their cross-petition for review of Initial Decision Release No. 283 (May 3, 2005), filed in the above-captioned administrative proceeding on June 3, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

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