

February 11, 2026

To: communications@bpa.gov

Re: PacifiCorp Comments related to BPA's Public Involvement Policy Workshop February 3, 2026.

On February 3, 2026, BPA held a workshop to notify customers of an intent to review and possibly propose changes to some aspects of the Public Involvement Policy. BPA sought feedback on scope or proposed changes by February 11.

PacifiCorp supports the need for BPA to periodically update the Public Involvement Policy and appreciates BPA's efforts to do so here. The last policy update was in 1986.

PacifiCorp has no concerns on the scope of review identified in the workshop but is unable to provide comments on proposed changes without the opportunity to review the actual changes proposed. Additionally, it is difficult to provide comments without clarity on what specific processes the Public Involvement Policy applies to.

PacifiCorp believes that BPA should retain the current time allowed for comment within the 1986 Public Involvement Policy. BPA noted in the workshop that staff propose to change the section of the 1986 Policy which states that whenever practicable, the Administrator shall allow at least 30 days for the public to submit written recommendations in response to a notice of intent and to offer comments on a notice of policy. Staff proposed to revisit the timeline for submitting comments, which they felt was established when materials were printed and mailed out and the comments were sent back through the mail.

Despite the change in processes used to distribute and receive information the actual time needed to analyze, formulate a position, garner approval within an organization or association, and provide comments has not been reduced and may have increased due to the complex interwoven elements in BPAs businesses.

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