



# Provider of Choice Workshop

February 18, 19, and 20, 2025

Agenda detail added; Slide 23 updated 2/14/2025

**PROVIDER OF CHOICE**

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# Notice of Ex Parte Communications

The Public Rate Design Methodology proceeding (PRDM-26) is occurring concurrent with this public meeting. The PRDM-26 proceeding is being conducted under section 7(i) of the Northwest Power Act and is subject to BPA's rules of procedure, including *ex parte*. The *ex parte* rule prohibits BPA from discussing matters within the scope of a section 7(i) proceeding, unless proper notice is given. For that reason, issues and arguments concerning the PRDM and tiered rates for the post-2028 period should not be made in this meeting. Please direct any such comments to PRDM-26, as described in the PRDM-26 Federal Register Notice.

*Thank you.*

# Agenda: Tues. February 18, 12pm - 3pm

Topic	Presenter(s)	Est'd Time
Welcome & agenda review	Michelle Lichtenfels	12pm – 12:10pm
Draft master template discussions including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ex F – Transfer (Block)</li> <li>• Revisions clauses</li> <li>• 23 Future Amendment for Day Ahead Market</li> <li>• 22 WRAP</li> <li>• Exhibit J Additional Resource and Energy Storage</li> <li>• 3.4 Reshaping discussion</li> </ul>	Kelly Olive and BPA contract drafting team	12:10pm – 3pm  10 minute break ~1:30pm

Note: Times are approximate.

# Agenda: Wed, February 19, 9am - 2pm

Topic	Presenter(s)	Est'd Time
Welcome & agenda review	Michelle Lichtenfels	9am – 9:05am
Feb 18 caucus report out and discussion	All	9:05am – 10am
10 min BREAK @ 10:00am		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pr of Ch Slice Application (POCSA)</li> <li>• 4.5 Displacement of Block Prod.</li> <li>• 5 Slice Product</li> <li>• Exhibit M RSO Test</li> <li>• Other draft master template discussions including:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Customer deadline change request summary</li> <li>○ Exhibits: B, C, H</li> <li>○ 9 Elections to Purchase Power Priced at Tier 2 Rates</li> <li>○ 11 Right to Change Purch. Ob.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Kelly Olive and BPA contract drafting team	10:10am – 12pm 1pm – 1:55pm
LUNCH 12pm-1pm		
Wrap Up	Sarah Burczak, Kelly Olive	1:55pm – 2pm

Note: Times are approximate.

# Agenda: Thurs, February 20, 9am - 1pm

Topic	Presenter(s)	Est'd Time
Welcome & agenda review	Michelle Lichtenfels	9am – 9:05am
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Timeline review</li> <li>• Request for contract offer process</li> <li>• Product choice overview</li> </ul>	Michelle Lichtenfels, Kelly Olive, Clair Allen	9:05am – 9:45am
CHWM implementation and Standards for Resource Declaration updates	Sarah Burczak	9:45am – 10am
Feb 21 caucus report out and discussion	All	10am – 11am
10 min BREAK @ 10:30am		
Draft master template discussions including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Definitions</li> <li>• 21.1 Amendments</li> <li>• 21.8 Bond Assurances</li> </ul>	Kelly Olive and BPA contract drafting team	11am – 12:50pm
10 min. BREAK @ 12pm		
Wrap Up	Michelle Lichtenfels, Sarah Burczak, Kelly Olive	12:50pm – 1pm

Note: Times are approximate. **There will be no lunch break during the Thursday workshop.**

# Workshop Norms & Expectations

- **Bonneville:** Provide open and inclusive opportunities for discussion and feedback.
- **Participants:** Provide feedback and share perspectives during workshops.
- **All:** Respect one another and assume good intentions. Bring a constructive mentality. Be solution-oriented. Identify “parking lot” items for distracting or off-topic issues.



