

Notice of 2016 Cluster Study

June 30, 2016

Bonneville Power Administration Transmission Services (BPAT) is providing notice that it has decided to conduct a Cluster Study of certain transmission service requests (TSRs) and forecasted NT resources for service over the Network portion of the Federal Columbia River Transmission System. BPAT will conduct the Cluster Study pursuant to sections 19.10 and 32.6 of BPAT's Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT), and it 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 the estimated costs.

As provided for by the advance notice that BPAT posted to its OASIS on May 17, 2016, transmission customers will have until **5:00 PM Pacific Daylight Time (PDT) on Thursday, 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, if BPAT determines a System Impact Study (SIS) is required, will either be studied on an individual basis pursuant to section 19.1 or 32.1 of the BPA OATT or in a future Cluster Study.

NT customers must notify BPA regarding inclusion of eligible forecasted NT resources in the Cluster Study. For more information, please refer to the [notice](#) posted to the Transmission Load Service webpage.

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.

Eligible forecasted NT resources means any forecasted NT resource that the NT customer submitted to BPAT by 5:00 PM PDT on Thursday, June 30, 2016 as part of the 2016 NT Planning Dialogue Process.

Submission of Data Exhibits

For eligible TSRs in BPAT's long-term transmission service request queue as of 5:00 PM PDT May 31, 2016, customers were required to complete and return the PTP or NT data exhibit by June 15, 2016 in order for each TSR to remain eligible for 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. Failure by the customer to submit the relevant PTP or NT data exhibit by the deadline will result in BPAT removing the TSR from its transmission queue. Links to the

2016 data exhibit templates are included below. For eligible forecasted NT resources, the NT customer will provide the required data exhibit information to BPAT through the 2016 NT Planning Dialogue Process.

[PTP Data Exhibit](#)

[NT Data Exhibit](#)

Completed data exhibits should be submitted to txrequests@bpa.gov, with a copy to the customer's Transmission Account Executive. For further clarification on this process, please refer to the [TSR Study and Expansion Process Business Practice](#).

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 Thursday, 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.

For additional information, please correspond with your Transmission Account Executive or submit your query via email to techforum@bpa.gov with "2016 Cluster Study" in the subject line.