

IS 2.0 Update #4

Launch of User Acceptance Testing

We are excited to announce that on Nov. 13 BPA will begin user acceptance testing of the IS 2.0 Regional Reporting System, and thus begin the final stage of testing before we launch IS 2.0. This process will rely on a cross section of BPA's customers to test IS 2.0. We will mimic a real live working environment to ensure the functionality of the reporting tools and software developed to capture measure and project level detail. We will use this opportunity to expose any issues that have escaped detection during our internal testing process. We will be conducting user acceptance testing from Nov. 13 to Nov.21. During this time, a diverse set of utilities will use IS 2.0 as they would during normal business operations to identify any functionality and usability issues.

BPA's EE organization would like to formally extend our sincerest thanks to those customers who have volunteered to help us test this system. Each of the following utilities is playing a vital part in the testing of IS 2.0.

- Benton PUD
- Clark PUD
- Consumers Power
- Coos Curry
- Emerald PUD
- EWEB
- Flathead Electric
- Franklin PUD
- Inland Power
- Lane Electric
- Mason PUD #3
- Missoula Electric
- Peninsula Light
- PNGC
- Seattle City Light
- Snohomish PUD
- Springfield Utility Board
- Tacoma Power
- Wasco Electric

Since user acceptance testing is the final stage of quality assurance prior to the launch of IS 2.0, BPA hopes to provide a final release schedule soon after this process is complete. If testing goes as anticipated and no major issues are identified, BPA expects to officially launch IS 2.0 in the early part of December. Though this is later than we projected in Update #3 but we believe the delay will help us ensure the system adequately meets the needs of our customers.

We will continue to operate the current interim invoice process in tandem with IS 2.0 for some time to allow sufficient time for customers to submit any backlog of detailed data, thus providing uninterrupted access to EEI funding. We will be extending the previously published deadline for using the current interim invoicing process; this date will be announced once a final launch schedule is released.

