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Good morning,

I wanted to take a moment to provide feedback on BPA's Provider of Choice Workshop held virtually on May 19, 2022.

Mason 3 is supportive of the Provider of Choice goals and principles. We would like to highlight two specific goals that are very significant to us:

- Contracts offer customers flexibility to invest in and integrate non-federal resources

As utilities transition to 100% renewable and non-emitting resources and as the region struggles to address resource adequacy, it is imperative that all BPA customers consider the addition of new renewable and non-emitting resources to their portfolios. Frankly, there is a solid barrier to bringing on renewable resources and that is the cost of firming and shaping services. For example, in one specific renewable resource investigation we performed with the NRU Power Services group the firming and shaping costs were 31% of the total estimated levelized cost. Due to this cost, we did not pursue participating in the new resource. How can we reduce this barrier? There are a couple ideas, and we look forward to working with BPA on this relevant topic.

- Contracts support customers meeting national and regional objectives

As you know, Washington utilities have a mandate to reach 100% renewable and non-emitting resources by 2045. Mason 3 would like to reach that goal by 2030, if possible. We are very interested in working with BPA to develop a product that will support these needs.

As far as BPA's proposal to utilize a three-phase approach to working through each issue. Mason 3 is supportive to a certain extent. Our concern is in phase three relating to policy. The presentation explains that BPA would publish a draft policy, provide the opportunity for feedback, hold additional workshops, and then publish a final policy and ROD on the specific issue. Instead of publishing a ROD for each issue, BPA should wait until it can issue a ROD that encompasses the entire work-product. It is important to consider that all of the different issues need to coalesce into one holistic offering to its customers.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback on the Provider of Choice workshop and look forward to working with BPA throughout this process.

Thank you,

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