# Workshop Plan + Plan to Caucus

- BPA staff will adjourn immediately after the day's meeting to caucus on logged topics for the remainder of the afternoon.
- Adjustments to caucus vs. workshop time will be discussed and made collaboratively.
- Each day's workshop will result in a new version of the draft master contract template.
  - The updated template will be posted on the BPA website within an hour of that day's meeting end.
- Participants may provide feedback on each day's contract template, and email to [post2028@bpa.gov](mailto:post2028@bpa.gov).
  - BPA prefers participants use the most current version of the contract template to provide feedback.



# Timeline Refresher



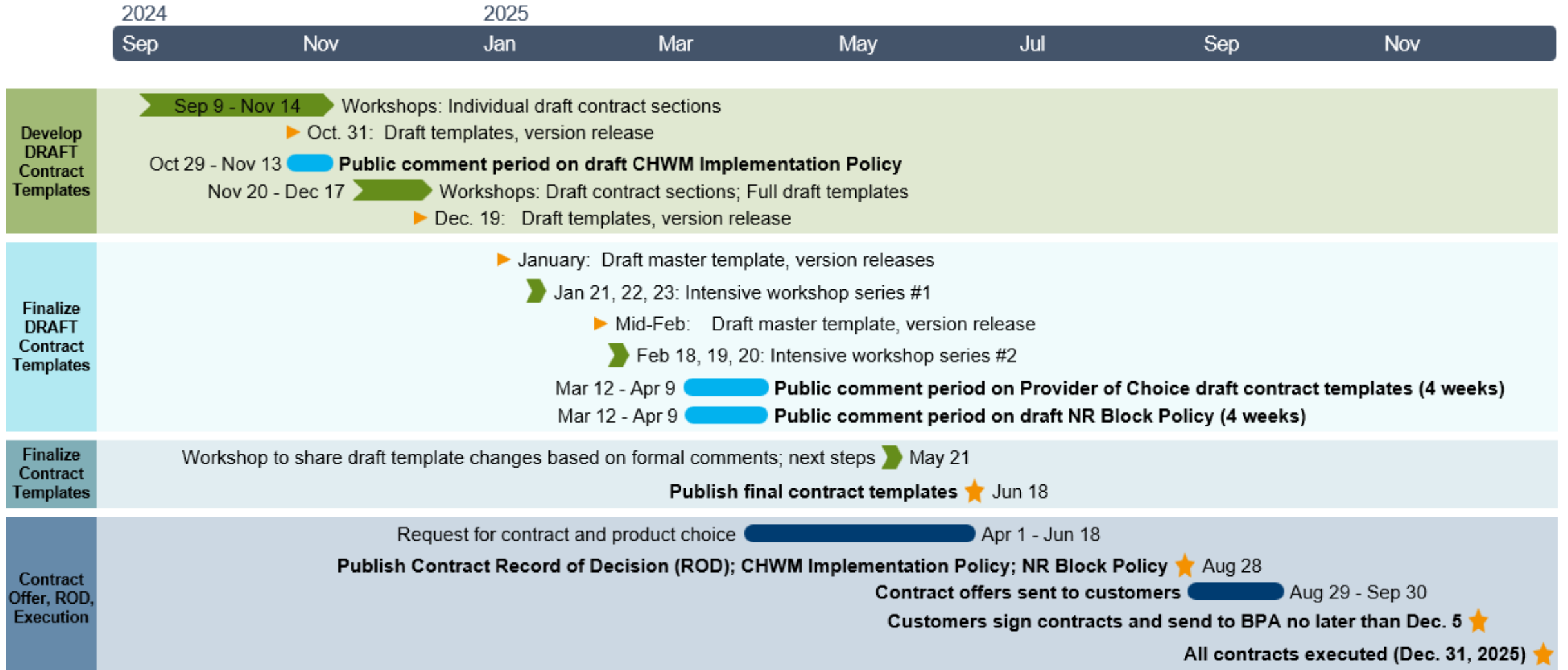
# Key Dates & Anticipated Deadlines

Note: Dates subject to change. Dates align with [February 10 letter](#).

