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Dear firm power customers, stakeholders, and interested persons:

Over the last year, Bonneville has engaged in a series of workshops where we heard perspectives and feedback from a diverse set of customers and constituents. Last month, I had the privilege of travelling around the region for a series of important public meetings that provided an overview of and solicited feedback on the Provider of Choice draft policy direction. These meetings were intended to provide you the opportunity to engage with us, learn and provide input to Bonneville. With this feedback in hand, Bonneville turns its attention to the internal deliberative process necessary to formalize the Provider of Choice draft policy.

We had intended to hold a short workshop on May 24, 2023, as an executive-style overview between the suite of regional meetings in April and the release of the draft policy in late July. However, because the May meeting would fall in the middle of our draft policy development process, I believe the public meeting would necessarily function to communicate logistics rather than substance. I believe our time will be better spent by communicating those to you now and spending the time internally to develop a robust, comprehensive draft policy.

We intend to release a draft policy in mid-to-late July, in advance of a public presentation on July 26. BPA will hold one additional meeting on August 1, designed to help answer questions or provide clarifications. We further anticipate a formal review and comment period that starts with the release of the draft policy, and ends on Friday, October 13. Your review and comment will provide feedback key in helping us understand what needs adjustment as we deliberate on a final policy. We anticipate releasing the final policy with an accompanying record of decision in early 2024.

I cannot overstate my appreciation for the region's constructive engagement and feedback over the past 12+ months of the Provider of Choice policy development process. The Provider of Choice team and I are deeply appreciative of the countless contributions and ideas brought forward by public power to the policy conversation. Bonneville remains committed to being

responsive to public power's concerns and interests as it seeks prudence and balance on policy direction.

Sincerely,

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