

## **Advance Notice of 2016 Cluster Study and Information on Timeline and Eligibility for Participation**

*May 17, 2016*

Bonneville Power Administration Transmission Services (BPAT) is providing advance notice of its intent to perform a Cluster Study of certain transmission service requests (TSRs) over the Network portion of the Federal Columbia River Transmission System. On June 30, 2016, BPAT will issue a subsequent notice of its intent to perform a Cluster Study on OASIS and through the Tech Forum email notification system.

The Cluster Study will be performed pursuant to sections 19.10 and 32.6 of BPAT's Open Access Transmission Tariff (BPA OATT), and is expected to commence October 1, 2016. BPAT will require participants to execute a Cluster Study Agreement and to provide advance payment of their pro rata share of estimated costs.

### **Deadline for Submittal of Eligible Transmission Service Requests for the 2016 Cluster Study**

Transmission customers will have until 5:00 PM Pacific Daylight Time (PDT) on June 30, 2016 to submit eligible TSRs for inclusion in the 2016 Cluster Study. All TSRs submitted after this deadline will not be eligible for the 2016 Cluster Study, and will be considered for a subsequent cluster study.

### **Eligibility**

The term "eligible TSR" used herein means all long-term firm PTP or NT TSRs, with the following exceptions:

- Requests for service over the Montana Intertie, Northwest AC Intertie and Pacific DC Intertie; or
- Requests that do not qualify for rollover, as defined in section 2.2 of the BPA OATT.
- Pending requests that were studied previously will be included as inputs to the 2016 Cluster Study but will not be included in the cost allocation of the 2016 Cluster Study.

### **Submission of Data Exhibits**

Customers with eligible TSRs in BPAT's long-term transmission request queue as of 5:00 PM PDT May 31, 2016 will have until June 15, 2016 to complete and return a relevant PTP or NT data exhibit for each TSR to continue to be eligible for participation in the 2016 Cluster Study. For eligible TSRs submitted between 5:00 PM PDT May 31, 2016 and 5:00 PM PDT June 30, 2016 customers must complete and return a relevant PTP or NT data exhibit for each TSR by 5:00 PM PDT, July 15, 2016, in order for each TSR to continue to be eligible for participation in the 2016 Cluster Study. Links to the 2016 Data Exhibit templates will be sent via BPAT's Tech Forum email notification system.

### **Opt-out for Individual Study**

Transmission customers may request that an eligible TSR be studied individually, rather than in the Cluster Study until 5:00 PM PDT on June 30, 2016. Such individual study process will be initiated following the completion of the 2016 Cluster Study. TSRs under an individual study will not be eligible for the 2016 Cluster Study or a future Cluster Study.

**Summary of Deadlines**

- May 17, 2016 – OASIS Advanced Notice of 2016 Cluster Study.
- June 15, 2016 – Data Exhibit deadline for eligible TSRs in the queue on May 31, 2016.
- June 30, 2016 – Deadline to submit eligible TSRs for the 2016 Cluster Study and to request an individual study.
- July 15, 2016 – Data Exhibit deadline for eligible TSRs submitted between June 1 and June 30, 2016.
- October 3, 2016 – Begin 2016 Cluster Study.

For additional information, please refer to the TSR Study Procedures Business Practice posted to BPA's website at [http://transmission.bpa.gov/ts\\_business\\_practices/](http://transmission.bpa.gov/ts_business_practices/).

If there are additional queries or concerns, please correspond with your transmission account executive or submit your query via email to [techforum@bpa.gov](mailto:techforum@bpa.gov) with "2016 Cluster Study" in the subject line.