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In reply refer to: PS-6

## To: Slice/Block Customers

Bonneville received three formal requests from current Slice/Block customers to consider another product change opportunity under the Regional Dialogue Power Sales Agreement (Agreement). The Agreement allowed customers a one-time right to change its purchase obligation, effective October 1, 2019. That contractual right has expired. However, Bonneville stated in its October 2008 Long-Term Regional Dialogue Contract Policy Record of Decision (ROD) that it would consider requests to change purchase obligations outside of the timing in Section 11 of the Agreement on a case-by-case basis as long as it does not shift costs or risks to Bonneville and its other customers.

Bonneville has decided to use the discretion provided under the Regional Dialogue ROD to provide a final opportunity for Slice/Block customers to switch products under the Regional Dialogue Contract. This letter provides formal notification that Bonneville is soliciting request letters from current Slice/Block customers that wish to change to a Load Following contract effective October 1, 2025. Bonneville intends to evaluate each customer's request and the impact in aggregate to determine if Bonneville can accommodate the product changes.

Given the timing of the requests and workload considerations with ongoing Provider of Choice contract negotiations, Bonneville will consider a request letter from a customer as a general commitment to switch products and not an exploratory exercise. By submitting such a letter, the customer would express a commitment to agree to the following:

- 1. The customer will change to Load Following effective October 1, 2025, if Bonneville can accommodate the change subject to the conditions in Section 11 of the Agreement and, after taking public comment, decides to allow the change.
- 2. The customer's Provider of Choice initial product offerings would be limited to Load Following, Block, or Block with Shaping Capacity. The customer would not be eligible for an initial product selection of Slice/Block.
- 3. The customer has or is working to obtain the transmission and metering sufficient to deliver the Load Following product. Bonneville Transmission Services will also consider transmission product conversion requests for customers pursuing a power product conversion. Transmission Services approval to convert would be based on established principles and is not guaranteed even in the event that the power product conversion is approved. Interested customers should contact their Transmission Account Executive as soon as possible to initiate the consideration process. For customers taking Point to Point

- (PTP) transmission service, conversion to Load Following will require the customer to be responsible for scheduling transmission to serve its Total Retail Load. Please refer to Section 13 of the Regional Dialogue <u>Load Following contract template</u> for details. Since the option of a Load Following customer using PTP to serve load has not been implemented during Regional Dialogue, additional work would likely be required to determine applicable details and language to implement the Load Following product with PTP service (e.g. in a future Exhibit F).
- 4. The customer agrees to cover reasonable costs determined as a result of product switching that are comparable to the types of costs Bonneville has found in previous product switching analysis, balancing the timing differences of when costs are incurred between the two products. However, BPA recognizes that if different categories of costs are found the customer may need to reconsider their request.

Slice customers that are interested in changing to Load Following subject to the conditions in this letter must make a formal request to Bonneville by June 30, 2024. Once all customers requesting product changes are known, Bonneville will conduct the analysis and hold a transparent public process similar to prior product change requests. Assuming the outcome of the process is to implement the product changes, Bonneville would work with the requesting customers to amend their Regional Dialogue contract to make the product change effective on October 1, 2025.

Considering the Provider of Choice workload and other processes, Bonneville deliberated carefully before deciding to consider a final product change opportunity. We appreciate your attention to this effort as we move forward and will keep you informed along the way.

Sincerely,

Scott Wilson,

Acting Vice President,

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