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PPC Comments on BPA's Provider of Choice Workshop

The Public Power Council (PPC) appreciates this opportunity to comment on BPA's Provider of Choice Workshop held on May 19, 2022. These ongoing workshops will be critical to the region's long-term power supply and to ensuring that BPA continues to meet the energy and peak capacity net requirements as desired by its preference customers. As a general matter, PPC acknowledges BPA's efforts to provide for a collaborative and transparent policy process that will ultimately define the post-2028 power supply contract framework.

More specifically, we noted the strong alignment between BPA's proposed Provider of Choice goals and principles and the principles submitted by public power as part of our post-2028 concept paper. For example, public power expressed a desire to implement an equitable system allocation and products with the lowest Tier 1 Rates while preserving and enhancing the value of the Federal Columbia River Power System. This also included the ability for preference customers to effectively integrate non-federal resources and adapt to emerging markets, regulatory changes, and evolving end-user needs. PPC is encouraged to see that BPA addressed these tenets in its proposed Provider of Choice goals and principles. We also appreciated BPA's proposed agenda with system size, high water mark, and capacity as the first set of priorities. BPA and public power will need to work collaboratively in order to meet the aggressive timelines laid out by BPA as we work towards a post-2028 policy record of decision.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments. We look forward to working with BPA staff as this issue develops further.

Sincerely,

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