BPA Reponses to Questions:
FY26 Q3 Quarterly Business Review Technical Workshop
Aug. 13, 2026

Materials are posted to BPA's Quarterly Business Review webpage.

Submitted Question 1:

I thought I heard you say there was a slight decrease in underspending on the Fish and wildlife program. If accurate, what dollar amount does slight mean?

BPA's response:

Compared to start of year plans, F&W is forecasting to underspend the expense budget by $1.8M and Capital by $6.8M.

Submitted Question 2:

In reference to the decrease in Conservation Purchases by $10 million from the forecast. What was the total amount that was budgeted for conservation in FY26? What does the outlook look like for conservation for the rest of the rate period? Will the gap between actual and budgeted continue to widen?

BPA's response:

The total FY26 budget for Conservation Purchases is $74M which includes $10M in carryover from FY25. The expectation is that Conservation Purchases spends its FY26 budget but not the budget that was carried into FY26 from FY25.

Submitted Question 3:

Do you have additional analysis you can provide related to the Power RFR forecast? Similar to what was provided at last year's Q3 technical workshop (see slide 12). W are developing our 2027 budget and would like some additional analysis to support how we decide to factor in the probability and amount of a Power Surcharge. Thank you.

BPA's response:

We are no longer sharing probabilities for reserves for risk as we have found that there is confusion about the modeled probabilities as they have not represented all risk. Note that the potential for a surcharge of $40M is within the range of normal AP/AR volatility and other downside events even without factoring in the remaining water year volatility.

Submitted Question 4:

Does BPA have a forecast for the impact of the change in Operating Reserves Business Practice effective Sept. 1? Are Transmission revenues expected to increase/decrease as a result of the BP change?

BPA's response:

No forecast that we are ready to share on the change in the revenue collection as a result of Operating Reserves. Transmission Operating Reserve revenues will decrease under the new standard once the Business Practice is updated to reflect the new standard. Transmission will then pay power less Gen Inputs Revenue as Power Services will be providing less capacity to support Ancillary and Control Area Services. The freed up capacity will then be monetized by Power Services as best it can, either through greater energy load factoring or other sources of capacity-based revenue opportunities.

Submitted Question 5:

In reference to the decrease in Conservation Purchases by $10 million from the forecast. What was the total amount that was budgeted for conservation in FY26? What does the outlook look like for conservation for the rest of the rate period? Will the gap between actual and budgeted continue to widen?

BPA's response:

The total budget for FY26 is $74M which includes $10M in carryover from FY25. The expectation is that Conservation Purchases spends its FY26 budget but not the budget that was carried into FY26 from FY25.

Submitted Comment 1:

The RFR slide needs more written info.

BPA's response:

Thank you for your feedback. We will take that into consideration.