



Department of Energy

Bonneville Power Administration
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POWER SERVICES

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In reply refer to: PS-6

To Power Customers,

Request for Offer

Section 5(b)(1) of the Pacific Northwest Electric Power Planning and Conservation Act (Northwest Power Act) requires the Administrator of the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) to offer to sell, whenever requested by a public body, cooperative, and investor-owned utility, electric power to meet its regional firm power load to the extent that such firm power load exceeds such entity's section 5(b)(1)(A) and/or 5(b)(1)(B) energy resources.

Additionally, section 5(b)(7) of the Northwest Power Act states that BPA's Administrator shall sell electric power to a requesting joint operating entity (JOE) for purposes of meeting the loads of its members. The Administrator is also authorized under section 5(b)(3) of the Northwest Power Act to sell electric power to federal agencies in the region.

Product Choice

When requested by an eligible entity, BPA will offer a Provider of Choice contract under which power sales will commence on October 1, 2028. These contracts will expire on September 30, 2044.

BPA is offering Provider of Choice contracts for the following products:

- 1) Load Following
- 2) Block, as one of the following Block product offerings:
 - a) Annual Flat Block
 - b) Diurnally Shaped Monthly Block
 - c) Flat Monthly Block
 - d) Flat Monthly Block with 10% Shaping Capacity
 - e) Flat Monthly Block with Peak Net Requirement (PNR) Shaping Capacity
 - f) Flat Monthly Block with PNR Shaping Capacity with Peak Load Variance Service (PLVS), with one of the following options:
 - i) annual availability
 - ii) winter season availability
 - iii) summer season availability
- 3) Slice/Block, with one of the following options:
 - a) Flat Annual Shape for its Tier 1 Block Amount
 - b) Flat Within-Month Shape for its Tier 1 Block Amount.

Customer's Request for Contract Offer

Please send a written request for a contract offer signed by your entity's governing body, General Manager, or other such role as authorized and on your entity's letterhead to your Power Account Executive via e-mail or mail and include the following:

1. A request for a Provider of Choice contract, and
2. A product choice from the offerings¹ above.

JOE Request for Contract Offer

A qualified JOE's request for contract offer must also include a list of the utility members to be served under the JOE's Provider of Choice contract. Individual JOE members must initiate their member preservation agreement with BPA by June 18, 2025, or as otherwise mutually agreed, to be served as part of the JOE's requested contract offer.

Deadline for Request for Contract Offer

Customers may submit their request for a contract offer to BPA beginning April 1, 2025. Requests for a *Provider of Choice contract* and a *product choice decision* must be received by June 18, 2025.

If you need more time to make a *product choice decision*, please notify your Power Account Executive and request an alternate deadline by March 31, 2025, stating the reason an alternative is needed so that BPA can determine whether an exception will be granted. BPA does not guarantee a request for an alternate deadline will be accepted. BPA anticipates granting alternative deadlines only in very rare cases.

Timeline for Contract Offer

In response to customer requests for offer, BPA plans to make contract offers on a rolling basis starting late August, 2025, through the end of September, 2025. Providing your request for offer as soon as possible will help us to develop and deliver timely contract offers.

Investor-Owned Utility (IOU) Contract Requests

An IOU is eligible to request a section 5(b) contract for power sold at the New Resource (NR) rate. BPA is establishing an NR Block Policy that outlines: (1) when an IOU may request a Provider of Choice NR Block contract, (2) how and when BPA would develop an NR Block contract template, and (3) key provisions of that agreement to meet the IOU's section 5(b) requirements. Such contracts would be for an Annual Flat Block product.

We look forward to continuing to partner with you for your power needs.

Sincerely,

Kim Thompson
Vice President for Requirements Marketing

¹ BAA customers interested in Load Following and JOE customers interested in a planned product choice should consult their Power Account Executive.

Compatibility of BAA operation and the Load Following product has not been ascertained.

JOE-applicable implementation details and contract language for planned products require further development.