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Subject: TransAlta Comments on DAM Participation Evaluation

Matt:

At the July 14, 2023 kick-off public engagement to establish a policy direction for potential day-ahead market participation, BPA requested customer feedback on evaluation principles. TransAlta's comments follow.

- TransAlta is concerned about potential negative impacts BPA's participation could have on transmission service and products to which customers have already committed. This includes day-to-day practices that currently permit customers to fully utilize the transmission capacity they have purchased.
- Based on the draft principles at slide 22 of BPA's presentation¹, TransAlta believes BPA's commitment to transmission customers is under-represented and requests that BPA's evaluation and public engagement include the following:
 - This principle: "Mitigate commercial and operational impacts to existing transmission contracts, service, and practices"
 - A dedicated "day-in-the-life" workshop to transmission usage so BPA and customers alike can fully understand what day-ahead market participation means for current transmission products and practices.

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¹ <https://www.bpa.gov/-/media/Aep/projects/day-ahead-market/final-presentation-for-20230714-dam-customer-workshop.pdf>