Action	Dates
<b>Public comment periods on draft Prov. of Choice contract templates; NR Block Policy</b>	March 12 – April 9, 2025
<b>Prov. of Choice contract request period and product choice</b>	April 1 – June 18, 2025
<b>Publish final contract templates</b>	June 18, 2025
<b>Publish Contract Record of Decision (ROD); Contract High Water Mark (CHWM) Implementation Policy; New Resource (NR) Rate Block Policy</b>	August 28, 2025
<b>Send Prov. Of Choice contract offers to customers</b>	August 28 – September 30, 2025 (Rolling window as they are prepared)
<b>Deadline for customers to submit signed return Prov. of Choice contracts</b>	December 5, 2025

# Timeline

Last Updated Feb. 2025





# Contract Elections

# Election for Contract Offer

- See detailed [Provider of Choice Implementation Timeline](#)
- To receive a Prov. of Choice contract offer, **an eligible public body or cooperative utility must submit a contract request by June 18, 2025**, unless BPA authorizes alternate timing on a limited and case-by-case basis.
- Such request must include the Prov. Of Choice product the utility requests to purchase.

# Data Necessary for Contract Offer

- **Resource data for Exhibit A**
  - Updated Standards for Resource Declarations
  - Committed Power Purchase Amounts
  - Resources not used to serve TRL > 1 MW nameplate
  - Consumer-owned Resources
- **Energy Storage Device data for Exhibit J**
- **NLSL data for Exhibits D and A**

# Elections After Contract Offer

- Bonneville is preparing a document of customer elections and related contractual deadlines.
- Intend for external version to be available on March 12, 2025.



# Contract Offer

# Request for Contract Offer Process

- BPA's Administrator is required to offer a contract upon request for the sale of electric power to meet eligible public body and cooperative utilities' regional firm power loads.
- Estimated late March 2025, BPA will issue a public letter that describes what needs to be included within customers' requests for a Prov. of Choice contract offer.
- Letter will kick off the "request for contract offer" window.
  - April 1 through June 18
- Minimum level of information requested:
  - Request for contract offer;
  - Statement that the requestor meets BPA's Standards for Service and whether requestor is a current customer;
  - Product choice (Load Following, Block and Block option, Slice/Block).



# Block Product Election Options

If a customer elects the Block product, they will need to specify the Block option. The options are:

1. Annual Flat Block
2. Diurnal Shaped Monthly Block
3. Flat Monthly Block
4. Flat Monthly Block w/ 10% Shaping Capacity
5. Flat Monthly Block w/ PNR Shaping Capacity
6. Flat Monthly Block w/ PNR Shaping Capacity w/ PLVS

# BPA Contract Offer Preparation

- BPA staff will prepare contract offers between June and September 2025 on a rolling basis.
- What to expect in individualized contract offer:
  - Appropriate “option” language (e.g. transfer)
  - Resource information
  - Unique and special provisions

# Contract Signing

Deadline for customers to sign Prov. of Choice contract:

***Friday December 5, 2025***

BPA intends to have all contracts countersigned no later than **December 31, 2025**; however, authentication process and countersigning may be delayed into January 2026 depending on when contracts are received.

# Contract Signatures

- Start planning now for contract signature processes
  - Electronic
  - Pen and ink
  - Ceremonial signings
- Please reach out to your Power Account Executive to discuss your plans and how BPA can support these exciting milestones!



# Educational Needs

- BPA is planning to make available some limited educational materials on the contract template.
- Please engage your Power Account Executive with any potential needs, e.g.:
  - Questions during the public comment period
  - Information regarding utility's product choice
  - Contract signature processes





**Wrap Up**

# Next Steps

Formal public comment period estimated to start **March 12.**

The **May 21** workshop will focus on logistics and next steps:

- An overview of BPA's expected edits to draft contract templates following review of formal public comments.
- BPA's planned data requests associated with developing contract offers.

**BPA will not re-open discussion of contract provisions at the May workshop.**





***Thank you.***