

Seeking nominees for the Utility Sounding Board

BPA is seeking nominees to serve on the Utility Sounding Board (USB) to fill the positions of three outgoing members. The term for these positions will begin in January 2026. The deadline for consideration is Dec. 5, 2025.

About the USB:

The Utility Sounding Board was created as a consultative body consisting of utility representatives to provide input to BPA on the implementation of energy efficiency programs. It is a consultative body that supports the implementation of BPA efficiency programs and provides recommendations to BPA on policy, programs, infrastructure development and the execution of BPA's Energy Efficiency program. The USB is comprised of nine volunteer utility representatives and one BPA non-voting member/facilitator.

In general, service on the USB consists of:

- A commitment to serve a three-year term of service.
- Meetings are generally held on the second Wednesday of every month.
- Meetings are held via WebEx beginning at 9:00 and are typically scheduled for three hours or less in length.
- Occasionally meetings are held in-person and will usually take place in Portland, from 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

USB Member Selection:

The USB is intended to provide a representative cross-section of BPA's customer utilities. New members are selected by current USB members. If interested, please provide the following information to your energy efficiency representative at your earliest convenience or by Friday Dec. 5.

- A brief statement of why you are interested and why you would make a valuable addition to the USB.
- A brief description of your relevant background and experience. Please note: new and experienced candidates will be considered to provide a balance of perspectives.
- A description of your utility's service territory, including any relevant characteristics, such as:
 - Municipal, public utility district or cooperative.
 - Number of end use commercial/industrial and residential customers.
 - Load size and sector composition.
 - Geographic location.
 - Small Rural and Residential or Non-Small Rural and Residential.

Questions? Please Contact your EER or a current member of the USB! More information is available in the Utility Toolkit in the USB section on bpa.gov.