

Notice of 2023 Cluster Study

August 4, 2022

Bonneville Power Administration Transmission Services (BPAT) is providing notice that it has decided to conduct a Cluster Study of certain Transmission Service Requests (TSRs) 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). The study is expected to commence on January 3, 2023. Transmission customers will be required to execute a Cluster Study Agreement for their eligible TSRs and to provide advance payment of their *pro rata* share of the estimated study costs.

As provided in the [advance notice of the Cluster Study](#) that BPAT posted to its OASIS on June 21, 2022, transmission customers will have until **12:00 PM Pacific Daylight Time (PDT) on August 19, 2022 to submit eligible TSRs and associated data exhibits** for inclusion in the 2023 Cluster Study. All TSRs submitted after this deadline will not be included in the 2023 Cluster Study, and will either be studied on an individual basis pursuant to section 19.1 or 32.1 of the BPAT OATT or in a subsequent Cluster Study if BPAT determines a System Impact Study is required.

Opt-out for Individual Study

Transmission customers may request that an eligible TSR be studied individually, rather than in the Cluster Study, until **12:00 PM PDT on August 19, 2022**. Such individual study process will be initiated following the completion of the 2023 Cluster Study. TSRs under an individual study will not be eligible for the 2023 Cluster Study or a future Cluster Study.

Submission of Data Exhibits

Eligible customers in BPAT's long-term transmission queue must complete and return by the deadline (**12:00 PM PDT on August 19, 2022**) a relevant PTP or NT data exhibit for each TSR to be studied in the 2023 Cluster Study. Failure by the customer to submit the relevant data exhibit by the deadline will result in BPAT changing the OASIS status to "DECLINED" and removing the TSR from its transmission queue. Links to the data exhibit templates are included below. For NT customers to be eligible for participation in the 2023 Cluster Study, BPA will collect the relevant NT information through engagement between BPA and the NT customers, as necessary. Following are links to the 2023 Cluster Study data exhibits:

- [PTP Data Exhibit](#)
- [NT Data Exhibit](#)

Completed data exhibits should be submitted to TXDataExhibits@bpa.gov with a copy to the customer's Transmission Account Executive.

Eligibility

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



- Requests for Southern Intertie service, over either the Northwest AC Intertie (NWACI) or Pacific DC Intertie (PDCI);
- Requests for Montana Intertie service

For additional information, please refer to the [TSR Study and Expansion Process Business Practice](#) or visit the [TSEP web site](#) for access to all relevant forms and resources.

If there are additional queries or concerns, please correspond with your transmission account executive or submit your query via email to techforum@bpa.gov with “2023 Cluster Study” in the subject line.

